

SEQUOIA ESCAPE

GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTING MONDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)
6 Days / 5 Nights

This six-day itinerary is a feast for the senses, as you travel through Australia's southeast to make your way to Adelaide, South Australia's food and wine capital. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of the gastronomic side of your rail journey, while also exploring the delights of Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Region. Upon arriving in Adelaide, settle into your Adelaide Hills Luxury accommodation at Sequoia Lodge for the next two nights and use it as your base to discover some of South Australia's best food, wine and scenery in the picturesque Piccadilly Valley and surrounding Adelaide Hills. It's the perfect retreat for those seeking a luxurious blend of nature, relaxation, and epicurean exploration.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley region and Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to Sequoia Lodge, Mount Lofty
- 2 nights' accommodation at Sequoia Lodge including daily a la carte breakfast in Sequoia Lounge, a Welcome Drink and curated minibar selection with local artisan produce to enjoy
- Dinner in Hardy's Verandah Restaurant with a Degustation menu and matched wines on one evening
- Sequoia complimentary onsite experiences and activities
- Transfer from Sequoia Lodge, Mount Lofty to the Adelaide Airport or Adelaide CBD
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience in Coffs Harbour
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Region
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Learn fascinating stories of the Mt Lofty region and meet fellow guests in an intimate and engaging Lodge Welcome experience

- Enjoy a South Australian Cheese and Wine Discovery Experience
- Rejuvenate your body and mind and soak in the artesian spring-fed hot pools
- Join a guided nature walk of the Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, along the Heysen Trail, with sweeping views of Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges
- Indulge in a fine-dining Degustation Dinner Experience paired with matched wines at the 3-chef hat Hardy's Verandah Restaurant

Please note itineraries and menus are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Today, you'll set off from Brisbane on your epicurean adventure covering Australia's south-east. Settle into your cabin and prepare to savour lunch on board spending a relaxing afternoon admiring the views before arriving in Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapes on the beach at Charlesworth Bay before a unique outdoor dinner, where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood paired with fine wines. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for your first night on board. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern

DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER REGION

Start the day with breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. You may choose to meander through the picturesque vineyards of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine regions, or explore Port Stephens by land or sea. Alternatively, explore Newcastle and discover the vibrant mix of old and new in the beautiful coastal city.

Late afternoon, return to the train along with the rest of the guests to enjoy a regionally inspired meal and relaxing time on board before retiring for the night. (B,L,D)

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DAY 3 – GREAT SOUTHERN, MELBOURNE OR REGIONAL VICTORIA

After enjoying a delicious breakfast on board and a relaxing start to the day travelling through Victoria's high country, you'll have a choice of Off Train Experiences. Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park, a beautiful vineyard in the Moorabool Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines.

Alternatively, opt to visit cosmopolitan Melbourne to find out why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Explore the oldest and most-visited art collection in Australia at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) or visit the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). If you're a history buff, head to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Lunch is at Eureka 89, where you'll dine on a beautifully curated menu showcasing local and seasonal produce with spectacular views over the city.

After lunch, you'll make your way back to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE HILLS

Upon arrival into Adelaide, you will be transferred to your Luxury accommodation in the Adelaide Hills, Sequoia Lodge at Mount Lofty.

Sequoia is an intimate, luxury lodge, nestled in the highlands of the glorious Adelaide Hills in South Australia. Designed as a private sanctuary with many exclusive amenities and bespoke onsite and personalised offsite activities, Sequoia will take you by the hand, sweep you off your feet, and will do everything to make this the trip of your lifetime.

Your private open-plan suite is perched on the edge of the Piccadilly Valley, boasting panoramic views from the sunken lounge, bedroom and bathroom.

Sink into the large bathtub, take a nap or relax on your spacious private balcony day bed with a bottle of sparkling wine and watch the wallabies and kangaroos forage beneath your feet as you indulge in losing track of time.

After settling into your accommodation, you are invited to join the Sequoia's welcome event at sunset to hear the stories of the region over a glass of local wine overlooking the Piccadilly Valley. This is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow guests.

A culinary degustation dinner experience to remember at the 3-chef hat Hardy's Verandah Restaurant is included during your stay. (B, D)

Please note, dinner can be arranged for either evening of your stay. Your dedicated Experience Curator will contact you before your arrival at Sequoia Lodge to confirm your preference.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Sequoia Lodge – Mount Lofty

DAY 5 – ADELAIDE HILLS

Part of Sequoia's philosophy is to connect you with the land and its people through a range of intimate and curated onsite experiences that are included in your stay. As part of these daily and seasonally changing experiences listen to ancient dreamtime stories, savour and learn from artisan producers or join a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Garden. There are endless wonderful memories to be made, and you will receive a pre arrival call from the Sequoia Experience Curation Team to plan your escape and curate your bespoke Itinerary at Sequoia and exploring the region.

Due to the nature of its exclusive experience offerings, Sequoia Lodge, only accommodates guests over the age of 18 years. (B)

DAY 6 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, it is time to farewell your luxurious retreat. You'll leave with a connection to the land, the people and the animals that make Adelaide's hills so arresting - Sequoia will connect you to the South Australia you never knew existed. (B)