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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK ADVENTURE

2024 TOUR – 2023 PRICES

SAVE \$650 per person twin share

SAVE \$940 per person single

6 September 2024 to 14 September 2024

2 Nights Adelaide – 1 Night Wilpena Pound – 1 Night Arkaroola

1 Night Marree – 2 Nights Coober Pedy – 1 Night Port Augusta

Including – Scenic Lake Eyre Flight

Day 1 – Friday 6 September 2024 Today is about getting you to Adelaide for an overnight stay before joining your AAT Kings tour director and fellow passengers tomorrow. A home pick up will be arranged to Brisbane Domestic Airport for your direct flight to Adelaide. Hotel - Adabco Boutique Hotel

Today's itinerary is subject to change.

Day 2 – Saturday 7 September 2024 The South Australian capital often flies under the radar – locals like it that way – happy to keep their buzzing dining precincts, glorious gardens and on-your-doorstep wineries to themselves. But the secret is well and truly out, and over the course of the afternoon you'll discover just how diverse Adelaide really is. Touring the city, you'll cover every interest base: sports (Adelaide Oval), horticulture (the Botanic Gardens), culture (the Art Gallery of South Australia) and food (Adelaide Central Market). Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink and then wander up to the foodie hub of North Terrace. The city offers plenty of eateries in which to while away your evening. Hotel - Adabco Boutique Hotel



Day 2 – Breakfast

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Day 3 – Sunday 8 September 2024 You don't have to travel far from Adelaide to be surrounded by vines. In fact, just 1.5 hours north lies the Clare Valley, and therein one of Australia's most awarded wineries. Knappstein Enterprises Winery's roots reach back to 1878, which yields

extremely tasty drops, as you'll discover at the cellar door before lunch in the Clare Valley's atmospheric central town. It's the best way to ease into the wide-open, otherworldly spaces of the Flinders Ranges – your commute is a short journey by coach, but it transports you to seemingly Martian landscapes, some 800 million years in the making and home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. The First Nations community owns and manages your base for the night, Wilpena Pound Resort, and they'll welcome you to Country with spirit and soul. Hotel - Wilpena Pound Resort



Day 3 Breakfast / Dinner Today's itinerary is subject to change.

Day 4 – Monday 9 September 2024 The cliffs, craters and red rocks of the Flinders Ranges shine brightly in the morning sun, your outlook particularly pretty from Wangara Lookout. From this vantage, you'll enjoy expansive views over the natural amphitheatre that is Wilpena Pound. It's an awe-inspiring way to start the day before your journey carves north through dramatic Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies – only 2,250 remain in Australia, and most call this part of the country home. You'll begin to understand why they favour the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterised by ancient granite mountains and golden spinifex-covered hillsides and providing a vantage over Lake Frome and the desert beyond. But the real stars here are those overhead, as you discover on an astronomy tour that brings the dazzling night sky into full focus. Hotel - Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary Day 4 Breakfast / Dinner

Day 5 – Tuesday 10 September 2024 What was happening in Arkaroola 1.6 billion years ago?



Your guide will help decode the region's mind-boggling geological history as you navigate the steep slopes and hair-raising ascents of the Ridgetop Track. Plants here are found nowhere else on the planet, and gorges are so vast that they seem to cleave off the edge of the earth. Your journey takes you northwest to the Ochre Cliffs outside Lyndhurst, where an artist's smudge of fiery hues paints the countryside all the way to the horizon. It's as sacred as it is spectacular, with the Aboriginal community having utilised the rich clay soil

in ceremonies for centuries. You can see why this part of Australia was attractive to the 1800's settlers of nearby Farina – but you'll also learn why they departed, leaving an eerie ghost town on the outskirts of Marree. Hotel - Maree

Day 5 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
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Day 6 – Wednesday 11 September 2024 A lot of the South Australian outback towns exist because of the old Ghan Railway, click-clacking from Adelaide to Darwin. Plenty of history will be revealed on your morning's journey down the line's westward bend, perhaps only outshone by the natural drama of Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre. Australia's largest inland lake is -most of the time



– a shimmering saltpan covering hundreds of square kilometres yet is occasionally transformed by desert downpours into a thriving oasis. You'll have the chance to glimpse it from the air, your bird's-eye view unfolding beneath you like a work of art. Speaking of art – your included scenic flight will also pass over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a rocky outcrop that literally pops out of the flat desert, creating silhouettes resembling cartoon characters. Touch down to explore the countryside before jetting on to your destination, Coober Pedy, brimming with compelling quirks and subterranean adventures.

