



Tour 4: Wildlife, Sheep Stations, and Aboriginal Culture

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Meals included indicated by:

(B) Full Breakfast

(CB) Continental Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner

Day 1

Welcome to Adelaide, Australia

Welcome to Adelaide. Upon arrival on board your flight, please enter into the arrivals hall. Once you have collected your luggage please meet your Benson's Limousines private car driver in the arrivals hall for your private transfer to your accommodation.

Adelaide is spectacularly situated between South Australia's wild, rugged coastline and the dense, ancient forests of the Mount Lofty Ranges. Whether you are relaxing in its beautiful parks and gardens, exploring its fine boulevards or enjoying one of its many popular festivals, you will find Adelaide a charming, beautiful city.

The remainder of the day is free for you to spend at leisure exploring the area.

The historic Café Suite is a gorgeous cottage offering a queen bedroom, king size spa bathroom and galley kitchen. Furnished with beautiful Australian Antiques, the suite offers a gas log fire, underfloor heating and air conditioning. The suite also boasts Sir Donald Bradman's armchairs in the living room! Sir Donald was Australia's (if not one of the world's) most famous cricket players!
Accommodation: Café Suite, North Adelaide x 1 Night

Day 2

Adelaide to Kangaroo Island (Fly) / 2 Day 2 Night Kangaroo Island 4WD Tour (Small Group Tour)

(B/L/D)

A full breakfast is included this morning in the form of provisions.

Please meet your Benson's Limousines representative out the front of your accommodation for your private transfer to the airport. Depart on board your Regional Airways flight to Kingscote. Upon arrival into Kingscote Airport, Kangaroo Island, you will be met and welcomed by your Kangaroo Island Wilderness Tours



representative for your touring.

You will head off to Seal Bay Conservation Park. Learn how the Australian sea-lion survives the rigours of the Southern Ocean. The colony of bulls, cows and pups rests on the beach where you can walk amongst them. Visit to the spectacular and vast sand dunes of Little Sahara. From the South Coast we traverse the rural areas of the middle of the Island via the Parndana Wildlife Park.

North Coast beaches, Snellings and Stokes are perfect for a leisurely stroll to enjoy the sound of waves breaking on the pristine, sandy coast. Nature walk through the drooping she-oaks of Latham National Park and observe the kangaroos and wallabies. This is also the habitat of the rare Glossy Black Cockatoo, and great country for the elusive echidna (spiny ant-eater). The first day's touring concludes with your return to your Island accommodation.

A nocturnal tour will be provided on one of your 2 nights on Kangaroo Island.
Accommodation: Luxury B&B x 2 Nights (Standard Room)

**Day 3
(B/L/D)**

Kangaroo Island Touring (Small Group)

After breakfast today you will travel out to Rocky River, headquarters of the Flinders Chase National Park. Here, kangaroos laze and Cape Barren geese graze. The Chase is home to all our varieties of native animals and birds. On to Admirals Arch, an ancient limestone formation close to the ocean, a perfect haul-out area for an active colony of the New Zealand fur seal. To



Remarkable Rocks, via the spectacular coastline of Cape du Couedic, where the forces of nature have carved modern sculptures out of the granite. A short bush walk searching for the Echidna (spiny ant-eater) and observing the colourful Kangaroo Island endemic Crimson Rosella. Vivonne Bay, its crystal clear water, supports a colony of the Little Penguin. Your guide takes you to Point Ellen where you fossick for shells on the beach and possibly sight a penguin in its rookery.

**Day 4
(B)**

Kangaroo Island to Adelaide (Fly) / Afternoon Free

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to Kingscote airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Fly Kingscote to Adelaide. Upon arrival into Adelaide, please meet your Bensons's Limousines private car driver in the main terminal for transfer to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is free for you to spend at leisure exploring Adelaide.
Accommodation: Café Suite, North Adelaide x 1 Night

**Day 5
(B/D)**

Adelaide to Port Augusta (Fly) / Port August to Angorichina Station (Rental Car)

A full breakfast is included this morning in the form of provisions.

Please meet your Benson's Limousines private car driver out the front of your accommodation for your private transfer to Adelaide airport.

Fly Adelaide to Port Augusta. Upon arrival in Port Augusta, please make your way to the rental car counter to collect your 4WD vehicle. Self drive from Port Augusta to Angorichina Station today.

Stretching north from Port Augusta into the sun-seared wilderness of South Australia's deserts, the Flinders Ranges is one of the country's most impressive outback national parks. Here, surrounded by the arid wasteland of the great salt lakes, an ancient seabed has been sculpted by millions of years of rain and



sun into a fractured, furrowed landscape of deep valleys covered with casuarinas and cypress pines which fall into creeks lined with river red gums. For wildlife watching, bush-walking, photography, Aboriginal rock art or just soaking up the sights and sounds of outback Australia, the Flinders is in a class of its own.

