# South Australia



Rugged peaks, starry skies, desert tracks and rich red earth — see the best of Australia all in one place. South Australia offers a glimpse at more than 130 million years of history, from a lost world inside a giant crater at Wilpena Pound to Aboriginal culture, underground cities and outback stations. Get back to nature with a swim with sea lions, tuna or shark diving at Port Lincoln or stroll among the sea lions at Kangaroo Island. Inland, the Flinders Ranges and Outback provide a dramatic departure from the city, yet they're so easily accessible.

# Flinders Ranges and Outback

A world of dramatic mountains, forests, caves and gorges is waiting to be explored in the Flinders Ranges. See it all in spectacular fashion on a scenic flight over the towering rock walls, gorges and Aboriginal rock art of Wilpena Pound. Go hiking and spot wildlife among one of the oldest mountain ranges on earth. After a day's exploration, seek out the quintessential Australian scene at a working sheep station like Arkaba Station. Or join those in the know who head to the Prairie Hotel for native cuisine, otherwise known as 'Flinders Feral Food'.

Lose yourself in the awesome landscapes of outback South Australia. Friendly characters welcome you to their unique part of the world, with its red dirt and wide open spaces serving up the perfect mix of quirky sights and outback hospitality. There's nowhere quite like Coober Pedy. With half the town living underground to escape the summer heat, it's the biggest subterranean town in Australia. There's an underground art gallery and even an underground church. Stay in the underground Desert Cave Hotel for the full Coober Pedy experience. Head out to marvel at some unique outback scenes like The Breakaways, a striking rocky landscape with spectacular views. Take in the amazing colours at sunset. See the vivid colours of the Painted Desert and the lunar-like landscape of Moon Plain.

# Kangaroo Island

For equally spectacular scenery and wildlife around every corner, you'll find it all on Kangaroo Island. Known as the 'zoo without fences', expect to see things you'd never come across in the wild. Walk amongst amazing rock formations, meet the local sea lions on the beach or look out to the Southern Ocean as far as the eye can see.





# **Unique Places to Stay**

# Arkaba Station, Flinders Ranges



# From \$790 PER PERSON PER NIGHT



of years of geological activity and home to spectacular outback scenery. Arkaba is a 60,000 acre sheep station, providing a quintessential Australian scene while the geological amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound lies on the northern boundary of the property. The 1850s homestead offers guests a taste of classic Australian country hospitality. For bush walking, photography, Aboriginal rock art or just soaking up the sights and sounds of the bush, the Flinders Ranges is in a class of its own



The Flinders Ranges are one of Australia's most ancient landscapes, moulded by hundreds of millions

#### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Pool Open bar
- Guest library
- Air-conditioning
- Private ensuite
- Sheep station activities
- Wilpena Pound scenic flights
- Mountain bike riding
- Wildlife viewing
- Bush walks 4WD safaris



## **GETTING THERE:**

Arkaba Station is a 75 minute drive from Port Augusta and 4 hours 30 minutes from Adelaide. Return vehicle transfers from Hawker Airstrip are included in your package. Vehicle transfers are available from Port Augusta - from \$320 one way for up to 4 people. We can also arrange Avis car hire or air transfers from Adelaide for you.

Hawker 25km Port Augusta 130km Map page 38 Ref. 3

#### INCLUDES:

- All meals and selected open bar beverages daily
- Return vehicle transfers from Hawker Airstrip
- Scheduled daily activities and guided tours including 4WD safaris, mountain biking and wildlife viewing

## PRICE PER PERSON

1 APR 11 – 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	2 NTS	EXTRA NTS
Homestead Suite	2	\$1580	\$790

4 Day/3 Night Walking Safari also available.

Children 0 to 7 years - not catered for.

8 to 16 years - \$395 per night when sharing

From \$98 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

with 2 adults.

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# Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, Flinders Ranges









## Corner High Street and West Terrace, Parachilna, Flinders Ranges

The Prairie Hotel perfectly blends outback adventure with a slice of city luxury.

