

Flinders, Arkaroola, Barossa Valley

Gorges, Ridge-tops, Railways, Wines & Gourmet Delights!

With Trade Travel

10 Days / 9 Nights - Fully Escorted



TRADE TRAVEL
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories

Tour Departs: Thursday 17 September - Saturday 26 September, 2026.



Day 1. Thurs 17 Sept: Homeport - Adelaide - Clare Valley

Lunch & Dinner

Flight Details: Homeport - Adelaide (flight times to be advised)

Today on arrival into Adelaide we meet up with our local coach captain and enjoy a **light lunch at the Atura Airport Hotel** while we wait for all passengers to arrive. We then board the coach and make our way up into the delightful Clare Valley region travelling via the small township of **Owen**. The town is home to the **'Wheat bags to Sand bags' silo mural** which depicts a snapshot in time in rural Australia at the outbreak of the First World War. We then continue up to Clare where we stroll through the imposing **Martindale Hall**. A Georgian styled Italianate influenced sandstone mansion which has significant heritage value in South Australia. Following our tour we proceed to our Clare Valley accommodation for check-in followed by dinner at the Clare Hotel.

Overnight Clare Valley: Clare Valley Motel

Day 2. Fri 18 Sept: Bungaree Station - Port Augusta

Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today after a light continental breakfast we journey north to **Bungaree Station** for a wonderful insight from Mark into the former merino sheep station and life as it is today, operating as an efficient mixed farm and run by the descendent of the original founder, G.C. Hawker. After our tour we enjoy **Vicky's homemade morning tea** before heading up to **Wirrabara** to view the stunning **silo mural** which captures the beauty of the town and surrounding countryside. We then travel up to Port Augusta via **Horrocks Pass** before arriving at the **Australian Arid Lands Botanical Gardens** for light lunch. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing stroll with our guides through a range of natural and themed gardens and soak in the sounds and scents of Australia's arid heart. Our last stop for the day is at the **multi award-winning Wadlata Outback Centre** where displays highlight the history of the Flinders Ranges and the Outback of South Australia from 15 million years ago to modern day. It's then time for check-in at our accommodation with time to relax before dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight Port Augusta: The Standpipe Golf Motor Inn

Day 3. Sat 19 Sept: Port Augusta - Pichi Richi Railway - Arkaroola

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast and check out we take a **drive around Port Augusta to see the sights** before boarding the our **historic rail journey** across to the outback town of Quorn. Travelling the old Ghan route over red earth and bluebush plains from Port Augusta, we'll watch the Flinders Ranges creep ever-closer before entering the Pichi Richi Pass with its rocky outcrops, dry riverbeds and beautiful hilly scenery. **Quorn** which has been used as a backdrop for many famous films including 'Gallipoli', 'The Shiralee', 'The Tracker' and most recently Russell Crowe's 'The Water Diviner'. On arrival in **Quorn**, we enjoy a **light lunch** at a local cafe before making our way up alongside the Flinders Ranges before heading across through Copley and into the **61,000-hectare wildlife sanctuary of Arkaroola** for late check-in and dinner.

Overnight Arkaroola: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Day 4. Sun 20 Sept: Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we board our four-wheel drive vehicles for the **famous half day Ridge Top Tour** which takes in some of the most spectacularly rugged country on earth. Our specially trained guides share their knowledge of **Arkaroola's 1600-million year geological history** as they navigate the steep slopes and hair raising ascents of the famous Ridge Top Track. Inspiring images of red granite mountains and golden spinifex covered hillsides give way to a breath-taking view across the **Freeling Heights, Lake Frome and the desert beyond**. After a wonderful morning, we enjoy lunch back at the resort, before enjoying the afternoon at leisure to enjoy at own cost one of the guided walks or take a scenic flight over the Arkaroola Sanctuary or Lake Eyre.

Day 4. Continued...

