

FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK

5-Day Small Group Eco Safari

WILDLIFE ~ WILDERNESS ~ CULTURE
Nature-based ~ No Rush ~ Enjoy

Departs Adelaide last Friday of every month

- ~ Pick-up/drop-off at your Adelaide CBD accommodation ~
- ~ Local SA tour company with 36 years of experience ~
 - ~ Professional, accredited tour guide/driver ~
- ~ Comfortable, air-conditioned outback vehicles ~
- ~ Latest communication & safety equipment ~

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Historic coastal towns
- ✓ Flinders Ranges National Park
- ✓ Quorn/Old Ghan railway station
- ✓ Historic town of Blinman
- ✓ Wilpena Pound (Ikara)
- ✓ Brachina Gorge
- ✓ Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National
- ✓ Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
- ✓ Warren Gorge Conservation Park
- ✓ 4WD Ridgetop Tour
- ✓ Clare Valley Wine Tasting
- ✓ Bushwalking (optional)

Fresh fruit, water, and snacks are always carried in our vehicles for your use.

DAY 1

Complimentary pick-up from your Adelaide CBD accommodation at approximately 8 to 8:30 am. Commence this wilderness journey heading north via the old coastal towns of Port Wakefield and Port Germein, which boasts one of the longest wooden jetties in the Southern Hemisphere. During the safari, your tour guide will introduce you to a remarkable and resilient history of both Aboriginal and white settlement in SA.

Be amazed by the beauty of the Southern Flinders Ranges' 600-million-year-old mountain peaks, with spectacular views over Spencer Gulf. Travel through picturesque Pichi Richi Pass to the historic township of Quorn. With its typical outback buildings and the original Ghan Railway station, Quorn has been the setting for many famous iconic Australian films.

Follow in the path of our early explorers driving to Warren Gorge Conservation Park to search for our rare Yellow-Footed Rock Wallabies. Rugged rock outcrops harbour these endangered wallabies with only an estimated 8,000 living in the wild. Sit back in our comfortable, fully equipped 4WD/ATV vehicle as we head along remote tracks through the deserted Willochra Plains where eagles soar and emus run freely.

Continue this special day by following the Old Ghan railway line to Kanyaka ruins where our hardy pioneers once lived. After a good look around, head off to Hawker, Rawnsley Bluff and Wilpena Pound. This is the perfect time of day, as the sun sets low, that we get that classic Flinders Ranges purple haze. This is quintessential outback Australia!

Our destination today is the Wilpena Pound Resort situated on the North-eastern entrance into the Pound itself. Settle into your well-appointed room or luxury Eco Safari tent with ensuite. These are surrounded by native vegetation, an array of birds and wildlife.

Grab a chair, wind down, relax and enjoy a glass of wine or a cold beer on the lawns at the front of the resort. The area is protected by a 300-year-old River Red Gum tree where Kookaburras sit and give you a welcoming laugh.

We have reserved your table at the award winning Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant.

Overnight:

Ikara / Wilpena Pound Resort.

Meals:

(L) A picnic or café lunch is included.

(D) Dinner at the Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant is at your own expense.

DAY 2

If you want to embrace the early morning Australian bush, take the (optional) invigorating 2-hour return walk to Wangara lookout. Well-defined tracks follow the tree-lined Wilpena Creek into the Pound where you can get a sense of this huge natural Amphitheatre.

At approximately 9:30 am, after a hearty breakfast, we travel north, getting a bird's eye view of this magnificent area from an array of scenic lookouts. Soak up the clean air, savour the solitude and be enriched by the beauty of these spectacular mountains.

Venturing into the remote outback of Australia, we will cross ancient creek beds that meander out east to Lake Frome. See the Red Sandhill country that holds thousands of years of beliefs sacred to the Adnyamathanha aboriginal people.

On our way to Arkaroola's world heritage sanctuary, see a stunning change in the landscape from the high peaks of the mighty Flinders, spectacular deserts to the ancient mountains of the Gammon Range.

Overnight:

Arkaroola Resort - Wilderness Sanctuary.

Meals:

(B) A continental breakfast is included.

(L) Lunch at a Blinman café or pub is included.

(D) Dinner at the renowned Arkaroola Resort restaurant is included.

DAY 3

Buckle up for the exhilarating 4WD Ridgetop Tour to Sillers Lookout. Hang on as your expert guide carefully transverses steep terrain to the top. Breathtaking views as far as your eye can see are witnessed from this unique vantage point while enjoying a scrumptious home-made lamington with a cup of tea or coffee.

After lunch, kick back and relax, and breathe in the fresh air while taking in the awe-inspiring scenery that surrounds you. Later in the afternoon, you might want to explore, walk, or photograph the area around Arkaroola Village. Take time to birdwatch along one of the well-defined tracks that meander through the tree-lined creek beds. These are home to Yellow-Footed Rock Wallabies, Echidnas, Reptiles, Parrots, Finches and much more.

