

BAROSSA & KANGAROO ISLAND ESCAPE

GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE
DEPARTING SATURDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)
9 Days / 8 Nights

From the natural, rugged beauty of Kangaroo Island to the vine-clad hills of the Barossa Valley, South Australia is yours to discover on this wine and wildlife adventure. After exploring the highlights of South Australia, you'll board the Great Southern, winding through the Grampians and across to Canberra before reaching the coast, stopping at Coffs Harbour before disembarking in Brisbane. Local produce, refreshing wines and spectacular scenery are the highlights of this spectacular journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation in Adelaide including, breakfast daily
- "Feed Me" Food & Wine Experience at the National Wine Centre of Australia, including a four-course lunch with matching wines and hosted tour
- Return flights from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island
- Return hotel to airport transfers in Adelaide to meet the return flight
- 2-night Kangaroo Island in Style tour, including flights to and from the Island, accommodation, most meals and personalised touring
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Adelaide Parklands 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
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Indulge in a curated "Feed Me" menu showcasing premium South Australian regional produce
- Enjoy expertly paired wines selected by the National Wine Centre's Sommeliers
- Hosted tour of the National Wine Centre of Australia
- Wildlife experience at Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Explore Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks`
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings, and a delicious lunch with a glass of wine to accompany
- 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

Welcome to Adelaide. After checking into your accommodation in the heart of the city, there are plenty of opportunities to delve into its food, wine, arts and shopping scenes as you get to know the laid-back capital.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pullman Adelaide

DAY 2 – NATIONAL WINE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

Delight in a memorable culinary journey at the National Wine Centre of Australia with a "Feed Me" style lunch dining experience curated by the Head Chef. This indulgent menu showcases the best of South Australia's regional produce, artfully crafted to take your taste buds on a captivating voyage of flavours and textures.

Each course is perfectly paired with premium wines, hand-selected by the Centre's expert Sommeliers to enhance the dining experience and elevate each dish. This immersive food and wine adventure promises to enchant and surprise your palate at every turn.

Following your lunch, enjoy a hosted tour of the National Wine Centre of Australia – a perfect conclusion to this unforgettable sensory experience. (B,L)

DAY 3 – ADELAIDE TO KANGAROO ISLAND

Please note: Day 3 and 4 may be interchanged.

Depart from Adelaide Airport for your flight to magical Kangaroo Island, where you will be met by your guide and begin your 'Island Life' tour. Island Life provides a taste of the way of life in this bucolic spot, where things take time, drivers wave as they go by, and passers-by stop for a chat.

Have a cuppa with some home-made treats before taking a walk down a country track through towering Eucalyptus trees, where koalas snooze overhead or chew languidly on leaves. Listen for the sounds of the bush – brightly coloured honeyeaters and brilliant parrots, cicadas or perhaps just the sound of silence. You'll travel through the island's most productive countryside to the north coast and walk through the bush with your guide, learning what makes that noise and whose tracks those are. Watch for



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small wallabies, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island, and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Lunch is at a private bush camp, where you'll enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting – a local sea fish, fresh salads and fine South Australian wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park, take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea lions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf and old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology.

After a day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge

DAY 4 – KANGAROO ISLAND

Begin the day travelling through some of the regenerating landscapes of Kangaroo Island. Learn about fire ecology and how nature deals with this natural hazard. Some of the native flora species only flower following fire.

Travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched impossibly on top a granite dome plunging into the ocean. Then you'll break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, or if weather permits, on a spectacular clifftop. Evidence of the power of the Southern Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch – a coastal grotto that provides a haul out for a large colony of Long-nosed Fur Seals, which swim effortlessly through the crashing waves.

After your last day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – KANGAROO ISLAND TO ADELAIDE

This morning, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your city accommodation to leave your bags and spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The evening is free to explore some of Adelaide's many dining and entertainment precincts. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pullman Adelaide

DAY 6 – BAROSSA VALLEY

Today, delight your senses with boutique wine and food touring to the historic Barossa Valley, with its 80 cellar doors. You'll even visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the world-renowned wine region and be guided through some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to 8 people only to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day.

Whether you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight with tastings at three wineries throughout the day, and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine included in your tour. (B,L)

DAY 7 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN ADELAIDE

Your east coast adventure begins the moment the Great Southern's bright orange locomotive leaves Adelaide on its epicurean journey. Settle into the comforts of your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the lounge carriage. As the landscapes shift beyond the window, savour morning tea and a long, leisurely lunch. By afternoon, the train rolls into regional Victoria and your first Off Train Experience awaits in the spectacular Grampians.

Explore at your own pace. Discover the flavours of the Grampians with a tasting of local handmade wines paired with curated canapés and stories of the region's winemakers, producers, and character. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk to the serene Venus Baths, encounter wildlife and learn about conservation at Halls Gap Zoo, or delve into the history of the iconic Stawell Gift before exploring Halls Gap and the surrounding landscapes of Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. Return to the train for a delectable supper as it continues its journey up the east coast. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 8 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA

After a leisurely breakfast on board, step into the heart of the nation. Today is all about Canberra, Australia's political and cultural heart. Following a coach ride to Canberra's city centre, choose from a selection of curated Off Train Experiences, each offering a different perspective on the nation's capital.

Step inside the working heart of Australian democracy at Parliament House. Reflect on stories of service and sacrifice at the Australian War Memorial. Discover the people and stories that have shaped Australia at the National Portrait Gallery. Or explore the Royal Australian Mint before



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wandering the trees and miniature landscapes of the Australian National Arboretum. Midday, gather for an exclusive lunch in a landmark Canberra setting.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train for a gourmet dinner on board, then unwind with a nightcap in the lounge carriage. As conversation flows with fellow travellers, let the Great Southern carry you north beneath the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Today, a morning of coastal discovery awaits. After breakfast on board, and as the Great Southern arrives in Coffs Harbour, choose from a selection of Off Train Experiences that reveal the natural beauty, culture, and character of the region.

Wander through the lush gardens and rainforest of the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden, discover the landscape and enduring culture of the Gumbaynggirr people on a guided coastal walk, or settle into a relaxed morning by the Pacific with a mimosa and fresh seasonal fruit. Alternatively, go behind the scenes at a local wildlife sanctuary to meet rescued marine and native animals and learn about the work protecting them, or discover a playful side of Australian culture through cartoons, classic cars, or the craft of local brewing.

After your morning in Coffs Harbour, return to the train for a final lunch on board as the Great Southern continues north towards Brisbane, bringing your coastal rail journey to a close. (B,L)