Optional Scenic Flights: Arkaroola offer scenic flights - Full information and cost please visit www.arkaroola.com.au

- 1: 35 minute Arkaroola Sanctuary Flight
- 2: 45 minute Lake Frome Flight
- 3: 75 minute Arkaroola Sanctuary & Lake Frome Combo Flight
- 4: 1/2 Day Lake Eyre Flight - 4 hours

Overnight Arkaroola: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Day 5. Mon 21 Sept: Leigh Creek - Blinman - Wilpena Pound

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We depart Arkaroola this morning making our way out along the Gammon Range Road and across to Leigh Creek. At the **“Black Rock, Blue Sky” Exhibition**, we enjoy morning tea and view the unique **“A History of Leigh Creek Coalfield, 1941 - 2016”**. The collection of photographic panels relate the 75 year history of the Leigh Creek Coalfield and unique story of the two towns. Then with our **local guide** we enjoy an **informative drive around Leigh Creek** before heading down into the Flinders Ranges to the **historic copper mining township of Blinman** where in the mining era from 1862 – 1910, the mine delivered a large amount of copper to the London Metal Exchange. After **refreshments** at the **North Blinman Hotel**, our **guide** shows us around the township followed by our **Blinman underground mine experience** which offers a unique journey into the heart of an historic copper mine and takes us back in time, to the lives of the miners and their families during the second half of the 19th century. From Blinman we travel down past the Great Wall of China and Stokes Hill Lookout before arriving at **Wilpena Pound Resort**, our home for the next two nights. Following check in and a freshen up we gather in the restaurant for dinner.

Overnight Wilpena Pound: Wilpena Pound Resort

Day 6. Tues 22 Sept: Free Day - Optional Scenic Flights

Breakfast & Dinner

Enjoy a free day today.

Scenic flights over Wilpena Pound - options to be provided

Take a leisurely walk along one of the tracks or take the shuttle into the Pound for the longer walk which allows us to see the **Hill Homestead and Wangarra Lookouts** which offer **stunning views over Wilpena Pound**. This evening after a delightful day spent as we wish, we meet up for dinner back in the restaurant.

Overnight Wilpena Pound: Wilpena Pound Resort

Day 7. Wed 23 Sept: Touring Flinders Ranges

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning at 8.00am following breakfast, we join an **Aboriginal Guide** for our **Cultural Walk** (2 hours). This is an informative stroll to **Old Wilpena Station**, one of South Australia's oldest and best preserved pastoral settlements. Following our tour, we enjoy a break for a cuppa before setting off with our **local station owner guide** on board, as we begin our drive through the scenic Flinders Ranges. After pausing at the famous **Cazneau Tree**, we head up to **Stokes Hill Lookout** which provides expansive panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, including Wilpena Pounds eastern escarpment and the **Skytrek Willow Springs Station**. Our drive continues through the ranges taking in breathtaking gorges, lookouts and rocky creek beds, while spotting the seasonal wildflowers (seasonal) and wildlife. Our tour also includes a stop at **Skytrek Willow Springs Station Camp Kitchen** to enjoy our packed lunch and overview of family life on the remote station from our station owner/guide. Our tour concludes back at **Wilpena Pound** mid-afternoon, where we can rest up before pre-dinner drinks (own cost) and dinner back in the restaurant.

Overnight Wilpena Pound: Wilpena Pound Resort

Day 8. Thurs 24 Sept: Peterborough - Burra - Tanunda

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we head down to Hawker stopping by the **Jeff Morgan Gallery** to view Jeff's amazing works, particularly the amazing giant panoramas including the - **30m x 3m Wilpena Panorama** and **46m x 5.5m Arkaroola Panorama**. Our journey from Hawker takes us down through Orroroo and the **historic railway township of Peterborough** for a look through the **Social History Museum** which includes the **Meldonfield Miniatures Collection**, artefacts associated with the **history of 'Petersburg to Peterborough'** and the new **'Lionel Noble' Room** containing an historical photographic collection of Peterborough and the Peterborough Division of the South Australian Railways. After our **tour and light lunch** we travel further south to the **historic copper mining town of Burra** which provides another interesting tour. The copper mines were first discovered in 1845 and were operated by Cornish and Welsh miners until 1877. Our guided tour takes in the heritage buildings, lookouts and other major sites including the Red Ruth Gaol which featured in the movie 'Breaker Morant'. From Burra we drive down into the beautiful Barossa Valley wine district via the **Farrell Flat Silo Train Mural**. Tanunda is the cosmopolitan heart of the Barossa and our home for the next two nights. Following check-in at our motel we gather for dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight Tanunda: The Wine Vine Motel



