

LAKE EYRE, BIRDSVILLE, MARREE, FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK SA

5-Day Small Group Eco Safari

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

Departs Adelaide every Sunday

Includes a full-day Lake Eyre & Birdsville scenic flight.

- ~ 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:

- ✓ The Gulf Saint Vincent & Spencer Gulf
- ✓ Quorn/Old Ghan Railway Station
- ✓ Warren Gorge Conservation Park
- ✓ Flinders Ranges National Park
- ✓ Wilpena Pound (Ikara)
- ✓ Brachina Gorge
- ✓ The Prairie Hotel, Parachilna
- ✓ Ediacaran fossils
- ✓ Full-day scenic flight
- ✓ Marree
- ✓ Farina
- ✓ Blinman – highest town in SA
- ✓ 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 Eco Safari tent 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

Our expert guide will drive you on a wonderful journey to the spectacular Bunyeroo Gorge, visiting secluded areas of great natural beauty. Explore the ever-changing creek beds of Brachina Gorge. This is an area alive with wildlife and boasts a remarkable geological history including Ediacaran fossils dating back millions of years. World-renowned South Australian painter, Sir Hans Heysen was inspired by this country and painted many of his landscapes here.

We head out to the edge of the great deserts to the iconic Prairie Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, as the sun becomes low in the sky, we will follow the western side of the Northern Flinders Ranges through a landscape of absolute beauty! Check in for two nights at the remote outback town of Marree.

This is the start of the famous Oodnadatta and Birdsville stock routes where dreams of the old droving days are still very much alive. Have a look around, photograph what is left of the old Afghan mosque and relics of our pioneering days. This historic town is where Outback legend Tom Kruse left on his epic mail run deliveries to Birdsville and beyond. Tom's old 4WD Blitz is still there on display next to an old locomotive from the Ghan Railway days. Maybe meet one of the aboriginal elders at the Arabuuna aboriginal center and museum.

Overnight:

Marree Cabins.

Meals:

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

(L) Lunch at the Prairie Hotel is included (offers a feral platter of local delicacies as well as 'normal' food!).

(D) Dinner at the classic Oasis outback restaurant in Marree is included.

DAY 3

Take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and board our Deluxe Lake Eyre full-day flight! It's a great way to see Lake Eyre and Birdsville without travelling on the rough, corrugated dirt tracks. The flight covers Lake Eyre North & South, the Marree Man, the Channel country, Goyder Lagoon, and stopping for lunch at the Birdsville Hotel.

Head back to Marree towards Innamincka, over the Diamantina, Strzelecki Desert, Coongie Lakes and Cooper Creek. It's a great day trip to see the magnitude and expanse of our immense outback water system!

Overnight:

Marree Cabins.

Meals:

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

(L) Lunch at the Birdsville Hotel is included.

(D) Dinner at the historic Marree Hotel is included.

DAY 4

After a hearty breakfast, travel south, exploring some of the historic deserted townships scattered along the old Ghan Railway including Farina and Beltana.

Enjoy 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 the spectacular outback of South Australia.

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

Travel along Parachilna Gorge to Blinman, the highest town in South Australia.

Wildlife including Kangaroos, Emus and Wedge-tailed Eagles are prolific in this rugged terrain and are usually spotted in the late afternoon.

Overnight:

Wilpena Pound Resort or Rawnsley Park Station Cabin style accommodation (depending on availability).

Meals:

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

(L) Lunch at the Copley Bush Bakery or at Blinman is included

(D) Dinner is at Captain Starlight's Restaurant (Wilpena Pound Resort) or The Wool Shed Restaurant (Rawnsley Park Station) 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
\$365 per person

60-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight
\$460 per person

Meals:

(B) A continental breakfast 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 air-conditioned motel unit with en-suite, Single	\$7,695 per person
Standard air-conditioned motel unit with en-suite, Double/Twin Share	\$7,495 per person
Superior air-conditioned motel unit with en-suite, Single	\$7,995 per person
Superior air-conditioned motel unit with en-suite, Double/Twin Share	\$7,795 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.