Arkaroola is one of Australia's most outstanding geological "hot spots" with rocks dating back 1.6 billion years. It has natural arid landscapes, including steep ridges, red gorges and secluded water holes. This 610 sq km Wilderness Sanctuary was founded by the Sprigg family in 1968.

If available, meet the world-renowned geologist Doug Sprigg himself, owner of Arkaroola. He and his family continue to operate it to this day, with a strong emphasis on science, education and conservation. Your participation in coming here will enable them as custodians to preserve this priceless and unique wilderness and its inhabitants into the future.

Optional extras:

"Explore the Cosmos" night sky observation
\$85 per person

Overnight:

Arkaroola Resort - Wilderness Sanctuary.

Meals:

- (B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast is included.
- (L) Lunch at the Arkaroola Resort bistro is included.
- (D) Dinner at the renowned Arkaroola Resort restaurant is included.

DAY 4

This morning, we travel through Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park. This area has some of the oldest and most amazing landscapes on earth, including Aboriginal history dating back tens of thousands of years.

Enjoy lunch at the old Copley Bakery or the historic old pub.

Our local tour guide will then drive you on a wonderful journey to the secluded and ever-changing creek beds of Brachina Gorge. This is an area alive with wildlife, and it boasts a remarkable geological history including Ediacaran fossils. World-renowned South Australian painter, Sir Hans Heysen was inspired by this country and painted many of his landscapes here. Immerse yourself in the ancient landscape; take that special photograph or just enjoy some of the most spectacular outback scenery there is.

Optional Extras:

35-Minute flight over Arkaroola
\$295 per person

45-Minute flight over Lake Frome
\$390 per person

75-Minute flight over Arkaroola & Lake Frome
\$595 per person

2-Hour flight "2 Lakes & 2 Deserts"
\$950 per person

4-Hour flight over Lake Eyre (no stops)
\$1,200 per person)

Overnight:

Wilpena Pound Resort

Meals:

(B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast is included.

(L) Lunch at a café or bush bakery is included

(D) Dinner is at a restaurant at your own expense

DAY 5

Spend a relaxing morning travelling back to Adelaide along the eastern side of the Flinders Ranges with its mighty Red Gum forests. Crossing Goyder's Line, the boundary of reliable rainfall, you will see lands that change into a lush expanse of rich rural landscape.

The mid-north towns offer a blend of beautiful scenery, historical charm and thriving agriculture. Let's find a lovely country café for lunch where you can meet the locals and have a chat.

In the afternoon, stop at the world-famous Clare Valley wine region, one of the premium wine regions of South Australia! Seven Hills Cellars was built by the Jesuits in 1851. It was the first winery ever built in the Clare Valley and is one of the oldest in Australia. Seven Hills celebrates old stone winery and cellar door; stately St Aloysius Church and the surrounding vineyards provide us with a memorable experience. Wine tastings are formatted into a flight of five Premium or Standard wines if you are interested in tasting the Local drop!

Optional Extras:

If you would like to see Wilpena Pound in all its glory, take to the air in a light aircraft on a scenic flight. This is the only way to really appreciate this world-famous, 800-million-year-old SA icon that the local Adnyamathanha people call Ikara.

30-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight

\$300 per person

45-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight

\$420 per person

60-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight

\$555 per person

Meals:

(B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast at the Wilpena Pound Resort is included.

(L) Lunch at a country café or bakery is included.

No doubt you will leave this journey with life-long memories to share with family and friends about your journey to the Flinders Ranges & Outback Australia!

*Help us give back to and preserve this priceless and unique wilderness,
including its inhabitants, into the future*

The (B) (L) and (D) codes indicate which meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) are included in your tour price and which meals are at the passenger's own expense.

Alcohol is available at accommodation/dining locations in the evenings but is not included during this tour.

Advertised itineraries and vehicles may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

PRICING

Standard Motel Unit, Single	\$4,995 per person
Standard Motel Unit, Double/Twin Share	\$4,595 per person
Standard Motel Unit, Child 5-16 sharing with parent	\$3,000 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Single	\$5,895 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Double/Twin Share	\$5,495 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Child 5-16 sharing with parent	\$3,100 per person

Early bookings are essential to be able to secure the limited accommodation.

Optional extras/flights are on request and can only be booked with SA ECO TOURS.

Please note that outback travel requires a degree of flexibility, good humour, and an understanding that the advertised itineraries, accommodation, and/or modes of transport may change, even after a tour's commencement, without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control. We always do our best to deliver a full and enjoyable experience!

We recommend all passengers take out travel insurance to cover any unavoidable situations in which cancellations occur and alternative arrangements cannot be made.

