





South Australian Outback
10 Days
Fully Hosted
15 - 24 March 2024

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Adelaide
- Port Augusta
- Coober Pedy
- William Creek
- Marree
- Lake Eyre Scenic Flight
- Flinders Ranges
- Wilpena Pound
- Clare Valley

INCLUDES:

- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 9 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours & **Airport Transfers** as per itinerary
- **Local** Driver/Guide
- **Fully Hosted** from Adelaide - Host will fly in from Brisbane

EXCLUDES:

- Flights
- Any meals, transfers or sightseeing other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Travel Insurance

Priced from \$7,873* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, Sole Use and subject to availability. Price is correct as at 27 September 2024. *Based on Land Only. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Host travels from Brisbane. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 99



Day 1 – Friday 15 March 2024
Arrive Adelaide

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Welcome to our tour to Outback South Australia. This is an outback adventure not to be missed!

Uncover some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the country as we embark on an unforgettable trip, visiting the unique Flinders Ranges, historic Marree and the quirky underground town of Coober Pedy and the truly natural wonder of Lake Eyre.

On arrival we transfer to our hotel for check in and have the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we meet up at our hotel for our welcome dinner.

Accommodation – Hilton International Adelaide or similar (1 Night)

Please note: - *Do not book any flights prior to speaking with reservations and confirming what time the coach will be departing Adelaide Domestic Airport.*

Day 2 – Saturday 16 March 2024
Adelaide – Port Augusta

B-L-D

Following breakfast we depart Adelaide and our morning drive takes us to **Port Augusta**, located on the Spencer Gulf. Port Augusta was once a major port and railway hub supported the outback areas and the pastoral industry. Now the city is embracing new industry including renewable energy technologies.

Here we visit the **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens** for lunch and a guided tour. The gardens were opened in 1996 and provide a national focus for arid zone ecosystem conservation and promoting its economic importance for Australia. It also aims to increase both popular and scientific understanding of the arid zone environment as most Australians live in densely populated coastal regions and few are familiar with the unique plant and animal life which flourishes in arid Australia.

Next we head to **Wadlata Outback Centre**. It is here, through 'hands on' displays and audiovisual presentations that the outback culture, its history and the incredible achievements of both the Aboriginal and European people are graphically displayed. The stories of John McDouall Stuart, who was the first European to cross the continent from South to North and several other early pioneers are told at Wadlata – be sure to hear them and then appreciate the hardships these explorers endured travelling through this desolate country nearly 150 years ago.

After checking in, we have time to freshen up before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Accommodation – Standpipe Golf Motor Inn or similar (1 Night)



Day 3 – Sunday 17 March 2024
Port August – Coober Pedy

B-D

After breakfast we check out and head further north, arriving at **Woomera**, home of the testing site of long range missiles and rockets. It remains the largest land based range in the world and we have a chance to discover its interesting history as the **Heritage Centre**.

This afternoon we head to **Coober Pedy** – Australia's opal capital. Beneath the ground, there is a labyrinth of underground houses, hotels and even shops tucked under the earth's surface to escape the extreme heat in summer.

We check into our accommodation and meet this evening for dinner.

Accommodation – Desert Cave Hotel or similar (2 Nights)

Day 4 – Monday 18 March 2024
Coober Pedy

B-D

Following breakfast we are joined by a **local guide** who will introduce us to the region this morning.

We are in for an interesting journey as we take a town tour and visit a mine, an underground church, the **Big Winch Lookout** and **Coober Pedy's Opal Fields Golf Course**, the only course in the world with reciprocal rights to Saint Andrews (the home of golf) in Scotland.

We will have time to wander town to purchase lunch before heading to **The Breakaways**. This reserve consists of spectacular flat topped, colourful mounds that have risen from the desert floor.

Return to freshen up this evening before we make our way out to dinner tonight at **John's Pizza Bar**.

