

# **<u>3 Day Flinders Ranges Tour</u>**

# Day 1 (L,D)

You will be collected from your Adelaide accommodation at 7am this morning for your 3 day 4WD tour to the Flinders Ranges.

We travel north, following the coast and after a brief stop en-route, we continue to the town of Port Germein, whose historic wooden jetty is the longest in the southern hemisphere.

Turning east now, we enjoy a scenic drive through Port Germein Gorge, with its deep ravines and magnificent gum trees to picturesque Melrose, the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges lying at the foot of Mount Remarkable Summit.

Our lunch stop today is at Alligator Gorge in Mount Remarkable NP, which is in the Southern Flinders Ranges. You also have the option to take a short walk through the narrow gorge which cuts through the old quartzite rocks. Or you can view the gorge from one of the lookouts.

Heading through Quorn, we continue into the Central Flinders Ranges. The Flinders Ranges are known for their unique beauty, indigenous history, ancient geological formations, rich colours and textures and abundant wildlife. Home to a huge array of plant species, birds, reptiles and mammals, the vibrant colours of the 800 million-year-old quartzite and limestone outcrop that is the Flinders, are truly spectacular.

We finish the day taking the Moralana Scenic Drive, which connects the Wilpena and Leigh Creek Roads and is known as one of the best drives through the Flinders Ranges. We'll see stunning scenery featuring the southern wall of Wilpena Pound, Black Gap Lookout, red Range, Elder Range and more.

Overnight accommodation- Wilpena Pound Resort- standard room with en-suite (2 night stay)

## Day 2 (B,L,D)

This morning you have the option of taking a walk into Wilpena Pound or take a scenic flight (at own expense). Walk along the beautiful Wilpena Creek, framed by huge river red gums, into Wilpena Pound and on to the Old Hills Homestead where you can learn about the hardships the Hills family had to face at the turn of the century. You also have the option of walking up to the Wangara lookout where you can see the mystical heart of the Flinders Ranges with stunning views over Wilpena Pound. There is a shuttle available to shorten the walk.

After lunch we travel through the ABC and Heysen Ranges to nearby Bunyeroo Gorge and a stop for photos at Razorback Lookout. This leads onto the Brachina Gorge Geological Trail, a trail that passes through 130 million years of earth history, including meteorite debris, stromatolites and fossilized plant and animal life. It offers an insight into past climates, the formation of the ranges and the evolution of early forms of life. It's also an important refuge for the rare and endangered Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby.

We finish the day at Stokes Hill Lookout, with spectacular panoramas of Wilpena Pound, Mt Patawarta, and the Druid, Chace, Elder, Heysen and Bunker Ranges.

Overnight accommodation- Wilpena Pound Resort- standard room with en-suite

## Day 3 (B,L)

Departing Wilpena this morning, we head south and take the Arkaroo Rock walk, for views of the Chace Range and to see the Adnyamathanha rock paintings. These are ochre and charcoal images that tell of the creation of Wilpena Pound.

We continue to Hawker, the hub of the Flinders Ranges and a thriving railway town until the line was relocated west in 1956. Just south of Hawker, if there's time, we'll visit the Kanyaka Ruins. The ruined farmhouse is all that remains of a farmers dream to provide for his family is this unforgiving landscape. It's a harsh reminder of the hardships the first European settlers endured. The last leg of our journey takes us back onto the highway and from here we continue south to Adelaide

We arrive in Adelaide at approximately 6pm and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

## END OF TOUR

# B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

Departs Adelaide in 2015 on demand with a minimum of 4 people year-round

Dec 2014- March 2015 and Dec 2015- March 2016 :

AUD \$1395 per adult, twin share. \$1295 per child (aged 8 -15 years), twin share. \$1620 per person, single room.

April 2015- Nov 2016 :

AUD \$1425 per adult, twin share. \$1325 per child (aged 8 -15 years), twin share. \$1650 per person, single room.

\*\*solo travellers must have single room\*\*

Maximum 10 passengers

Prices include GST

## Inclusions:

- Seat in purpose built OKA 4WD vehicle, with professional driver guide & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- All Meals as stated, including 2 restaurant breakfasts and 2 restaurant dinners
- Accommodation, as listed
- Entry fees and permits

## **Exclusions:**

- Arrival/departure flights
- Pre & Post tour accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Alcohol
- Any optional activities such as Wilpena Pound scenic flight (Please request flight when booking, to avoid disappointment). 1 hour is approx. \$299pp, 30 mins is approx. \$199pp and 20 mins is approx \$169pp.

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions.