



GREAT SOUTHERN

## ADELAIDE HILLS LUXURY STAY

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ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)

5 Days / 4 Nights

This five-day itinerary is a feast for the senses commencing with a stay at Sequoia Lodge, located at Mount Lofty in the Adelaide Hills. Providing the perfect retreat for those seeking a luxurious blend of nature, relaxation place and the opportunity to discover South Australia's best food, wine and scenery in the picturesque Piccadilly Valley and surrounding Adelaide Hills before travelling across Australia's southeast to Brisbane. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of your rail journey while also exploring the delights of iconic Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Region.

### INCLUSIONS

- Transfer to Sequoia Lodge, Mt Lofty from the Adelaide Airport, or Adelaide CBD Accommodation
- 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, Mt Lofty to the Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Grampians, Canberra and the Northern New South Wales Coast
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- Appreciate the ancient beauty of the Grampians
- Explore Canberra's art, history and culinary culture
- Take in the beauty of the NSW coast

*Please note itineraries are subject to change.*

### DAY 1 – ARRIVE 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. (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



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### DAY 2 – 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. (B)

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

### DAY 3 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN ADELAIDE

An early start to the day marks the time to bid farewell to 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.

Your East Coast summer rail adventure begins the moment the Great Southern's bright orange locomotive leaves Adelaide on its epicurean adventure. Life on board quickly finds its rhythm - settle into your cabin, get acquainted with the lounge, and watch the landscapes shift as you savour morning tea and a long, leisurely lunch.

In the afternoon, the train rolls into regional Victoria and your first Off Train Experience awaits in the spectacular Grampians.

Explore 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, stretch your legs on a guided walk to the serene Venus Baths, or indulge in a cellar door tasting at Pomonal Estate or Fallen Giants, steeped in 50 years of winemaking tradition. For a different kind of immersion, discover WAMA Environmental Arts & Garden, where art and nature meet at the edge of the 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 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA AND SURROUNDS

Wake up to breakfast on board, before stepping into the heart of the nation. Today is all about Canberra, Australia's political and cultural capital. Following a coach ride to the city centre, choose from a selection of curated Off Train Experiences, each offering a different perspective on the city - reflect at the Australian War Memorial, explore the halls of Parliament House, or wander through the National Portrait Gallery, where stories of identity and influence come to life. Midday, gather at Old Parliament House for an exclusive lunch in this landmark setting.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train in time for another gourmet dinner on board. Later, unwind with a nightcap in the lounge, or in your cabin, as conversation flows with fellow travellers and the Great Southern carries north underneath the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Linger over breakfast on board as the Great Southern arrives in Coffs Harbour where a day of coastal discovery awaits. Choose from a selection of Off Train Experiences that reveal the charm of this vibrant region.

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. Soak in the beach side vibe at the boutique Sunday Markets, where you can explore the popular market stalls, take a leisurely walk on the historic jetty, or simply sit back, relax, and enjoy the local music.

Alternatively, take a stroll from the Urunga Boardwalk to the Beach with a local Indigenous guide, who will help you spot native wildlife through the walk and 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 into Brisbane, completing your epicurean exploration of Australia's southeast. (B,L)