



PORT LINCOLN & GAWLER RANGES

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Australia, South Australia



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Journey Overview

Head into the remote reaches of South Australia's Eyre Peninsula and discover rugged outback landscapes, a glistening salt lake and the turquoise waters of the Great Australian Bight. In the Gawler Ranges, a safari will reveal the amazing diversity and profusion of wildlife in numbers rarely seen elsewhere in Australia including healthy populations of kangaroo and koala. Enjoy a marine adventure at Baird Bay and bed down at a boutique tented camp.

Journey Highlights

- Spot koalas in the manna gums at Mikkira Station
- Walk across the glistening white salt pan of Lake Gairdner and into the red lakeside dunes
- Soak up the solitude of Lake Sturt as you wander through bushland on its fringes and admire the contrasting outback landscape
- Swim with Bottlenose dolphins at Baird Bay and visit a colony of rare Australian sea lions



Itinerary

Day 1: Port Lincoln

Arrive in Port Lincoln, and collect your rental vehicle before self-driving to your luxurious eco-lodge, Tanonga, located on the Eyre Peninsula. Situated on 100 hectares of restored natural bushland, you will enjoy magnificent views, walking trails, rare bird and wildlife, local wine, and the complete privacy of their own architecturally designed, solar powered, self contained luxury eco lodge.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy the seclusion.

Tanonga Luxury Eco Lodge

Day 2: Port Lincoln

Today is yours to enjoy the surrounds at leisure and get ready for your unforgettable wildlife safari. Immerse yourself in the native bushland as you explore the extensive walking trails around Tanonga. Discover the natural billabong and permanent spring and marvel at stunning views as you explore.

Keep your eyes open for the abundant native flora and fauna you may discover along the way, including the critically endangered yellow-tailed black cockatoo, and the beautiful blue sun orchid. Or simply sit back and enjoy it all from the comfort and serenity of your luxury eco villa.

Alternatively, explore the 'Seafood capital of Australia' Port Lincoln your way, take a scenic drive around beautiful Coffin Bay or enjoy a private scenic flight to Lake Eyre.

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Day 3: Port Lincoln - Gawler Ranges National Park

An early start today as you return your rental vehicle and are collected for your 4 day shared wildlife safari adventure. Your journey begins with a visit to a colony of wild koalas at Mikkira Station near Port Lincoln, admiring these adorable icons in their natural habitat. Travel onwards through rolling farmland to the small town of Wudinna, population 600, stopping for lunch along the way. Pass by monolithic Wudinna Rock as you travel into the outback to Kangaluna Camp, an oasis in the midst of endless bush and red dirt.

Catch your breath here, before an afternoon tour to kick off your wildlife experience. The endemic outback species thrive here, so keep your eyes peeled for three species of kangaroos as well as emus and many endemic bird species. Watch the sunset on your first day of adventure, savouring a sundowner as amid the Kolay Mirica Rocks, the ancient 'organ pipe' rock formations, resulting from volcanic eruptions more than 1500 million years ago. After exploring the otherworldly landscapes, return to Kangaluna and settle into camp.

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Day 4: Gawler Ranges National Park & Lake Gairdner

Today, be left in awe on an exploration of spectacularly colourful, contrasting landscapes. Visit an ochre pit on a morning drive to spectacular Lake Gairdner, bearing a strikingly Antarctic resemblance, with its glistening white salt pan set in the red landscape. Here you can walk on the surface of the lake, gazing northward to the endless white plain and admiring the striking red surrounds and nearby islands. Try your hand at reading red dunes along the lake, often dotted with many animal tracks, flowers in spring, unusual plants and colourful birdlife, offering endless photo opportunities.

In the afternoon, continue your journey through a changing landscape, passing captivating cigar shaped volcanic rock formations, and as always, keeping your camera at the ready for an array of local wildlife. You may see statuesque emus surveying the plains, and red, western grey and euro kangaroos as you drive through the ancient outback range to Kangaluna Camp. After a delicious dinner, indulge in a spot of stargazing, using a computerised telescope to zoom in on the sparkling wonders that fill night sky.

Kangaluna Camp / BLD

Day 5: Gawler Ranges National Park

This morning, revel in the region's landscapes at your leisure. Explore the bush on a self-guided walk, or simply unwind at camp, indulging in some time alone amid the tranquil surrounds. Later on, be led on a walk over Lake Sturt in the Corrobinnie Depression and be spellbound by the array of colours and patterns in the bed of the old lake, a geological marvel.

Continue around the lake to Mt Sturt, admiring a spectacular array of native plants as you go before returning to Kangaluna, providing an additional opportunity to spot some of the 110 species of birds and abundant wildlife that call this area home. Wrap up your day of explorations sipping a sundowner as you return to the natural wonders of Sturt's Lake.

Kangaluna Camp / BLD**Day 6: Gawler Ranges National Park - Baird Bay - Depart Adelaide**

Rise early this morning, travelling by road to Baird Bay, boarding a boat for a short journey to tranquil Jones Island and a nearby lagoon. Close to Cape Radstock (at 160 metres, one of the highest sheer points on the southern coast of Australia) the lagoon will play host to a truly unforgettable wildlife experience, as bottlenose dolphins ride the bow wave of the boat. Later, join these magnificent mammals in the shallow water for an up-close encounter, before crossing the bay to visit a resident colony of rare Australian sea lions. Treasure an opportunity to play with these agile and friendly mammals as you wade in protected shallow lagoons, maybe even experiencing a cheeky sea lion kiss.

After lunch on the beach, leave Baird Bay behind as you continue to Venus Bay and Elliston, drinking in magnificent coastal scenery on the journey to Port Lincoln.

Your unforgettable adventure ends here, with your onward evening flight to Adelaide.

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