

8 Day | Flinders Ranges

Tuesday 25 April 2023 – Monday 01 May 2023



The Flinders Ranges in the northern part of South Australia are colourful and rugged. For 40,000 years this place has been special for Aboriginal people who followed its dreaming trails and trade routes stretching from the sea to the centre of Australia. With its special gorges, cool waterholes and towering peaks much of the land has been set aside as sanctuaries and parks. The colours, the vastness, the stories and the wildlife will have you agree this is indeed a special place.

DAY 1 (LD): MELBOURNE TO MILDURA

TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023

Welcome to our 7-day tour to the **Flinders Ranges**. Sit back and enjoy the service and facilities aboard our touring coach as we depart Melbourne and head to **Mildura** for our first night on tour. Along the way we will stop for lunch and other appropriate breaks where we can get to know our fellow passengers and make new found friends.

Lunch at Charlton | dinner at motel
Best Western Chaffey Mildura

DAY 2 (BD): MILDURA TO THE FLINDERS RANGES

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023

We have an early start this morning. Following breakfast, we continue west into South Australia. We travel through the **Riverland Region** and the historic riverport of Morgan. Next stop is Burra, in the Mid North. Copper from Burra's "Monster Mine" saved South Australia from bankruptcy in the 1840's. It was the largest metal mine in the country employing 1000 people. Cornish and Welsh miners flocked to Burra to work for the South Australian Mining Association and some set up homes in dugouts hewn out of the banks of the Burra Creek. Small villages which now form Burra North were established - Aberdeen (Scottish), Redruth (Cornish), Llwythyr (Welsh) and Hampton (English). The next leg of our journey is through the railway town of **Peterborough** before travelling through Hawker on our way to **Wilpena Pound Resort**.

Breakfast and dinner in the hotel | Lunch own arrangements and cost
Wilpena Pound Resort | 2 nights

Day 3 (BLD): WILPENA POUND AND THE FLINDERS RANGES**THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023**

Explore the dramatic gorges and spectacular peaks of the **Flinders Ranges**. We meet our **local guide** who will take us on an insider's tour of this stunning National Park. Enjoy a visit to **Gumcreek Station** for lunch before returning to Wilpena mid-afternoon. We complete our outback experience at **Stokes Hill** to observe the ever-changing colours of sunset over Wilpena Pound. Marvel at this vast ancient landscape from a spectacular viewing location before dinner at the resort.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch at Gum Creek Station

DAY 4 (BLD): FLINDERS RANGES/PICHI RICHI RAILWAY**FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023**

This morning we take a look at the northern section of the Flinders, before we make our way to the famous icon in the area known as the **Prairie Hotel**. This restaurant is renowned for innovative dishes with Australian native and '**Flinders Feral Food**' twists, and a focus on local and South Australian produce. Don't be alarmed though, as there is something for the more adventurous to try there is also plenty for the not so adventurous! This afternoon we will be taking a ride on the **Afghan Express**. This takes us back to the 1930s when the famous old **Ghan** travelled through the Pichi Richi Pass. **The Afghan Express** is the name railwaymen gave to the passenger train that ran from Terowie to Oodnadatta, through Quorn, in 1923. This was the first time a sleeping carriage was included on the train, and when an Afghan passenger alighted at Quorn to recite his evening prayers, the train was dubbed the **Afghan Express** by railwaymen. We travel through the Pichi Richi Pass and onto Port Augusta where the coach will meet us and check into our accommodation for the night.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch included
Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta | 1 night

DAY 5 (BLD): HEADING TO ADELAIDE**SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023**

We have a short drive into **Port Augusta** and our first visit for the day is at the wonderful outback interpretative centre in Port Augusta called the **Wadlata Outback Centre** which provides a great introduction to visitors to the remote north and north west of South Australia. We have a look through the centre and make our way to the **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens**. The Gardens were opened in 1996, and provide a national focus for arid-zone ecosystem conservation and promoting its economic importance for Australia. It also aims to increase both popular and scientific understanding of the arid-zone environment as most Australians live in densely populated coastal regions and few are familiar with the unique plant and animal life which flourishes in arid Australia. We take a tour and enjoy a light lunch before the drive to Adelaide this afternoon.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch included
Adelaide Rockford | 2 nights

DAY 6 (BD): ADELAIDE TOURING/BAROSSA VALLEY**SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023**

With a local guide joining us on the coach, we take in the local sights of Adelaide. Over the past couple of years the City of Adelaide has seen major growth, historic North Terrace has been brought back to its glory days and the Torrens River precinct has come alive with the major renovations of Adelaide Oval. The city's Central Business District is surrounded by Parklands, or the Green Belt as it's known. For an excellent overview of the city and its Parklands we make a stop at **Montefiore Hill**. It was from this spot that Colonel Light planned a great city of the future in the sweeping valley below. South Australian location. After our city tour we depart Adelaide and head to the Barossa Valley ...just over an hour's drive northeast of Adelaide the Barossa is a renowned wine producing region with an array of high profile wineries and other gourmet delights. We will have lunch at one of it's beautiful wineries followed

by some time to explore one of the little townships that are dotted through the Valley. We will also visit the Whispering Wall ... the wall was erected as a dam wall over 100 years ago and is famous not for its age but for the fact that you can stand at one end of the concave wall and whisper words to someone standing at the other end of the 140 metre long wall. Having whispered to our friends it's time to board the coach and head back in to Adelaide.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch included

DAY 7 (BD): ADELAIDE HILLS/HAHNDORF/HORSHAM

MONDAY 1 MAY 2023

After a leisurely breakfast we head for the Hills, the Adelaide Hills, where we stop at the famous **Beerenberg Strawberry Farm** in **Hahndorf**. After our visit there we head in to the very quaint township of Hahndorf for some free time to look through the many arts and craft shops and purchase our lunch (own expense) at one of the many eateries. Having enjoyed the foothills of Adelaide we are now ready for our trip down the highway to Horsham for our final night's accommodation for the tour.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch at own arrangements and cost
Westlander Horsham

DAY 8 (B): HEADING HOME

TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories and new experiences enjoyed we return home today to complete a sensational 8-day tour travelling with friends.

Breakfast in the motel | Lunch own arrangements and cost

Cost: \$2,647-00 per person twin share
& \$675-00 single supplement

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.