

FLINDERS RANGES & BAROSSA VALLEY with WITH GRAHAM & DEB

Day 1 - Overnight Glenelg (D)

Our tour will commence at Glenelg, Adelaide's historic beachside suburb. Located 7 kilometres from Adelaide Airport, 8 kilometres from Keswick Railway Terminal (interstate trains) and a 20-minute tram ride away from Adelaide City (10 kilometres). Please phone Paul on 0438 808 253 to arrange your **free** transfer from either Adelaide Airport or the Railway Station to your accommodation at:

Comfort Inn Haven Marina x 1 night

6 - 10 Adelphi Terrace, Glenelg - Phone: (08) 8350 5199

Your accommodation is an easy walk to the beach, jetty, Bay to City Tram, cafes and restaurants.

6pm - Graham & Deb would like to invite you to join them for a pre-dinner drink and nibbles, followed by a 2-course dinner, on board HMAS Buffalo, which is moored opposite your motel. The HMAS Buffalo is an exact replica of the vessel that brought the first free settlers to South Australia in 1836.

Day 2 - Adelaide to Clare Valley (CB, L, D)

After breakfast we'll depart our motel and head for the Clare Valley, with a little surprise along the way!! Travelling north out of Adelaide we'll pass through Gawler, South Australia's oldest town and Auburn, gateway to the Clare Valley. A visit to the Clare Valley would not be complete without dropping into the oldest winery and vineyard in Clare Valley - Sevenhill Cellars - perhaps one of the most picturesque and unusual wineries in the country. At its heart is the magnificent St Aloysius Church (with crypt), through which visitors are free to wander. The winery has been owned and operated by Jesuits since 1851, and it still produces sacramental wines used across Australia and in parts of Asia. Renowned vigneron Brother John May will take us on a tour of the winery and surrounding buildings

Accommodation: Clare Central Motel x 1 night - (08) 8842 2277

Day 3 - Clare to Wilpena Pound (CB, L, D)

Following breakfast we'll depart and travel to Gladstone for smoko and a look around including Trend Drinks, the last small soft drink manufacturer in SA and they will tempt us with their unique Sparkling Honey and Sparkling Ginger drinks. Continuing on through Laura - boyhood home of poet C J Dennis, and through to Melrose, the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges, nestled at the foot of Mount Remarkable. We will enjoy lunch at the North Star Hotel, the oldest pub in the Flinders opening in 1854 as a log hut. You will have time to stroll down the street and look at the Court House Heritage Centre and Bluey Blundstone's Blacksmith Shop. Departing Melrose, travel via Wilmington, Quorn and Hawker into Wilpena Pound in the Central Flinders Ranges.

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort x 2 nights - (08) 8648 0004

Day 4 - Wilpena Pound (CB, L, D)

Wilpena Pound is a majestic natural amphitheatre and the centerpiece of the Flinders Ranges National Park. A lost world located inside a giant stone crater, with its majestic red ramparts measuring eight by 17 kilometres and protecting its 9,000 ha base. A vast array of flora and fauna make it a small paradise on earth for bush walkers and birdwatchers. Whilst we are here we'll enjoy a scenic flight over the Pound, hear about its history and there will be time to enjoy walks into and around the Pound.

Day 5 - Wilpena Pound to Arkaroola (CB, L, D)

Departing Wilpena Pound we'll travel to the old copper town of Blinman for smoko and a mine tour. Copper was first discovered in the area in 1859 and in the following decades thousands of tonnes of copper ore were removed and hundreds of people rolled into Blinman. Today it is a quiet little town that celebrates its mining heritage with the mine now a most interesting heritage reserve. From Blinman we'll travel along a particularly beautiful cutting through dramatic desert gorges to Parachilna. A look through this unique tiny town before we travel alongside the original Old Ghan Railway line where there are many remnants of old railway stations, bridges across creeks and straight stretches where the railway used to run, onto Beltana for lunch and a tour. Your hosts, Sue and Paul will show you around and you'll hear the fascinating history of the township, surveyed in 1873. Also hear about Thomas Elder who introduced camels to the Flinders Ranges in 1866. Leaving Beltana, we'll travel to the township of Leigh Creek and then onto see the open cut mine, which has operated since 1943. Coal from here, is transported south to Port Augusta on the longest coal train in Australia, for use as fuel to generate about 40% of SA's electricity requirements. The final leg of today's journey is via Copely to Arkaroola.

