

# Flinders, Arkaroola, Barossa Valley

## Gorges, Ridge-tops, Railways, Wines & Gourmet Delights!

*With Trade Travel*

### 10 Days / 9 Nights - Fully Escorted



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**Tour Departs: Thursday 24 October - Saturday 2 November, 2024.**



#### **Day 1. Thur 24 Oct: Homeport - Adelaide - Clare Valley**

**Lunch & Dinner**

##### **Flight Details: Homeport - Adelaide (flight times to be advised)**

Today on arrival into Adelaide we meet up with our local coach captain and enjoy a light lunch while we wait for all passengers to arrive. We then board the coach and make our way up into the delightful Clare Valley region travelling via the small township of **Owen**. The town is home to the **'Wheat bags to Sand bags' silo mural** which depicts a snapshot in time in rural Australia at the outbreak of the First World War. We then continue up to Clare where we stroll through the imposing **Martindale Hall**. A Georgian styled Italianate influenced sandstone mansion which has significant heritage value in South Australia. Following our tour we proceed to our Clare Valley accommodation for check-in followed by dinner at the Clare Hotel.

**Overnight Clare: Clare Valley Motel**

#### **Day 2. Fri 25 Oct: Bungaree Station - Port Augusta**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today after a light continental breakfast we journey north to **Bungaree Station** for a wonderful insight from Mark into the former merino sheep station and life as it is today, operating as an efficient mixed farm and run by the descendent of the original founder, G.C. Hawker. After our tour we enjoy **Vicky's homemade morning tea** before heading up to **Wirrabara** to view the stunning **silo mural** which captures the beauty of the town and surrounding countryside. We then travel up to Port Augusta via **Horrocks Pass** before arriving at the **Australian Arid Lands Botanical Gardens** for light lunch. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing stroll with our guides through a range of natural and themed gardens and soak in the sounds and scents of Australia's arid heart. Our last stop for the day is at the **multi award-winning Wadlata Outback Centre** where displays highlight the history of the Flinders Ranges and the Outback of South Australia from 15 million years ago to modern day. It's then time for check-in at our accommodation with time to relax before dinner in the restaurant.

**Overnight Port Augusta: The Standpipe Golf Motor Inn**

#### **Day 3. Sat 26 Oct: Port Augusta - Pichi Richi Railway - Flinders Ranges**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast and check out we take a **drive around Port Augusta with our local guide** before boarding the **Afghan Express** for our historic journey across to the outback town of Quorn. Travelling the old Ghan route over red earth and bluebush plains from Port Augusta, we'll watch the Flinders Ranges creep ever-closer before entering the Pichi Richi Pass with its rocky outcrops, dry riverbeds and beautiful hilly scenery. **Quorn** which has been used as a backdrop for many famous films including 'Gallipoli', 'The Shiralee', 'The Tracker' and most recently Russell Crowe's 'The Water Diviner'. On arrival in Quorn we soak up a bit of the history of the town and enjoy lunch at a local cafe. Up in Hawker we stop by the **Jeff Morgan Gallery** and view Jeff's amazing works, particularly the amazing giant panoramas including the - **30m x 3m Wilpena Panorama** and **46m x 5.5m Arkaroola Panorama**. Our journey from Hawker to Leigh Creek takes us up alongside the Flinders Ranges before arriving at the Leigh Creek Resort for check in and dinner.

**Overnight Leigh Creek: Leigh Creek Resort**

#### **Day 4. Sun 27 Oct: Leigh Creek - Arkaroola**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning after breakfast we visit the **"Black Rock, Blue Sky" Exhibition** which is a collection of photographic panels that relate the 75 year history of the Leigh Creek Coalfield and unique story of the two towns. Then with our **local guide** we enjoy an **informative drive around Leigh Creek** before heading to the **Aroona Dam Sanctuary** which offers spectacular views and peaceful surroundings. After an informative morning we arrive in the township of Copley for **lunch** at the iconic **Bush Bakery and Quandong Cafe**.

