



MONARTO SAFARI RESORT FESTIVE STAY

GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2026

7 Days / 6 Nights

Celebrate the magic of Christmas on a seven-day rail adventure that begins in Brisbane on 21 December. Journey south aboard the Great Southern, where festive cheer meets iconic landscapes and regionally inspired dining. Along the way, explore Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley or the Port Stephens region and Melbourne or regional Victoria before arriving in Adelaide on Christmas Eve. Travel to Monarto Safari Resort in the picturesque Murraylands where premium accommodation meets untamed beauty. Christmas Eve brings a magical Sunset Wildlife Safari complete with a sundowner experience. Spend Christmas where the wild things are, surrounded by sweeping landscapes and incredible wildlife and enjoy a lavish Christmas Day lunch at the resort. On Boxing Day, relax by the infinity pools and take in the rhythm of nature. Monarto Safari Resort will have you creating memories that last a lifetime.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley or Port Stephens region and Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to Monarto Safari Resort with sightseeing and lunch included
- 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 Adelaide CBD Hotel or Adelaide Airport
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 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
- Enjoy a lunch feast in Australia's oldest surviving German settlement, Hahndorf
- 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

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Today, you'll set off from Brisbane on your week-long adventure covering Australia's south-east. Settle into your cabin and prepare to savour lunch on board and spend 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 Experience. You may choose to meander through the picturesque vineyards of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, 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.



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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)

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 AND MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Upon arrival into Adelaide, join a transfer to Monarto Safari Resort with touring included on the way. An orientation of Adelaide with commentary is provided before you ascend to Mount Lofty Summit Lookout to take in views of the Adelaide Plains and coastline. Continue on your scenic drive before arriving in the charming Adelaide Hills village of Hahndorf. Enjoy lunch at Haus, a German restaurant showcasing the best in local produce, then travel to Monarto Safari Resort.

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

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Monarto Safari Resort

DAY 5 – 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 6 – MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure, surrounded by the magic of Monarto Safari Resort. 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 Mingle with the mischievous Meerkats Experience! 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. (B)

DAY 7 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and bid farewell to Monarto Safari Resort as you are transferred to your choice of the Adelaide Airport or Adelaide CBD Hotel. Your Festive journey comes to a close today, leaving you with lasting memories of shared moments, indulgent dining, and the magic of travelling through some of Australia's most captivating landscapes. (B)