



Desert Sky Tours Personalised Tours 2012



5 day Tumby Bay and Eyre Peninsula

Day 1

Your holiday commences with home pick up, following which we take Highway 1 along Spencer Gulf to Port Wakefield. After a morning tea break, we continue north through the towns of Lochiel, Red Hill and Port Germein, to Port Augusta, at the head of Spencer Gulf and in close proximity to The Flinders Ranges.

Travelling down the western side of the Gulf, we pass through Whyalla, one of the largest regional centres in South Australia, and on to the small harbour side township of Cowell, which is recognised as having the oldest and one of the largest jade deposits in the world, with a variety of colours and patterns not found elsewhere. Oyster farming is a relatively new but thriving industry in this community and a large percentage of South Australia's oyster supply came from Cowell last year. We call in to the delightful coastal towns of Arno Bay and Port Neill before arriving in Tumby Bay.

Overnight: Sea Breeze Hotel Tumby Bay

Day 2

We travel along the Bratten Way to the town of Cummins—home of the Kalamazoo Races! Continuing westward, The Bratten Way ends at Kapinnie, and it is a short drive to Mount Hope, and Point Drummond—named by Capt Matthew Flinders on his 1801 discovery of Southern Australia. This is the western side of Eyre Peninsula, with views to The Great Australian Bight. A little to the north is Leo Cummings Monument Lookout, which affords an uninterrupted view from Point Drummond in the south to the rugged cliffs of Sheringa in the north

We follow the coast south, on the Flinders Highway, visiting Coles Point and Greenly Beach to Dutton Bay, Wangary and Coffin Bay.

An interesting return route takes us through Wanilla and Edilillie to the Koppio Museum, which reflects farming activities prior to the late 1940s.

Restored buildings include 'Glenleigh', a pine-log thatched-roof shepherd's hut, and the Koppio School house with its collections of photographs, early firearms and clerical machines.

Overnight: Sea Breeze Hotel Tumby Bay

Day 3

We leave on the Trinity Haven Scenic Drive which takes us past beautiful long white sandy beaches and rock headlands.

This popular drive opens up a whole range of secluded sandy beaches, sheltered bays and interesting rock formations, including Second Creek— a tidal estuary into the mangrove eco system, nursery of the sea. Here there is an abundant and diverse range of bird life.

Taking the White River Road with the rolling Koppio Hills in the distance brings us to the Lincoln Highway.

St Matthews Anglican Church Poonindie, was an integral part of the Poonindie Native Training Institution — (*Later known as the Poonindie Mission Station*).

It was built in 1850 and survived the 2005 bushfires, which swept through the area. Morning tea at a church with a chimney!

We continue to Port Lincoln for a tour of the city and lunch.

Massive wind-sculpted sand dunes, pounding surf and limestone cliffs characterise the breathtaking Sleaford Bay coastline, on our drive approx 35kms south of Port Lincoln.

The scenic drive known as Whalers Way takes us to some of the most spectacular stretches of coastline in the State. Whalers Way is on private property, and is a wonderland of cliffs, blowholes, Crevasses and beaches!

Our return to Tumby Bay is via White Flat, and the Tod Reservoir.

Overnight: Sea Breeze Hotel Tumby Bay

Day 4

Our day starts with a Clydesdale Horse & Trolley Ride!

Tour the town and see local points of interest on a unique attraction to Tumby Bay following which we take a scenic coast drive connecting Tumby Bay and Port Neill townships. Along the way we visit the beautiful beaches of Lipson Cove, Cowleys Beach and Carrow Wells.

At Port Neill we join the Lincoln Highway to Arno Bay, Cowell and Whyalla, then through to Port Augusta for a visit to the Arid Lands Botanical Gardens.

Overnight : Pastoral Motel Port Augusta

Day 5

We enter the Flinders Ranges via Horrock's Pass to Wilmington. Surrounded by park lands and the Willochra Plain spreading eastward, it is easy to see why Wilmington was first known as Beautiful Valley by the pioneers who settled in the region in the mid 1850s.

Our lunch stop is Orroroo, close to Goyder's Line and predominately a farming community with around 800 residents Fledgling industries in the "pipeline" include olives, sandstone mining, and tourism We continue to Burra and taking the World's End Highway through Eudunda and Kapunda, arrive back in Adelaide approximately 6pm.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- All meals from start to finish and hotel accommodation (twin share) plus meals where indicated. (Alcoholic drinks are not included).
- Tour costs do not include additional accommodation, meals and incidental expenses resulting from flooding, natural delays, unavailable connections or other unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is recommended for these instances.
- Entry fees to attractions specified

Package Fare: \$1525 per person

Departure date: Saturday 13th October