Parachilna has an official population of just two but its remoteness adds to the pleasure of its one and only hotel. Here, you'll find great character, charm, creature comforts and superb cuisine including the famous 'Flinders Feral Food' - bush food and Australian native cuisine. And all this still only 30 minutes drive from the famous Parachilna and Brachina Gorges of the Flinders Ranges National

The Prairie Hotel is truly an oasis on the plains of the Flinders Ranges.

## PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Restaurant Pool Air-conditioning
- Spa bath (Executive rooms)
- 4WD tours Scenic flights

## **GETTING THERE:**

Parachilna is 470km north of Adelaide. We can arrange Avis car hire for you.

Hawker 90km Map page 38 Ref. 2

# PRICE PER PERSON

1 APR 11 – 8 JAN, 27 FEB – 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	1 NT	EXTRA NTS
Heritage	1	\$195	\$195
	2	\$98	\$98
Deluxe	1	\$225	\$225
	2	\$113	\$113
Executive	1	\$320	\$320
	2	\$160	\$160

Prairie Hotel is closed 9 Jan - 26 Feb 12.

Children 0 to 2 years - cot/bed charge payable direct. 3 to 14 years - adult prices apply. Max capacity Heritage - 2, Deluxe - 3, Executive - 5.

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# Southern Ocean Lodge

From \$990 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

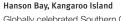












Globally celebrated Southern Ocean Lodge offers a unique fusion of nature and luxury. Blending seamlessly with the pristine landscape atop limestone cliffs and white-sanded beaches, guests are invited to enjoy the Lodge as their luxe island home.

Southern Ocean Lodge delivers the quintessential Kangaroo Island experience. A signature itinerary of selected guided island excursions is designed daily and included in your stay, allowing you to encounter abundant wildlife in a 'zoo without fences' and discover the Island's unique natural attractions, often with exclusive access and always with a touch of luxe.

Twenty-one suites commanding mesmerising views of the Southern Ocean cantilever along the coast, creating the ultimate fusion between a breathtaking wilderness setting and unbridled creature comforts.

Dining at Southern Ocean Lodge is both a dynamic delight for the senses and a true gastronomic journey of Kangaroo Island, supported by a profusion of fresh seafood, unique local produce and the acclaimed vignerons of South Australia's Coonawarra, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills and Clare Valley regions. The daily changing menu honours these fine local ingredients with a cuisine style at once sophisticated and simple to promote the intense purity of flavours and to create a very special dining experience, unique to the island and to Southern Ocean Lodge.



## PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Southern Spa (day spa) Restaurant Fireplace
- CD, DVD and reference library Ocean views



Kingscote on Kangaroo Island is 35 minutes by air from Adelaide. Return 60 minute vehicle transfers meeting scheduled flights into Kingscote are included in your package. We can also arrange private charter flights from Adelaide and transfers from Kingscote and Snug Cove for you.

Kingscote Airport 8okm Map page 38 Ref. 4

# INCLUDES:

- All dining daily
- In-suite bar
- Selected premium wines and spirits daily
- A bottle of Bollinger champagne on arrival
- Selected guided Kangaroo Island touring experiences ■ Two \$50 Southern Spa treatment vouchers per
- room per stay
- Full day tour with Exceptional Kangaroo Island
- Return transfers for scheduled flights from Kingscote Airport



- Bar Guest lounge Complimentary in-suite bar
- Guided touring experiences and adventures including Seal Bay, sunset drinks, scenic coastal walk and Flinders Chase National Park

# PRICE PER PERSON

1 APR – 16 DEC 11, 9 JAN – 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	4 NTS	EXTRA NTS
Flinders Suite	2	\$3960	\$990
Ocean Retreat/Ocean Family	2	\$4800	\$1200
Remarkable Suite	2	\$6000	\$1500
Osprey Pavilion	2	\$7200	\$1800

Other prices apply 17 Dec 11-8 Jan 12.

0 to 5 years - not catered for.

6 to 17 years - \$350 per night when sharing

with 2 adults

Max capacity Flinders Suite/Ocean Retreat/Remarkable Suite/Osprey Pavilion - 2, Ocean Family - 4.



