

Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18



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Sydney Snowy River Rambler, Melbourne, Great Ocean Rd, Kangaroo Island to Adelaide

Duration: 9 days, 8 Nights

Travel in the comfort of a luxurious fully equipped Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle with a maximum of just 6 passengers

Day 1

Leaving Sydney we will enjoy some of the special sights of this harbour city before descending the coastal range to Kiama, visiting the famous blow-hole and the picturesque Illawarra coast and historic Kangaroo Valley. We once again ascend the range to Morton National Park before arriving at Fitzroy Falls. We continue onwards to Bundanoon and the southern highlands to arrive in Canberra where we will experience the spectacular view from the top of Black Mountain, visit Parliament House, Lake Burley-Griffin and a tour of Regatta Point before retiring to our accommodations in the nation's capital.

Overnight: Ibis Styles Canberra Hotel, CANBERRA (DBB)

Day 2

Leaving Canberra we travel through the Monaro District to the city of Cooma before visiting Jindabyne. Here we will visit Lake Jindabyne, then through the wandering trails of Kosiousko National Park, climbing up famous Jacobs Ladder. We then cross into the state of Victoria, where we will enjoy a picnic lunch in seclusion by a stream in the wilderness of the Alpine National Park. We will follow the banks of the Snowy Valley River before ascending the Alpine Range admiring the amazing flora and fauna of the region. We continue our journey passing through isolated grazing properties, historic slab huts, crossing the Limestone Range and Banambra Ranges to Banambra and onto Omeo.

Overnight: Golden Age Hotel Motel, OMEO (DBBL)

Day 3

Leaving Omeo, we progress onwards across Victoria's high country where we will visit the oriental goldfields and visually experience the hardships these early pioneers faced. We continue on to the Bogong High Plains and onwards to climb Mt Hotham where we will enjoy our lunch for the day. This area is Australia's premier ski-fields in winter and in summer known for its breathtaking views. Progressing on our journey we travel to Bright and Myrtleford and onwards to enjoy the spectacular views of Mt Buffalo. We travel onwards to the historic Powers Lookout and the picturesque countryside known as "The Man From Snowy River" country to arrive at Merrijig the film location of said movie.

Overnight: Motor Inn Resort, MERRIJIG (DBB)

Day 4

Departing the foothills of Mt Buller and Merrijig we travel to the shores of Victoria's largest inland body of water Lake Eildon, climbing the shore trails to the village of Alexandria and the trails of the Great Dividing Range. We continue our journey to Healesville pausing to view the beautiful tree ferns and ancient eucalyptus trees on route. We leave Healesville and head out through the Dandenong Ranges and the vineyards of the Yarra Valley. We continue to Melbourne where we take a tour of the City before settling in to our accommodation for the night.

Overnight: The Albany, SOUTH YARRA (BB)

Day 5

We have a little free time in the city of Melbourne before we head to the beautiful coastline passing through Geelong, Victoria's 2nd largest city. We travel along the cliff tops of the spectacular Great Ocean Road via Lorne. We then travel along cool mountain streams to Apollo Bay to enjoy the beautiful sunset colours over the ocean.

Overnight: Coastal Motel, APOLLO BAY (DBB)

Day 6

Today we travel along cool mountain streams with tall Mountain Ash and Beech Forest and lush Rainforest of the Ottway Ranges. After our lunch stop we travel to Port Campbell National Park where time and the powerful Southern Ocean have created spectacular rock formations. We then wind along through Warnambool to Tower Hill National Park, from where we get one of the best close encounters with koalas and other native wildlife in Australia. After leaving this unique area we head north to Dunkeld, then into the hidden corners of the Grampians to arrive for our overnight stop at Halls Gap.

Overnight: Country Plaza, HALLS GAP (DBB)

Day 7

This morning we follow the ranges of the Grampians National Park. We leave the state of Victoria via the lovely small town of Cavendish and then travel to Mt Gambier and its beautiful crater lakes. The most unusual of these lakes, the Blue Lake, changes colour twice a year. Leaving Mt Gambier we track through farmland and dense pine forests to the Limestone Coast fishing harbours of Beachport and Robe for our overnight stop.

Overnight: Robe Haven Motel, ROBE (DBB)

Day 8

We travel along the coastline to Kingston another famous lobster fishing town and fishing port. From here we travel to the Coorong National Park a unique coastal wetland and lagoon from which once again our 4WD vehicles allow us to explore much more. After a coffee break in the park we enjoy much more birdlife and coastal serenity of this national park. We then view Lake Alexandrina at the mouth of Australia's longest river system, the Murray River (200km), arriving at Wellington for a lunch break. We travel through Strathalbyn before arriving at Victor Harbour. And enjoy a short break in this lovely town. We then drive along some very scenic trails in the Fleurieu Peninsula region as we travel to Cape Jarvis. Here we embark on the Kangaroo Island Ferry to Penneshaw for our overnight stay at Kangaroo Island Seafront.

Overnight: Kangaroo Island Seafront, PENNESHAW (DBB)

Day 9

Today we travel to Seal Bay Conservation Park to see a seal colony. We then head west to visit Flinders Chase National Park, which takes up most of the western half of the island and is one of the largest national parks in South Australia. We will visit Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, where we view another seal colony and hidden corners. We have afternoon tea on our return to Penneshaw and look out for kangaroos or koalas on our way. From Penneshaw we join Sealink to get back to the mainland. On arrival at Cape Jervis we head to Adelaide to conclude a memorable Australian experience.

Depart Sydney 7.30am every Sunday

INCLUSIONS:

- 4WD air-conditioned deluxe transport
- All accommodation twin share private facilities
- All breakfasts & morning teas, lunch on Day 2
- 7 dinners
- All entries to National Parks
- Ferry Crossings
- Experienced driver guide

TOUR COST: AUD

\$3,775.00 Adult (twin share)

\$950.00 Single Supplement

\$2,700.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

Minimum 4

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Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.