Day 9. Fri 25 Sept: The Barossa Valley Gourmet Trail

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our day today will be spent in the beautiful Barossa Valley with two special visits to **Maggie Beers Farm Shop** and also the iconic **Chateau Tanunda Cellar Door**, with tasting of wines from 'The Château' Single Vineyard and 'The Heritage Release' series. At Maggie Beers we enjoy a brief talk on the history of the property and Maggie's culinary career plus spend some time in the gourmet gift shop. Then up at Penfolds Cellar Door we get to experience a piece of Penfolds history. We then visit the historic **Seppeltsfield Estate** for a delicious '**Barossa Style Lunch**' followed by a '**Grand Insight Tour and Tastings**', which includes a behind the scenes look through the estate's treasure trove of historical buildings. Before returning to our accommodation, we stop by the **Barossa Made Wares and Food Pantry**, featuring bespoke, artisan and unique products and produce all handmade and designed in the Barossa. After a delightful day in the Barossa its time to check-in to our motel before gathering in the on-site restaurant for our Farewell Dinner.

Overnight Tanunda: The Wine Vine Motel

Day 10. Sat 26 Sept: Tanunda - Adelaide - Homeport

Breakfast

This morning after breakfast and check out, we transfer across through the Adelaide Hills and the iconic **Whispering Wall**. After a short stop, we proceed to the **Adelaide Airport** for our flight back home, after enjoying a wonderful few days away exploring a wonderful piece of South Australia with Trade Travel.

Flight Details: Adelaide - Homeport (flight times to be advised)



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Owen Silo Mural; Martindale Hall; Bungaree Station; Wirrabara Silo Mural; Aridlands Botanical Gardens; Wadlata Outback Centre; Pichi Richi Railway Afghan Express; Arkaroola Wildlife Wilderness Sanctuary; Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour; Black Rock Blue Sky Exhibition; Guided Tour Leigh Creek; Blinman Underground Mine & Town Tour; Walls of China; Aboriginal Cultural Walk; Flinders Ranges Highlights - Cazneau Tree, Stokes Hill Lookout, Skytrek Willow Springs Station, Bunyeroo Valley Gorges & Lookouts; Wilpena Pound; The Jeff Morgan Gallery Panoramas; Peterborough Social History Museum - Meldonfield Miniature Collection, Lionel Noble Photo Collection; Historic Copper Mining Town of Burra; Farrell Flat Silo Mural; Maggie Beers Farm Shop; Chateau Tanunda Cellar Door Wine Tasting; Seppeltsfield Estate Tastings, Tour & Barossa Tastings; Barossa Made Wares & Food Pantry The Whispering Wall & so much more.

Optional Scenic Flights - Arkaroola & Wilpena Pound + much more!



Arkaroola Wilderness Wildlife Sanctuary

Spectacular Flinders Ranges

Barossa Valley Wine Region



Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return flights Homeport - Adelaide
- Quality coach travel
- 9 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (26 Meals)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

Tour Price Excludes:

- Optional Scenic Flights & Activities at Arkaroola & Flinders - as advised above

Ex Melbourne/Sydney: \$5398.00 per person Twin Share

Ex Brisbane/Canberra: \$5548.00 per person Twin Share

Ex Adelaide: \$4998.00 per person Twin Share

(Single Supplement \$1150.00)

A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

The tour price is indicative for travel in 2026. Final Tour Price will be confirmed when flights secured in January, 2026.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice due to operational requirements.

Deposit: A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 17 July, 2026.**

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