#### Day 4. Continued

This afternoon we set out along the Gammon Range Road through the settlement of Nepabunna and then through the Gammon Range towards Balcanoonna Station. We then head north along the Arkaroola Road which takes us into the **61,000-hectare wildlife sanctuary of Arkaroola** for check-in to our accommodation before dinner.

**Overnight Arkaroola: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary**

#### Day 5. Mon 28 Oct: Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we board our four-wheel drive vehicles for the **famous half day Ridge Top Tour** which takes in some of the most spectacularly rugged country on earth. Our specially trained guides share their knowledge of **Arkaroola's 1600-million year geological history** as they navigate the steep slopes and hair raising ascents of the famous Ridge Top Track. Inspiring images of red granite mountains and golden spinifex covered hillsides give way to a breath-taking view across the **Freeling Heights, Lake Frome and the desert beyond**. After a wonderful morning, we enjoy lunch back at the resort, before enjoying the afternoon at leisure to enjoy at own cost one of the guided walks or take a scenic flight over the Arkaroola Sanctuary or Lake Eyre.

**Optional Scenic Flights: Arkaroola offer scenic flights** - Full information and cost please visit [www.arkaroola.com.au](http://www.arkaroola.com.au)

1: 35 minute Arkaroola Sanctuary Flight

2: 45 minute Lake Frome Flight

3: 75 minute Arkaroola Sanctuary & Lake Frome Combo Flight

4: 1/2 Day Lake Eyre Flight - 4 hours

**Overnight Arkaroola: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary**

#### Day 6. Tues 29 Oct: Arkaroola - Blinman - Flinders Ranges

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

We depart Arkaroola this morning and head down into the Flinders Ranges to the **historic copper mining township of Blinman** where in the mining era from 1862 – 1910, the mine delivered a large amount of copper to the London Metal Exchange. After **refreshments** at the **North Blinman Hotel**, our **guide** shows us around the township followed by our **Blinman underground mine experience** which offers a unique journey into the heart of an historic copper mine and takes us back in time, to the lives of the miners and their families during the second half of the 19th century. From Blinman we travel down past the **Great Wall of China** to **Stokes Hill Lookout** which provides an expansive panoramic view of the surrounding landscape including Wilpena Pounds eastern escarpment. Our next stop is **Wilpena Pound Resort**, our home for the next two nights. Following check in and a freshen up we gather in the restaurant for dinner.

**Overnight Wilpena Pound: Wilpena Pound Resort**

#### Day 7. Wed 30 Oct: Flinders Ranges

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today with our local guide on board we begin our drive through the scenic Flinders Ranges pausing firstly at the famous **Cazneau Tree** which provides a great photo shot for all those keen photographers. Renowned photographer **Harold Cazneau** photographed this tree in 1937 and the photograph titled **"The Spirit of Endurance"** won international recognition. Our drive continues through the ranges taking in breathtaking gorges, rocky creek beds and giant sharp saw tooth ridges while spotting stunning wildflowers (seasonal) and wildlife. After our drive through the ranges we arrive at the **Wilpena Pound Information Centre** for lunch. This afternoon we have the opportunity at own cost to take in a **scenic flight over Wilpena Pound**, take a leisurely walk along one of the tracks or take the shuttle into the Pound for the longer walk which allows us to see the **Hill Homestead and Wangarra Lookouts** which offer **stunning views over Wilpena Pound**. This evening after a delightful day out we meet up for dinner back in the restaurant.

**Overnight Wilpena Pound: Wilpena Pound Resort**

#### Day 8. Thur 31 Oct: Peterborough - Burra - Tanunda

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today we head down through Hawker and Orroroo to the **historic railway township of Peterborough** for a **cuppa and tour** of the **Roundhouse at Steamtown**. Further south we visit the **historic copper mining town of Burra** providing another interesting tour and lunch stop. The copper mines were first discovered in 1845 and were operated by Cornish and Welsh miners until 1877. Our guided tour takes in the heritage buildings, lookouts and other major sites including the Red Ruth Gaol which featured in the movie 'Breaker Morant'. From Burra we drive down into the beautiful Barossa Valley wine district via the **Farrell Flat Silo Train Mural**. Tanunda is the cosmopolitan heart of the Barossa and our home for the next two nights. Following check-in at the Weintal Hotel we gather for dinner in the restaurant.