# Unique Places to Stay and Unique Experiences

# Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy









#### **Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy**

Experience underground living at one of the world's only underground hotels in the centre of the Australian outback.

The Desert Cave Hotel allows you to experience dugout style living, underground shops, bar and opal display areas – all within sandstone surrounds in the heart of Coober Pedy, the opal capital of the world.

Tour this underground township, see how the locals live and learn about its history. Visit The Breakaways; colourful sandstone outcrops unique to this amazing desert landscape. Tour a working mine and learn about opals. Supplied with a hard hat, torch and handpick, you'll even have the opportunity to noodle for your very own piece of opal!

#### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Restaurant
- Café
- Bar
- Room service (limited)
- Poo
- Underground shopping arcade
- Private ensuite

#### **GETTING THERE:**

Desert Cave Hotel is a 2 hour flight from Adelaide. We can arrange flights for you. Transfers from Coober Pedy Airport are included in your package.

Town Centre 3km Map page 38 Ref. 1

#### NCLUDES:

- Light breakfast daily Dinner on first evening
- Return transfers from Coober Pedy Airport or coach terminal
- Desert Cave tour
- Down and Dirty Opal Mining tour
- Transfer to the 'Jewellers Shop' to noodle for opals

## PRICE PER PERSON

1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12	ADULT	2 NTS	EXTRA NTS
Hotel Room Underground	1	\$816	\$240
-	2	\$566	\$120
	3	\$510	\$80

Extra nights are room only. Standard Hotel Aboveground rooms also available.

Children 0 to 11 years – prices on application

Max capacity 3. DESCPD

# **Shark Diving Expeditions**







# HIGHLIGHTS:

- Up close encounters with Great White sharks
- Surface cage diving available for non certified divers
- World exclusive ocean floor diving for certified divers
- Island shore excursions on tender boat
- Small group tours with maximum of 12 passengers
- Special talks on Great White shark biology and research
- Most expeditions hosted by Andrew and/or Rodney Fox

Travel out through the sheltered gulf waters and islands of the Spencer Gulf and Thorny Passage from Port Lincoln, for the ultimate shark expedition aboard the comfortable and spacious 23 metre 'Princess II'.

Departing Port Lincoln, stop along the way to the Neptune Islands for the opportunity to swim with extremely cute and photogenic Australian sea lions. Once on location at the Neptunes, watch out for the sharks and start the cage diving.

Non certified divers can participate in the regular surface cage dives simply by breathing air from a 'hookah line', a surface fed air supply. Here the cage floats right at the water surface and is fixed directly to the boat with full instruction given by the dive masters on board.

Divers are encouraged to enter and exit the cages at leisure and each ocean floor dive has a dive master crew in the cage to safely escort you and your cage buddies. Here you can experience Great White sharks face to face in their domain

and experience the local sea life, the world's largest sting-rays, southern eagle rays, southern blue gropers and many other endemic fish species.

There is plenty of time to relax, or just enjoy the shark action topside. Activities revolve around the shark activity, meal times and special talks. Evenings are free to stargaze, view the day's video and pictures or just some storytelling.

The Princess II features warm freshwater showers, a spacious saloon and a tender boat for touring around the islands.

## INCLUDES:

- 3 or 4 nights on board accommodation with private facilities
- Local experienced and qualified crew
- Three shark viewing cages
- Great White shark biology and research talks
- All meals and soft drinks whilst on board
- Licensed bar on board (alcoholic drinks own expense)

Departs: Selected departures from Port Lincoln Marina

(May - Oct, Dec - Feb)

3 Night/2 Day Expedition: 2pm 4 Night/3 Day Expedition: 9pm

Concludes: 9am

PRICE PER PERSON:

1 MAY – 31 OCT, 1 DEC 11 – 29 FEB 12 3 NIGHT/2 DAY 4 NIGHT/3 DAY

Adult twin share

\$1995

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Dive certification required for ocean floor cage dives. Itinerary and locations visited subject to weather conditions. Dive gear available for him.