In the middle of these desiccated red ranges, Angorichina Station outback sheep station.

Angorichina is a sheep station located 10 kilometres east of Blinman in South Australia. It is situated in the Flinders Ranges some 500 kilometres from Adelaide and a ten minute drive from the township of Blinman and covers 500 square kilometres of mountains, creeks, gorges and hills.

The original homestead, built in the 1860's and carefully renovated and extended into a comfortable guesthouse and home, forms the nucleus of the property. Within its thick stone walls is a world of calm and grace – music, flowers, books and antique furnishings surround you, while mouth-watering cooking aromas issue from the kitchen.

Included during your stay at Angorichina are all meals, activities including scenic 4 wheel drive tours, guided walks, observing wildlife, station activities and daily guiding, limited alcohol with meals (beer and wine), laundry.

Dinner is included today.

Accommodation: Angorichina Station x 2 Nights

Day 6 (B/L/D)

Angorichina Station

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today. Today is free at leisure to spend at leisure exploring Angorichina and surrounds. There's always something happening on a sheep station, and guests are welcome to join in whatever activities the Farghers have going on, from scenic flights (additional expense to be paid upon use) and four wheel drive excursions to station runs and sunset drinks in the creek bed. Guests can take part in seasonal activities such as sheep mustering and shearing, join Ian on a bore run, or perhaps visit the nearby famous Prairie Hotel.

If you want to enjoy the Aboriginal perspective on this landscape, you may take a tour with Arthur Coulthard, a member of the local Adnyamathanha people and a ranger at the national park that adjoins Angorichina. His private tour offers an intriguing insight into the cultural link with the land and the identification of local foods and medicinal plants. This optional tour (extra cost) is subject to availability of Arthur on the day.

**Day 7
(B/L/D)**

Angorichina Station to Iga Warta (self drive)

Breakfast is included today at Angorichina Station. Departing Angorichina Station today, self drive to Iga Warta.

Iga Warta means place of the native orange tree in Yura Ngawarla, the language of the Adnyamathanha people, the traditional owners of the area. Iga Warta is set amongst the magnificent mountains in the Northern Flinders Ranges and is owned, managed and staffed totally by Aboriginal people. Clem Coulthard, had a vision and always talked about tourism as the way of the future.

Here, we provide an opportunity for other people to come and experience our ways and break down the barriers between white and black. We are also keeping our culture alive by showing people and letting them be a part of it and passing it on to the next generations.

The cultural tourism centre at Iga Warta is the natural environment. We interpret the land through the Adnyamathanha culture and use the mountains, plants, animals and painting sites to share our ancient but vibrant culture. We have people stay as part of the community so they can immerse themselves in the Aboriginal lifestyle and culture. We teach them, by experience how our living culture is as relevant today as it was before non-Aboriginal people arrived.

Accommodation: Iga Warta x 2 nights (Ensuite Cabin)

**Day 8
(CB/L/D)**

Iga Warta

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.

Included during your stay are the following experiences:

- Malki Painting Site – Visit a painting site that has been dated to be 35,000 years old and can still be interpreted through the oral history of our people that has been handed down generation to generation. (2 hours)
- Contact History Tour – Visit sites and listen to what has happened to our people since non-Aboriginal people came to our country and learn about issues including the Missions, pastoralists, rations and the changes to our people's lifestyles. (3 hours)
- Cultural Cookout – includes an explanation of traditional cooking methods, preparation of meat, damper and accompanying fruit and vegetables. (2 hours)
- Camp Fire – Our campfire experiences include story telling, singing and the sharing of Adnyamathanha culture, as well as supper of damper (cooked



in the fire in the traditional Adnyamathanha way), with urti (quandong) jam and billy tea. (2 hours)

- Yura Muda Sites - Visit a women's site with one of the Adnyamathanha women and learn about traditional as well as contemporary issues from a women's perspective including the moiety system.

Day 9 (CB)

Iga Warta to Arkaroola (self drive)

Breakfast is included today. Then self drive to Arkaroola.

Arkaroola is a remote settlement, founded 1968, in the northern Flinders Ranges, about 660 kilometers North of Adelaide (or 231 kilometres North of Wilpena Pound). It is set on Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, a privately owned property. The Arkaroola Resort and Wildlife Sanctuary is a 610 square kilometre property of spectacular rugged mountains in South Australia's remote 'Outback' which offers a unique range of nature and science based tours and activities.

Arkaroola Village was purchased by the current owners in 1968. Until then, the area was made up of a series of degraded pastoral leases infested with vermin; these were eradicated, and today Arkaroola is a fine example of a privately-run sanctuary. The scenic waterholes of Nooldoonooldoona, Bolla Bollana, Arkaroola, Stubbs and Bararranna are well worth a visit.

