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FLINDERS RANGES TO THE FLEURIEU

Combine a professionally-guided outback hiking adventure with the natural beauty of Fleurieu Peninsula.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

Australia, South Australia

8 days Call for a quote pp

Private

Journey Overview

Explore the spirit of Outback Australia on a guided hike unveiling layers of history hidden within the Flinders Ranges. Traverse ancient landscapes and experience deluxe swag camping and gracious hospitality. Then, discover the extraordinary coastal, scenic and culinary experiences of Fleurieu Peninsula, including the internationally renowned McLaren Vale wineries.

Journey Highlights

- Explore the rugged Flinders Ranges on a guided three-day hike
- Camp under the stars in luxury swag camps
- Share stories over dinner and South Australian wines in your homestead oasis
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the d'Arenberg Cube, a must for wine connoisseurs

Note: The walking component of this journey is a scheduled, shared group activity.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Adelaide – Arkaba

Today, meet your knowledgeable guide in Adelaide before hitting the open road to Arkaba. Keep an eye out for the imaginative collection of large sculptures along the highway, before you stop for lunch on the banks of Bumbunga Lake. Your journey will take you past the infamous Snowtown, Redhill, Port Pirie and Port Germein before a short stop in the historic railway town of Quorn. From here, Arkaba is about an hour away, and you will arrive to Arkaba Homestead in time to freshen up before your guided lay of the land experience and a three-course meal hosted by one of Arkaba's field guides.

Arkaba Homestead | LD

Day 2: Flinders Ranges

Today the rugged Outback comes to life. Traverse the basin of Wilpena Pound, hiking to the rim of this natural amphitheatre, before descending into the Arkaba Wilderness and a walk in to camp late afternoon. Savour a three-course alfresco camp dinner and settle into your deluxe swag for a night under a canopy of stars (Walking approx 13km, 5-6 hours).

Black's Gap Camp | BLD

Day 3: Flinders Ranges

Today is arguably the most scenic, as you move out from Black's Gap through meandering riverbeds into the rolling hills. Follow the famous Heysen Trail for a while through Black's Gap. Red and grey kangaroos and emus are regularly sighted. The last leg takes you into the hills, culminating in a sharp climb to the summit of the Red Range for panoramic views. Carry on to the foot of the Elder Range and arrive at camp early evening (Walking approx 14-15km, 6–7 hours).

Elder Camp | BLD

Day 4: Flinders Ranges

Plenty of time today to stop for photographs, bird watching, botanising and discussion. Move southeast through mallee and native pine forests before crossing Slaty Creek. Ascend the Red Range ridge and down to the banks of Arkaba Creek, home to hundreds of magnificent river red gums. Arrive at Arkaba Homestead for a quintessential Outback experience and an evening spent in the elegant 1850s homestead enjoying a beautifully-prepared meal and some excellent South Australian wines (Walking approx 14-15km, 6–7 hours).

Arkaba Homestead | BLD

Day 5: Adelaide

Transfer from Arkaba to Adelaide, enjoying lunch in the beautiful Clare Valley along the way. Relax at your hotel for the evening, preparing for your exploration of the majestic Fleurieu Peninsula that kicks off tomorrow.

Mayfair Hotel | BL

Day 6: Fleurieu Peninsula

Start your day with a visit to Hickinbotham's privately owned château, the "White House", where you will gain greater understanding of the vineyard and its history in Australian wine production supplying fruit for many of the country's greatest wines, including Penfolds Grange. With very limited quantities, Hickinbotham wines are regarded as some of the best single estate wines in Australia and you'll soon understand why at a private tasting over lunch in the château.

After lunch you'll head across to Yangarra Estate to visit the High Sands Grenache vineyard, winner of Halliday's Wine of the Year in 2020. The Yangarra philosophy centres on producing wines solely from their single-vineyard estate, where bush-vine Grenache is the keystone variety. With no less than three 99-point scores in Halliday's recent *Wine Companion*, Yangarra is at the top of its game and you'll enjoy a visit to the vineyard plus a private tasting in their VIP lounge.

Later this afternoon, drive to your boutique accommodation at Coastal Lodge admiring spectacular views of Gulf St Vincent en route.