Day 5 – Tuesday 19 March 2024
Coober Pedy - Marree

B-L-D

Check out after breakfast and say goodbye to Coober Pedy as today we board the coach for a travel day following the **legendary Oodnadatta Track**

We arrive at the tiny town of **William Creek** where we will stop for lunch.

The rest of the afternoon is spent travelling to **Marree**.

Our accommodation is the Marree Hotel Motel and located out the front of the hotel are the remains of the Ghan Railway that once was an integral part of the town's history. We'll check in and freshen up before coming together for dinner.

Accommodation – Marree Hotel Motel or similar (2 Nights)



Day 6 – Wednesday 20 March 2024
Lake Eyre

B-L-D

After breakfast we take to the skies and embark on an incredible **scenic flight*** to look at the spectacular **Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre**.

Departing Marree, we take in all the highlights of the region including the **Dog Fence** and the **Marree Man**. This is a unique and spectacular opportunity to see this iconic Australian landmark.

Lunch is included today before we return to our accommodation and have some time at leisure.

We come together this evening for dinner in the motel.

**Scenic Flights are subject to weather conditions. All passengers will be required to advise their weight at the time of booking which will be passed to the flight operator.*

Should you not wish to participate in this excursion please advise reservations when you are making your booking.

Day 7 – Thursday 21 March 2024
Marree – Wilpena Pound

B-L-D

We have a leisurely morning today before checking out and heading south, stopping at **Farina**, once a thriving town that served a huge area with mail runs reaching as far away as Innamincka and Cordillo Downs. The town is no longer inhabited but there is a group of dedicated volunteers eager to bring the small settlement back to life.

The locals have been restoring crumbling buildings and putting stories of previous residents on show throughout what was once a close-knit outback community. After walking through the ruins and reading the stories, we can only imagine how harsh life must have been one hundred years ago, when many people called this place home.

We then make our way to **Leigh Creek for lunch** before reaching our destination **Wilpena Pound**.

Upon arrival we enjoy the **Welcome to Country ceremony** offered by the Adnyamathanha or Yara staff with traditional songs and stories about the landscape.

After checking into our rooms we'll come together for dinner.

Accommodation – Wilpena Pound Resort or similar (2 Nights)



Day 8 – Friday 22 March 2024
Flinders Ranges

B-L-D

Uncover the dramatic gorges and spectacular peaks of the Flinders Ranges today.

After breakfast we meet our **local guide** who will take us on an insider's tour of this stunning national park. We adventure into the gorges to explore the landscape whilst hearing stories and seeing more than 800 million years of geological history.

Wrap warmly as late afternoon we'll drive to **Stokes Hill for Sundowners** – nibbles and drinks as we watch the sun set with a spectacular backdrop.

Day 9 – Saturday 23 March 2024
Wilpena Pound - Clare

B-D

Following breakfast we have an early start as we travel from Flinders Ranges to Clare today.

We stop for convenience breaks and to purchase lunch before travelling through **Hawker** where we have time to visit **Jeff Morgan's Gallery** where we not only see, but experience "**Wilpena Panorama**". This is a 360° view as seen from St Mary's Peak, the highest point of Wilpena Pound. The endless painting will have us mesmerised.

We continue on to **Clare** for our final night on tour together. Check in to your room, refresh and then meet the group once more for our **farewell dinner**.

Accommodation – Clare Country Club or similar (1 Night)

Day 10 – Sunday 24 March 2024
Clare – Adelaide Airport

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Check out after breakfast this morning before we board the coach bound for Adelaide.

We stop at **Bungaree Station**, a merino sheep station established in 1841 and still maintained by the descendants of the original founder. A member of the family will give us a wonderful insight into nineteenth century station life with a guided tour and delicious morning tea.

This afternoon we stop for convenience breaks and time to purchase lunch before arriving at Adelaide Airport in time for our flights home.

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Please note: All care has been taken in preparing this itinerary however changes can happen.