**Overnight Tanunda: Weintal Resort**



### Day 9. Fri 1 Nov: The Barossa Valley Gourmet Trail

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our day today will be spent in the beautiful Barossa Valley with two special visits to **Maggie Beers Farm Shop** and also the **Penfolds Barossa Cellar Door**, home of the famous Grange, arguably Australia's most celebrated wine and a heritage icon of South Australia. At Maggie Beers we enjoy a brief talk on the history of the property and Maggie's culinary career plus spend some time in the gourmet gift shop. Then up at Penfolds Cellar Door we get to experience a piece of Penfolds history. We then visit the historic **Seppeltsfield Estate** for a delicious '**Barossa Style Lunch**' followed by a '**Grand Insight Tour and Tastings**', which includes a behind the scenes look through the estate's treasure trove of historical buildings. After some leisure time in Tanunda we gather back at the Angus and Co Restaurant for our farewell dinner.

### Overnight Tanunda: Weintal Resort

### Day 10. Sat 2 Nov: Tanunda - Adelaide - Homeport

Breakfast

Today before leaving the Barossa we enjoy a must visit to the **Barossa Tourist Information Centre** which is also home to the **Barossa Made Wares and Food Pantry** featuring bespoke, artisan and unique products and produce all handmade in the Barossa. Our last Barossa treat is at the **Barossa Valley Chocolate Company** where we partake in a **Wine and Chocolate Paring Experience**. Learn how to taste chocolate and wine together with this sensory tasting, featuring five Barossa Vineyard Road wines alongside White, Ruby, Milk and Dark chocolates. From Tanunda we travel back across to Adelaide via the Adelaide Hills enjoying a quick stop at the **Whispering Wall**, set within the Barossa Reservoir. Arriving back into Adelaide we make our way to the Airport for our return flights home.

### Flight Details: Adelaide - Homeport (flight times to be advised)



Credit: Annette Green - Australian Silo Art Trail

## Tour Highlights & Inclusions

**Tour Highlights:** Owen Silo Mural; Martindale Hall; Bungaree Station; Wirrabara Silo Mural; Aridlands Botanical Gardens; Wadlata Outback Centre; Pichi Richi Railway Afghan Express; Historic Outback Railway Township of Quorn; The Jeff Morgan Gallery Panoramas; Black Rock Blue Sky Exhibition; Guided Tour Leigh Creek & Aroona Dam Sanctuary; Copley Bush Bakery & Quandong Cafe; Arkaroola Wildlife Wilderness Sanctuary; Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour; Blinman Underground Mine & Town Tour; Walls of China & Stokes Hill Lookout; Flinders Ranges Highlights; Wilpena Pound; Peterborough's Steamtown; Historic Copper Mining Town of Burra; Farrell Flat Silo Mural; Maggie Beers Farm Shop; Penfolds Cellar Door Wine Tasting; Seppeltsfield Estate Tastings, Tour & Barossa Tastings; Barossa Valley Chocolate Company; The Whispering Wall & so much more.

*Optional Scenic Flights - Arkaroola & Wilpena Pound + much more!*



# Arkaroola Wilderness Wildlife Sanctuary

## Spectacular Flinders Ranges

## Barossa Valley Wine Region



### Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return flights Homeport - Adelaide
- Quality coach travel
- 9 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (27 Meals)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

### Tour Price Excludes:

- Optional Scenic Flights & Activities at Arkaroola & Flinders - as advised above

**Tour Cost: \$4848.00 per person Twin Share Ex Melbourne**

**Tour Cost: \$4898.00 per person Twin Share Ex Sydney**

**Tour Cost: \$4998.00 per person Twin Share Ex Brisbane**

**Tour Cost from other Australian Ports: POA**

**(Single Supplement \$1050.00)**

**A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.**

*The tour price is valid for travel in 2024. Final cost to be provided in January, 2024 - price adjustment may be applicable.*

*Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.*

**Please note: Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases at any time.**

**Deposit:** A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 16 August, 2024.**

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