

KANGAROO ISLAND ADVENTURE

6 DAYS FRIDAY 14TH MARCH TO WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2025

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION - RESTAURANT MEALS



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HIGHLIGHTS

ADMIRALS ARCH
CAPE WILLOUGHBY
LIGHTHOUSE
CLIFFORD'S HONEY FARM
EMU RIDGE EUCALYPTUS
DISTILLERY
AUSTRALIAN SEA LIONS
FLINDERS CHASE
NATIONAL PARK
SEAL BAY
REMARKABLE ROCKS
HOPE COTTAGE FOLK MUSEUM
BAY OF SHOALS
MANNUM

DAY 1: FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

HOME TO VICTOR HARBOUR

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After pick up from your home join our luxury coach en-route, as we travel via the Western Highway through Horsham, Nhill and Kaniva. Continue along the Dukes Highway to Tailem Bend, a town situated on the banks of the Murray River at the "Big Bend", which gave the town its name. A short break at Tailem Bend before we continue on to Goolwa. Goolwa is a popular and fast growing tourist resort at the mouth of the Murray River on Lake Alexandrina. The town's name is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning "elbow". Continue on to Victor Harbour our overnight stop, before settling into our motel before dinner.

Accom: Hotel Victor. Ph: 08 8552 1288

DAY 2: SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

VICTOR HARBOUR TO KANGAROO ISLAND

B.L.D.

Depart Victor Harbour early this morning and travel to Cape Jervis where we board the morning ferry to Kangaroo Island, the third largest island in Australia. On arrival at Penneshaw, we once again join the coach and travel to Cape Willoughby Lighthouse. This was the first lighthouse built in South Australia and was constructed from granite and limestone quarried nearby from a deep rock cleft in the cliff face. The rugged coastline at this far eastern end of the island is quite spectacular. Return to Penneshaw and take in the history of the local area, with time for a look around Penneshaw before lunch which is included at the local hotel. We visit Cliffords Honey Farm, the only place in the world with a pure strain of the placid Ligurian bees. See the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery and take the opportunity to find out how a traditional Aussie bush product is made with clever bush engineering processes. Continue on to Kingscote, the largest town on Kangaroo Island and our home for the next three nights. Kingscote was where the first colonists arrived in South Australia from England in 1836.

Accom: Aurora Ozone Hotel Ph: 08 85532011

DAY 3: SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

SOUTH COAST - FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK

B.L.D.

Today we set forth to explore the beautiful south coast including Seal Bay, where you can walk amongst the rare Australian Sea Lions. Further along we enter the Flinders Chase National Park, a significant conservation site due to its natural state, wildlife and lack of native and introduced predators. Lunch has been included today. We see Remarkable Rocks, a collection of huge boulders sculptured into weird and wonderful shapes by the wind and sea and Admirals Arch, a magnificent arch sculptured by the sea and where New Zealand fur seals congregate to frolic in the surf and laze in the sun. On our return we pass the Parndana Conservation Park, a park dedicated to preservation of native stringy bark and banksias and well stocked with island kangaroos and other native species. We return to Kingscote for dinner.

DAY 4: MONDAY 17TH MARCH**NORTH COAST****B.D.**

Today we make our way across the scenic north coast of the island. We see the Western River, Gosse Ritchie intersection and the famous ironstone surfaced road. Admire the view from Constitution Hill, offering excellent views over Middle River and Snelling Beach. See King George Beach. The view on entering this rockbound little cove, just a short distance from the North Coast Road, is quite beautiful and the haunt for many fishermen. Visit Stokes Bay where an unusual walk through a cliff of great limestone boulders brings you onto a fine white sandy beach, protected on all landward sides by cliffs. A large rock-enclosed pool is protected from the surf, making it safe for swimming. Continue on past Emu Bay, which has a history as old and as romantic as the settled history of the island itself. See the Bay of Shoals where a number of tiny low lying islands that are conservation parks can be seen, making the bay an ideal spot for watching water and sea birds. We visit Reeves Point Historical Site, South Australia's first formal settlement. Reeves Point is a place where a sense of history is to be experienced and felt rather than simply seen, a place of peace, beauty and tranquillity. Our next stop is Hope Cottage Folk Museum, housing a fine collection of items from Kangaroo Island's past, including the reconstructed light from Cape Willoughby Lighthouse and the eucalyptus still. Return to Kingscote in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 5: TUESDAY 18TH MARCH**KANGAROO ISLAND TO MANNUM****B.D.**

This morning we head back to Penneshaw and board the ferry to Cape Jervis. Continue on to Victor Harbor for lunch, with time to browse through the shops. Enjoy an interesting tour of Victor Harbor with its many beautiful historic buildings and natural attractions. Marvel at the breathtaking view from The Bluff Whale Lookout, with views of Encounter Bay's sandy beaches, rugged cliffs and islands. Continue onto Mannum, a township overlooking the Murray River and steeped in riverboat history. Mannum was founded in 1852 by Captain William Randell and was a major port in the years of river trade. Our overnight stay is at the Mannum Motel, set high on the riverbank and overlooking the Murray River at the punt crossing.

Accom: Mannum Motel

Ph: 08 8569 1808

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH**HOMeward BOUND****B.**

After an early breakfast we farewell Mannum and make our way south east through Coonalpyn, the small country town with a population of about 215 which is situated along what used to be known as the Ninety Mile Desert. Wheat, barley, canola, beans and peas are the main crops grown in the area, and also sheep and cattle. During the early 1950's, superphosphates and trace elements were introduced into the soil, creating the ability to use the land for cropping to its full potential. Continue on to Keith sometimes referred to as the 'lucerne capital of Australia' due to the high number of lucerne growers in the region. In the area the surrounding parks are a naturalists paradise with numerous rare and endemic species of reptiles, marsupials and insects to be seen. Pass through Bordertown birthplace of former Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and home to Australia's only known colony of white kangaroos which have been bred for zoos and animal shelters around Australia. Cross the state border back in to Victoria travelling home via Kaniva, Nhill and Horsham.

PRICE: \$3275.00 per person twin share**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 590.00****All prices include GST****PRICE INCLUDES:****Luxury Coach Travel****Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Wallet****Motel accommodation – Twin Share****Admissions to attractions as per itinerary****Ferry to Kangaroo Island and return****All meals as specified: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner****Pick up and return to your home****Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**