Coastal Lodge | BLD

Day 7: Fleurieu Peninsula

Today, walk into Onkaparinga Gorge to see indigenous history, native animals and geology that dates back 600 million years. Enjoy a tour of the d'Arenberg Cube, a unique cube-shaped complex built to excite the senses with its wine sensory room, Alternate Realities Museum, virtual fermenter and tasting room. Finish your day dozing as you drive along the tranquil Silver Sands Beach back to your accommodation.

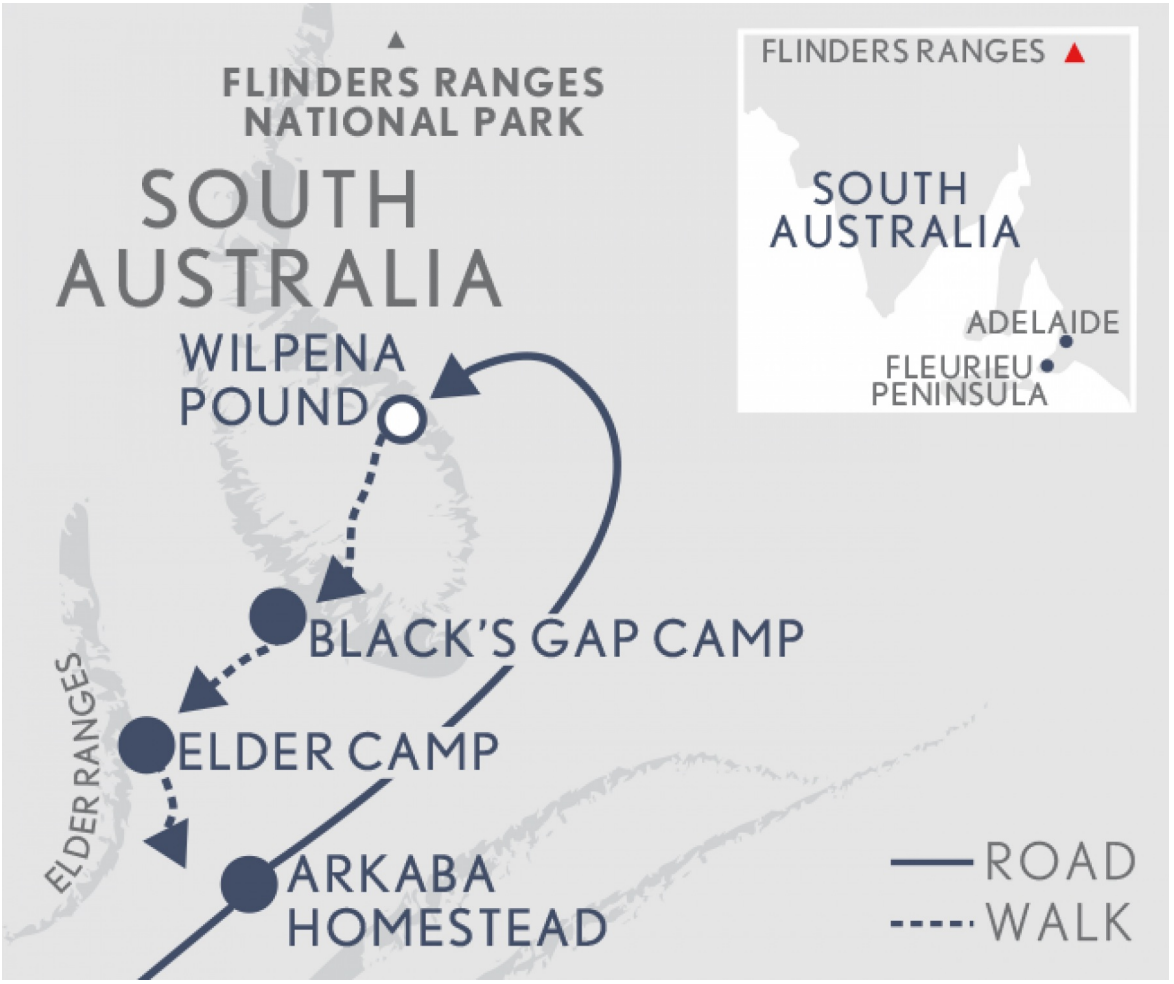
Coastal Lodge | BLD

Day 8: Depart Fleurieu Peninsula

Admire the beauty of the Southern Ocean on a 4WD beach trip that offers an opportunity to walk amongst the dunes. Visit Goolwa, where the mighty Murray River verges into the Southern Ocean then enjoy a beachfront, seafood lunch. Your tour concludes in Adelaide this afternoon.

