



MONARTO SAFARI RESORT FESTIVE STAY

GREAT SOUTHERN

MURRAY BRIDGE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTING TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2025

6 Days / 5 Nights

Spend Christmas where the wild things are, surrounded by sweeping landscapes and incredible wildlife. Your six-day adventure begins on 23 December with a private transfer to Monarto Safari Resort, where premium accommodation meets untamed beauty. Relax by the infinity pools, indulge at Marula Day Spa, and take in the rhythm of nature. Christmas Eve brings a magical Sunset Wildlife Safari complete with a sundowner experience, followed by a lavish Christmas Day lunch at the resort. On Boxing Day, the journey continues aboard the Great Southern for two nights of all-inclusive rail travel, with regionally inspired dining and Off Train Experiences en route to Brisbane.

INCLUSIONS

- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide CBD Hotel or Adelaide Airport to Monarto Safari Resort
- 3 nights' accommodation at Monarto Safari Resort, including breakfast daily
- Sunset Wildlife Safari to see Africa's wildest animal's roam
- Christmas Eve special sundowner experience with canapes and festive drinks
- Lavish Christmas Day festive lunch with a traditional carvery
- Transfer from Monarto Safari Resort to Murray Bridge Railway Station
- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Murray Bridge to Brisbane, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Grampians, Canberra and the Northern New South Wales Coast
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience breathtaking landscapes in premium accommodation
- Explore the parklands from the comfort of a custom built Safari Truck

- Observe Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, and Zebras
- Decadent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations
- Appreciate the ancient beauty of the Grampians
- Explore Canberra's art, history and culinary culture
- Take in the beauty of the New South Wales' coast

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Arrive in Adelaide and enjoy a private transfer to Monarto Safari Resort, just 50 minutes from the city yet worlds away. Nestled in South Australia's Murraylands, this unique retreat combines premium accommodation with immersive wildlife experiences, placing you amid the sights and sounds of Africa's most iconic animals.

Settle into your beautifully appointed accommodation, then choose how to spend the afternoon - unwind at the luxurious Marula Day Spa, soak up the serenity by one of two stunning pools, or savour regionally inspired dining at the resort's signature restaurant. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Monarto Safari Resort

DAY 2 – MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure, surrounded by the magic of Monarto Safari Resort. Indulge in a soothing treatment at Marula Day Spa, lounge by the sparkling pools, or step into the wild at Monarto Safari Park. For something truly unforgettable, upgrade to a close-up Lemur Experience or the thrilling Lions 360 encounter. Please contact reception to book general admission to Monarto Safari Park, experiences will need to be booked directly with the team at Monarto Safari Park and booking in advance is recommended.

Prepare for a Christmas Eve like no other. Step aboard a custom-built safari vehicle for a guided Sunset Wildlife Safari and exclusive after-hours access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa precinct. Traverse 550 hectares of vast parklands as giraffes, Southern White Rhinos, zebras, ostriches, and cheetahs roam freely. Enjoy ample photo opportunities while your expert guide shares insights into these incredible species. As the sun dips below the horizon, raise a glass and



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savour canapés and festive drinks to an unforgettable evening in the heart of nature. (B)

DAY 2 – MONARTO SAFARI RESORT CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH

Merry Christmas! Begin the day with a relaxed festive breakfast before settling in for a truly unforgettable celebration. Christmas Day lunch at Monarto Safari Resort is a feast for the senses where freshly shucked oysters, prawns, antipasto, and smoked salmon lead into a traditional carvery of tender turkey and glazed ham, complemented by seasonal hot dishes. Indulge in a decadent dessert buffet to complete this lavish dining experience. Surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of Monarto and the sounds of the wild, this is Christmas done differently - joyful, indulgent, and utterly unique. (B,L)

DAY 4 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN MURRAY BRIDGE

This morning it is time to farewell Monarto Safari Resort and be transferred to Murray Bridge Railway Station. You'll leave with a connection to the picturesque Murraylands and the animals that make Monarto Safari Resort iconic.

Board the Great Southern for your memorable two-night journey to Brisbane. Enjoy morning tea and savour a relaxed lunch on board while watching the ever-changing landscape through the windows. In the afternoon, the train will arrive in regional Victoria for your first Off Train Experience. A million years in the making, the Grampians region is celebrated for its wild and spectacular scenery.

Explore the beauty of the Grampians at your own pace. Join a guided coach tour through the picturesque town of Halls Gap, taking in breathtaking vistas, including the stunning Boroka Lookout, or connect with nature on a guided walk to the tranquil Venus Baths. Prefer something indulgent? Spend the afternoon sampling regional wines at Pomonal Estate with a cellar door experience or at Fallen Giants, where you'll taste and learn about the winery's 50-year heritage. For something new, visit WAMA Environmental Arts & Garden, a world-class destination blending environmental art and botanical gardens on the edge of Grampians National Park.

Return to the train and continue travelling up the east coast, with a delectable dinner on board. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA

After breakfast on board, today is yours to explore Australia's political capital, Canberra. After breakfast on board, enjoy a coach ride to Canberra city centre to experience a memorable lunch at Old Parliament House before an afternoon of insightful guided tours at your pick of iconic institutions, whether it's the National War Memorial, Parliament House or the National Portrait Gallery. As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train in time for another gourmet dinner on board. After dinner, retire to the lounge for a nightcap with your fellow travellers as the Great Southern rolls north. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Linger over breakfast on board before departing on your choice of Off Train Experience around Coffs Harbour. The Coffs Explorer travels up to Sealy Lookout, offering views for miles from the Forest Sky Pier, before heading to the spectacular North Coast Regional Botanical Garden.

Alternatively, join a guided walking tour at the Urunga Wetlands and learn about the rich cultural history of Urunga itself as well as the ecological importance of the wetlands and how it came to be. Then you'll be met by an Indigenous guide, who will teach about the history of the Gumbaynggirr people, with a demonstration of traditional tools and weaponry and the opportunity to see and taste bush tucker.

After your Coffs Harbour morning, indulge in a final lunch on board before arriving in Brisbane, where your Monarto Safari Stay by train concludes. (B,L)