

MONARTO SAFARI STAY

GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE
DEPARTING WEDNESDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)
5 Days / 4 Nights

Stay wild at Monarto Safari Resort in the picturesque Murraylands where you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals. Offering an unparalleled escape into nature's embrace, Monarto Safari Resort combines premium accommodation with exclusive experiences, creating memories that last a lifetime. Join the Great Southern 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

- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide CBD Hotel or Adelaide Airport to Monarto Safari Resort
- 2 nights accommodation at Monarto Safari Resort, including breakfast daily
- Sunset Wildlife Safari with exclusive access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa area after hours
- Monarto Safari Park general admission ticket
- Private vehicle transfer from Monarto Safari Resort 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
- 4 breakfasts, 3 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
- Experience Monarto Safari Park at your leisure via the guided hop-on hop-off Zu-Loop bus
- 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

Upon arrival into Adelaide, you will be transferred by private vehicle to Monarto Safari Resort, approximately 50 minutes from the city centre and nestled in South Australia's expansive Murraylands. Monarto Safari Resort offers an unparalleled escape into nature's embrace, combining premium accommodation with authentic experiences, during your stay you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals.

Settle into your new and well curated accommodation before joining the Sunset Wildlife Safari, soaking in the last rays of sun on your small group guided tour. Enjoy exclusive access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa area after hours with ample opportunity to immerse yourself in the vast parklands and watch the free-roaming herds of African animals across 550 hectares. As you explore the lands from the comfort of a custom built Safari Truck, you'll have the opportunity to observe and photograph animals including Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, and Zebras. Drinks and canapes will be served during the tour, capping off the unforgettable experience. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Monarto Safari Resort

DAY 2 – MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Today is yours to explore Monarto Safari Park via the guided Zu-Loop bus experience, or a combination of the Zu-Loop bus and walking. Monarto is the largest open-range safari experience in the world outside of Africa and spans more than 1,500 hectares and is home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You can hop on and off the bus at the wildlife viewing platforms and spend time observing your favourite animal species, including Giraffes, Elephants, Lions, Cheetahs, Rhinos, Chimpanzees, and more. Additionally, you can enhance your visit by attending Daily Keeper Presentations and booking a range of intimate behind-the-scenes animal experiences.

Later today you may choose to indulge in the luxurious day spa, laze by the two stunning pool areas or enjoy world-class dining at the onsite restaurant at Monarto Safari Resort. (B)



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DAY 3 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN ADELAIDE
This morning it is it time to farewell Monarto Safari Resort and be transferred by private vehicle to Adelaide Parklands Terminal. You'll leave with a connection to the picturesque Murraylands and the animals that make Monarto Safari Resort iconic.

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 4 – 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 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 5 – 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, where your Monarto Safari Stay by train concludes. (B,L)