Accommodation: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary x 2 nights - (08) 8648 4848

Day 6 - Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary (CB, L, D)

In the 1960's Reg and Griselda Sprigg brought a 610 sq km sheep property in the Northern Flinders Ranges and dedicated their lives to returning the land to its nature state. The result is the world renowned Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, featuring some of the most spectacular views in the country, some of which you will see today whilst on your half day Ridgetop Tour - to be a great highlight of your trip to the Flinders. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore and perhaps see some of the 160 species of birds and fauna in the area.

Day 7 - Arkaroola to Hawker (CB, L, D)

Departing Arkaroola this morning we will travel south past Chambers Gorge and back into Blinman where you'll have time to look around and maybe have a cold drink in the pub, which was founded in 1869 before lunch at the Wile Lime Café. Then it's onto Hawker, once a thriving railway town, it retains much of its 1880s charm in heritage buildings. Whilst in Hawker we will marvel at the acclaimed 30-metre Wilpena Panorama in the Jeff Morgan's Gallery. Enjoy dinner this evening at the Old Ghan Railway restaurant and gallery.

Accommodation: The Outback Motel, Hawker x 1 night - (08) 8648 4100

Day 8 - Hawker to Burra (CB, L, D)

Today we'll head south dropping into Orroroo and Peterborough before smoko in historical Terowie. Then it's into Burra, a fascinating little town that began with the discovery of copper in 1845. We will have a guided tour of Burra before you'll have free time to explore all the antique shops and befitting a copper town, Burra has a collection of pubs as well as a number of coffee shops and cafes and other interesting little bits.

Accommodation: Burra Motor Inn x 1 night - (08) 8892 2777

Day 9 - Burra to the Barossa Valley (CB, L, D)

After a pleasant time in Burra, we're on the road to the world famous Barossa Valley with its Bavarian villages, baroque Italianate Chateaux and stunning vineyards. Drop into Freeling, which was once the largest hay producing centre in the state but better known now as the main setting for the TV Series *McLeod's Daughters*. From here we travel to Seppeltsfield Winery for a guided tour of this very historic winery, lunch and tasting. Then we are off to Maggie Beer's Farm and into Tanunda via Richmond Grove Winery.

Accommodation: Barossa Motor Lodge, Tanunda x 2 nights - (08) 8563 2988

Day 10 - Barossa Valley (CB, L, D)

Following breakfast, our day will begin with a tour of Tanunda, a visit to Mengler Hill Lookout, some time in the little township of Angaston, probably most famous for its dried fruits and nuts and wine tasting at some of the most well known wineries in the region. You will also have some free time this afternoon to stroll through the township of Tanunda. We will enjoy dinner this evening at The Clubhouse.

Day 11 - Barossa Valley to Adelaide (CB, L)

A highlight of our visit to the Barossa will be a helicopter flight flying over Rowland Flat, home of the famous Jacobs Creek, back over Lyndoch and onto the Whispering Wall, incorporating unsurpassed views of the picturesque valley floor. Tour through Williamstown prior to smoko at the Whispering Wall...see what you can whisper...and then it's time for our farewell lunch at a very famous winery before heading back into Adelaide / Glenelg where we will bid you farewell. We plan to arrive in Adelaide no later than 3pm.

Details of Travel West Tours are to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of preparation, however the itinerary, overnight accommodation, vehicles and services described herein are subject to change, amendment or withdrawal without notice.

NOTES:

- If you do require accommodation at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina pre or post our tour please mention to the reservation staff that you are on the Travel West Tour. We have confirmed Marina View rooms for the group's stay however you may wish to book a slightly less expensive room for any additional nights
- There are swimming pools at almost every motel we stay, so bring your swimmers with you.
- Bring along a torch and comfortable walking shoes
- Laundry facilities available at a number of places
- October is the best time to visit the Flinders and Barossa Valley - and you're going to love it !!