RODNEY FOX SHARK EXPEDITIONS

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# **Unique Experiences**



Set off on an unforgettable underwater adventure in beautiful Port Lincoln on the Eyre Peninsula. These fascinating puppy dogs of the sea will welcome you to the crystal clear waters of Seal Cove. Watch them as they bound out to the boat with excitement to begin their awaited performance. These inquisitive sea mammals will engage you in their underwater production. The somersaults, back flips, graceful swirls and the leaps and twists out of the water right in front of you will fascinate and amaze you! Join in and become part of their underwater playground!

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Wetsuit Mask, snorkel and fins
- Morning tea Light lunch Tea and coffee

Tue, Thu, Sun from Marina Hotel boarding pontoon, Jubilee Drive,

Port Lincoln at 8am

Returns: 12:30pm

## TRAVELPOINT BONUS

Book this tour and receive a 50% discount off the Swim with the Tuna tour.



PRICE PER PERSON: 1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12 Adult \$195 Child 5-16 years \$135

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# Swim with the Tuna



Experience the adrenaline rush of swimming with the stunning Bluefin tuna. Get up close with these lightening fast, immense fish that will effortlessly speed past you in the water. Imagine having mammoth fish heading straight toward you. Have them surround you in a feeding frenzy and create a surge that will make you feel part of their pursuit of the bait! View these fish from an underwater viewing tunnel, and hand feed them if you dare!

#### INCLUDES:

- A swim with the tuna Underwater viewing platform
- Sashimi tasting Wetsuit
- Mask, snorkel and fins

From Marina Hotel boarding pontoon, Jubilee Drive, Port Lincoln

Mon, Wed, Fri at 10:30am Sat, Sun at 1:30pm

Mon, Wed, Fri at 12:30pm Returns:

Sat, Sun at 3:30pm



PRICE PER PERSON:	1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12
Adult	\$95
Pensioner	\$85
Child 5-16 years	\$65
Family 2 adults and 3 children	\$255

# Kangaroo Island Sea Lion and Wildlife Adventure



Discover Kangaroo Island's unique wildlife on a personalised small 4WD tour. Walk down country tracks through tall eucalyptus trees and see koalas overhead. Travel through some of the island's best farming country to the north coast. At Lathami Conservation Park walk quietly through the bush with your guide, discovering the noises and tracks of wildlife. Look for wallabies and kangaroos found only on the island. At Seal Bay Conservation Park walk with your guide among Australian sea lions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf. See old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology. Finish the afternoon exploring the south east region of the island with destinations and experiences chosen to reflect seasonal opportunities.

## INCLUDES:

Returns:

- Private Australian sea lion experience Home baked morning tea
- Elegant barbecue lunch and wine at a private bush lunch site
- Return transfers from Kangaroo Island Airport or accommodation

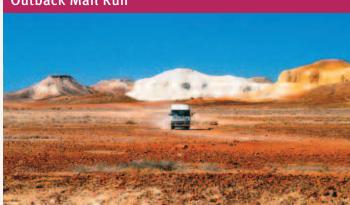
Daily from Kingscote Airport or selected Kangaroo Island accommodation at

9am 6pm

PRICE PER PERSON: 1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12 \$377

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# Outback Mail Run



Join the famous Outback Mail Run tour as it travels by 4WD vehicle over a triangle between Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta and William Creek. Visit points of interest and deliver mailbags to all the remote cattle stations on the way. The route covers over 600 kilometres of colourful terrain, passing historic ruins and monuments and part of the Overland Telegraph Line. Also visit bores and cattle station homesteads.

## INCLUDES:

- Visit Oodnadatta and William Creek
- See remote townships
- Visit cattle station homesteads
- See wild flora and fauna
- Drop-off at Coober Pedy accommodation

Mon and Thu (except public holidays) from the Underground Book Store, Departs:

Post Office Hill Road, Coober Pedy at 9am

10pm Returns:

PRICE PER PERSON: 1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12 \$195 Child 6-12 years \$195 Not suitable for children under 6 years.

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