

BAROSSA & KANGAROO ISLAND ESCAPE

GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE
DEPARTING MONDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)
10 Days / 9 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. Travelling from Brisbane on the Great Southern, winding down the coast through Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Valley, with a city stop in Melbourne, you'll roll into Adelaide primed for further epicurean delights to follow. Local produce, refreshing wines and spectacular scenery are the highlights of this spectacular journey.

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 regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 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
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 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
- 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

Please note itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE, COFFS HARBOUR DINNER

Your east coast adventure begins with a warm welcome experience in Brisbane, where you'll check in and gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. Begin your journey aboard the Great Southern with lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the train arrives at Grafton, where you'll transfer by coach to the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Here, the evening unfolds in true coastal style. As the sun sinks below the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapés on the sand at Charlesworth Bay before a signature outdoor dining experience (weather permitting) showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. A live band and the gentle waves on the shore provide the ultimate soundtrack. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern

DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER VALLEY, PORT STEPHENS OR NEWCASTLE

The day begins with a hearty breakfast on board before your choice of Off Train Experience. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, tasting its signature semillon and shiraz before settling in for a leisurely lunch surrounded by rolling vineyards. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight over the surrounding landscapes, soaring above the vines and rugged Brokenback Range before returning to the Hunter Valley for further tastings and lunch among the vines.

Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast sands of Stockton Beach and discover the stories of this remarkable coastal



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landscape, with the chance to sandboard from the top of the dunes. Or take in the coastline from the water, cruising through Port Stephens to keep watch for bottlenose dolphins. Both experiences include a relaxed lunch overlooking the bay.

Closer to the city, discover Newcastle through its history, art, and architecture. Explore Fort Scratchley and the city's military history before following Memorial Walk and discovering Newcastle Museum. Or uncover the city's artistic and architectural heritage at Newcastle Art Gallery, City Hall, and Civic Theatre. Whichever experience you choose, enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking Newcastle's harbour before returning to the train for your first regionally-inspired dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – GREAT SOUTHERN, REGIONAL VICTORIA OR MELBOURNE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the Great Southern travels through Victoria's high country. After arriving at Broadmeadows Railway Station, transfer by coach into cosmopolitan Melbourne for your next Off Train Experience.

Experience the city your way. Explore the Australian art collection at the National Gallery of Victoria and go behind the scenes at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Uncover a historic chapter of the city's past at the Old Melbourne Gaol or cruise along the Yarra River. Complete your Melbourne experience with a curated lunch at Eureka 89, high above the city with sweeping views across Melbourne, the Yarra River and beyond.

Alternatively, remain onboard and relax a little longer as the train travels past Melbourne to Inverleigh, where you'll discover the cool-climate character of the Moorabool Valley at Clyde Park. Enjoy a relaxed lunch overlooking the vines, paired with elegant chardonnay and pinot noir, before returning to the train for a leisurely afternoon and delicious dinner as the Great Southern continues its journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

Catch the morning light over regional South Australia and sit back to enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, savouring the last moments of life on train. Soon the Great Southern will glide into Adelaide, where you will be transferred to your accommodation. The day is yours to explore the city. Home to over 900 restaurants, pubs and cafes, and a lively food and wine scene, you'll be spoilt for choice. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pullman Adelaide

DAY 5 – 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 6 – ADELAIDE TO KANGAROO ISLAND

Please note: Day 6 and 7 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 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



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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 7 – 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 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – FAREWELL
After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, bringing your epicurean adventure to an end. (B)