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Map


FLINDERS RANGES
NATIONAL PARK
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA
WILPENA
POUND
BLACK'S GAP CAMP
ELDER CAMP
ARKABA
HOMESTEAD
ELDER RANGES
FLINDERS RANGES
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA
ADELAIDE
FLEURIEU
PENINSULA
ROAD
WALK

Accommodation

Arkaba Homestead, Flinders Range



Arkaba has made the transformation from an outback sheep station to a private conservancy. With some of the most spectacular landscape in outback Australia, the team at Arkaba blend their passion for conservation with immersing guests in the story of the country: 600 million years of geological history, 24,281 hectares of private wildlife conservancy that you share with just a privileged few others and a wealth of wildlife.

The resident chef creates bush inspired cuisine and the homestead has a cellar of premium South Australian wines. Other facilities include a reference library with deep leather armchairs, a large stone fireplace and an open bar. Arkaba's topography offers some of outback Australia's most stunning scenery, ranging from knife edge ridge tops through cypress pine country to red gum lined creek beds. Expert field guides pull together the incredible geological history, wildlife and pastoral heritage of this region with visits to some of the secret spots on the property and a chance to take in the sights and sounds of the bush.

Stay at eco-friendly Arkaba and take part in a conservation initiative to help re-introduce the western quoll. By staying in this homestead you will also help support its sustainability project.

Why we like it

- The homestead looks out onto the Elder Range, which glows pink in the morning sun, and the Arkaba Creek, which is lined with River
  Red Gums and alive with the chatter of hundreds of Galahs
- The resident chef creates traditional cuisine drawing on native elements
- The homestead has a cellar of premium South Australian wines
- A wet edge pool overlooks the Arkaba Creek and provides areas for relaxing in the summer months
- Other facilities include a library with deep leather armchairs and a large stone fireplace and an open bar.

Mayfair Hotel Adelaide



Located on the corner of King William and Hindley Street, the chic and intriguing Mayfair Hotel offers glamour in the heart of Adelaide's CBD. Situated in a heritage listed 1930s building, the hotel's stunning neo-gothic façade is a stark contrast to the recently built adjoining Jewel Box wing, so named due to its diamond-shaped metal clad exterior. Art Deco interiors complement the building's original layout and are defined by a soft palate of slate, taupe and ivory illuminated by crystal lamps and large mirrors. Modern amenities are as usual, with LED televisions, on demand movies, Wi-Fi and touch-screen telephones in all rooms and suites.

Mayfair's perfect central location combined with a finger-on-the-pulse concierge team make the hotel an ideal base to explore the city's local attractions, festivals and events. From cheese festivals to night time noodle markets, comedy nights and film festivals; if there's some excitement to be had, the concierge will most likely know all about it.

As Adelaide begins to make a name for itself in the gastronomic boom consuming South Australia, the Mayfair Hotel is no exception. Local produce, wines and artisan treats dominate the menus at Mayflower Restaurant and Bar. Retreat from the city for an afternoon to relax with the Mayflower's signature High Tea, a mouth-watering medley of delicate finger sandwiches, rustic scones and fruity tartlets; the perfect tonic after a day of exploring.

Why we like it

- Beautiful Romanesque style building in the heart of Adelaide
- Glamour, style and elegance embodies each of the spacious rooms and suites
- Indulge in delicious deli-style sweet and savoury treats at Café 55

- Personalised service from dedicated and youthful staff; they will go out of their way to look after you
- Close to the city's main shopping and entertainment hubs, including the small boutiques and cafes of Rundle Street

Coastal Lodge



Coastal Lodge is conveniently located amongst the rolling valleys, sandy beaches and sun-soaked vineyards of the Fleurieu Peninsula. This magnificent retreat is situated on a gorge overlooking Carrickalinga - voted South Australia's best beach by Lonely Planet. The lodge includes three self-contained and independent suites each of which open up to an expansive deck with spectacular coastal views. Guests are provided with a premium bottle of McLaren Vale wine on arrival plus daily breakfast provisions. Suites are taken individually or the whole lodge may be reserved for the exclusive use of your own party.

Why we like it:

- Home away from home with a king bed and sumptuous bath
- Fire-pit and barbecue area built high above the gorge with expansive coastal views
- Stunning views of lush valleys and coastline
- Encounters with undisturbed wildlife

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