Hotel – Desert Cave Day 6 Breakfast

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Day 7 – Thursday 12 September 2024 The self-proclaimed 'opal capital of the world', Coober

Pedy's many attractions lie primarily below the earth's surface. Due to the above-ground heat (temperatures can soar) many locals choose to take up a subterranean residence as well. Once you've explored this fascinating community – including fossicking for opals in surrounding mines – look further afield to Aboriginal owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, where you'll travel along a stretch of the Dog Fence: a barrier spanning 5,300 kilometres across three states. As mind-boggling as the construction is, it pales in comparison to the setting's



moonscape of fossilised shells and cracked grey clay. The only thing more surreal than the natural landscape is the constructed one this afternoon at Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where the fairways are dirt and sand. Pick up a club to hit balls around the oil-soaked putting green.

Hotel – Desert Cave Day 7 Breakfast / Dinner

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Day 8 – Friday 13 September 2024 It's hard to

imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you'll have experienced so far. But the bar is officially raised by those at Lake Hart another vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it's all but deserted, the isolation reminding you that Mother Nature always rules. The vastness of the South Australian outback here was no doubt one of the reasons why it - specially Woomera – was chosen to become the world's largest military land base. Established by the British in 1947, the countryside here has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. It's a piece of Australian history few know of, but that you will leave appreciating, as you head toward your evening's rest in the natural harbour of Port Augusta.

Hotel – Majestic Oasis

Day 8 - Breakfast

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Day 9 – Saturday 14 September 2024 The Barossa needs no introduction – your travels today will take in one of Australia's oldest wine regions, and local makers know a thing or two about creating memorable vintages. Lambert Estate reveals some of the finest regional drops. Your

lunchtime tipples complemented by glorious views over the vines. Cheers to that! You'll arrive in Adelaide in plenty of time for your late afternoon flight home from Adelaide. Arriving in Brisbane just before 9 p.m., your driver will be waiting to take you home.

Day 9 – Breakfast / Lunch

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Fitness Requirements

- Wilpena Pound: Bush walk to Hills Homestead and Wangara Lookout. Medium level of fitness required. This 6km hike will be suitable for most guests. The Tour Director will offer guests an option to book shuttle bus for part of the trip however the track up to the homestead has uneven surfaces and is rocky in places. Retractable hiking poles may be useful.
- Arkaroola: The Ridgetop 4WD tour. Medium level of fitness required. Guests will sit in the back of an open air 4WD. It is wheelchair accessible however due to the roads being quite rough in places, it's not recommended for pregnant travellers or people with serious back problems.
- Anna Creek Painted Hills: Medium level of fitness required. The Lake Eyre flight will touch down at Anna Creek Painted Hills and guests will have the opportunity to have a walk around the area. This is an extremely remote area and ground will be rocky and uneven. Guests with mobility issues may wish to choose to stay close to the aircraft.
- Coober Pedy and surrounds full day tour: Medium level of fitness required. Part of the tour will include walking down into mine shafts. Areas may have low lighting and ground will be uneven in places.

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Tour Price - \$6860 per person twin share – **OH TRAVEL TOURS PRICE \$6210 per person**

\$8177 Single – OH TRAVEL TOURS PRICE \$7237

Inclusions - Return Airport Transfers – Brisbane Metropolitan Area / Return Economy Class Air Travel Brisbane Adelaide / 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners / Services of AAT Kings Tour Director and Driver from day 2 / Accommodation / Inclusions as shown on itinerary / Services of an OH Travel Tours Host – based on minimum numbers.

Initial Deposit of \$500-00 per person payable within 7 days of booking.

2nd Deposit of \$450-00 per person payable 14 May 2024

Balance Payment Due – 3 July 2024

Past guests of AAT Kings and concession card holders may be eligible for further savings. Any applicable discount will be applied when booking is confirmed, and date of birth is advised.

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