Arkaroola (Mount Painter Sanctuary) is a private resort and a source of fuel, provisions, meals, rooms and a campsite. Scene of Australia's most recent volcanic activity, the area is a geologist's paradise: Paralana Hot Springs (two hours away in a 4WD) bubble out radioactive radon gas, and if you take walks into the rough hills surrounding the resort you'll come across lots of fossils and semiprecious minerals. The area is so rugged that conventional mining isn't really a profitable venture - drilling rigs are airlifted in, then ferried around on the lower half of a Chieftain tank - and the mining giant CRA Zinc concentrates on mapping uranium and copper deposits in order to show progress and keep their licence.

Accommodation: Arkaroola Tourist Resort & Wilderness Sanctuary x 2 nights

Day 10

Arkaroola

Included in your stay at Arkaroola are the following experiences:

- Ridgetop Tour - Arkaroola's signature 4WD tour - an unforgettable encounter with the timeless terrain and unique natural beauty of the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. Travelling in a specially constructed open-top 4WD vehicle, Ridgetop passengers are taken on a guided tour of some of the most spectacularly rugged country on earth. Trained tour 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 Ridgetop 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. Take in the 360-degree panorama as you enjoy morning or afternoon tea at Sillers Lookout - a lofty pinnacle at the end of the Track.
- Tour the Universe "Observatory Tour" - Arkaroola provides visitors with a rare opportunity to tour the universe from a location that provides some of the best viewing conditions in Australia. Combining one of Australia's largest privately owned astronomical observatories with the new-age *Star Chairs*, and under the expert tuition of Arkaroola's guides, makes for the type of

intergalactic experience that normally isn't available to anyone but astronomers and scientists. Visitors, young and old alike, will be enthralled to see the heavens light up with the energy of worlds light years away from one of our three professionally equipped observatories.

- Written in the Rocks Tour - Come with us on a 4 hour guided drive/walk out to magnificent Bararranna Gorge on the Paralana Hot Springs road. Stop at the Ochre Wall, Lively's Gold Find, the Welcome Mine and the Jasper Twins, as we explore the complex geology of Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. Wander over glacial rocks at Stubbs Waterhole and ponder the vastness of geological time in Bararranna Gorge where ancient sea-bed now forms spectacular near-vertical cliffs. You may also be rewarded with sightings of Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies and Peregrine Falcons, both of which are threatened species in Australia.

Day 11 **Arkaroola to Quorn (self drive)**

Today self drive to Quorn. Your accommodation tonight is at Endilloe Lodge Bed and Breakfast. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Flinders Ranges on the out skirts of Quorn, an old railway town 340kilometres north of Adelaide. Endilloe Lodge provides self-contained country style accommodation for up to eight people.



Accommodation: Endilloe Lodge Bed and Breakfast x 1 night

Day 12 **Quorn to Port Augusta (self drive)/fly Adelaide**

(B)

Breakfast is included this morning. Self drive to Port Augusta airport today. Drop off your rental vehicle in time for your return flight to Adelaide.

Upon arrival in Adelaide, please meet your Bensons's Limousines private car driver in the main terminal for transfer to your accommodation.

Accommodation: Café Suite, North Adelaide x 1 Night

Day 13 **Depart Adelaide**

(B)

Please meet your Benson's Limousines private car driver out the front of your accommodation for transfer to Adelaide airport for your departure flight.

End of Arrangements.

COST per person, double occupancy: USD \$6,258.00*

*based on the exchange rate as of May 1, 2010 and subject to change. Subject to confirmation of all arrangements.

Inclusions:-

- Accommodation based in 2 to 4 star properties with shared / private facilities
- Transfers as specified by private vehicle
- Meals only as indicated by (B) Full Breakfast, (CB) Continental Breakfast, (L) Lunch, and (D) Dinner
- Entry fees & touring as specified in the itinerary
- 4 Wheel drive rental car as specified in the itinerary

- Return airfares from Adelaide to Kingscote (Kangaroo Island)
- Emergency phone assistance
- Australian Goods & Services Tax

Exclusions:-

- International and Domestic Airfares
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary
- Beverages with meals unless indicated
- Items of a personal nature i.e. phone calls, liquor, and laundry
- Use of hotel rooms before/after normal check in/out times or pre-registration
- Costs of optional touring
- Rental vehicle - Excess kilometres charges which are payable direct to rental car company upon return of your vehicle. Fuel, Excess reduction insurance.
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel/Airport Porterage
- Personal travel insurance (baggage/medical/tour cancellations)
- Tips or gratuity
- Unforeseen expenses due to last minute airline rescheduling or delays (inclusive of baggage delay, missed departure and loss of passport & cabcharge vouchers)
- Medical or hospital expenses