2027

Desert Sky Tours

Proudly Presents

The Gawler Ranges
&
Nilpena Ediacara National Park

7 days - $3960 per person

Includes
Accommodation and all Meals



Departure Date
Friday 27th August 2027

Desert Sky Tours - General Information

TRAVEL ROUTINE

The distance travelled in any day will depend on the general road conditions and sightseeing opportunities along the way. After morning departure at 7.30am, we take a break at around 10.30am and stop for lunch between 12.00-1.00pm, and an afternoon break approximately 3.00pm.
Other stops are taken for photos, exploring and recreation.

MEDICAL

We carry a comprehensive First Aid kit, and have an accredited Senior First Aid staff member on hand on all tours.
Due to the nature of outback travel, and the vast distances involved, anyone with health problems, should give proper consideration to undertaking this trip, and seek their doctor's advice if necessary.

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.

TOUR VEHICLES

Travel is in a Toyota Landcruiser 4WD vehicle
For your safety we carry an HF Radio with Royal Flying Doctor frequencies, and a satellite telephone.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

Comfortable casual clothes, for warm to hot days, and cool to cold nights, stout comfortable shoes, and hat. (Most people bring more clothes than they ever use, so consider carefully, and keep your baggage to a minimum),
a camera, with plenty of film and a torch.

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Your Itinerary 2027

CENTRAL EYRE PENINSULA & GAWLER RANGES

Day 1

We travel along Highway One through the towns of Port Wakefield, and Port Germein to Port Augusta for lunch at the Wadlata Café.
Our journey continues through Iron Knob, and Kimba to Wudinna on Eyre Peninsula.

Overnight: Wudinna Motel

Day 2
After breakfast, we take a day trip within the Gawler Ranges National Park, visiting Old Paney Homestead, Kolay Mirica Falls (Organ Pipe Formation) , Kolay Hut and the Old Paney Shearing Shed. We leave the Park on the Barnes Road to Wudinna, visiting Mt Wudinna, Polda Rock and The Australian Farmer Granite Sculpture.

Overnight: Wudinna Motel

Day 3
A short distance from Minnipa is Pildappa Rock (South Australia's "wave rock").
Another inselberg formation is Tcharkulda Rock along the Bockelberg Road which takes us to Wudinna where we pick up the road to Uncontitchie Hill.
Around the base of the hill can be seen unique wave structures indicating previous levels of long since eroded soils. Our return to the Tod Highway is via Cocata Hill and Kyancutta.

Overnight: Wudinna Motel

Day 4
Leaving Minnipa this morning, we take the Yardea Road to Mt Yardea, where we meet the Hiltaba Road to take us to Mt Ive Station in the heart of the Gawler Ranges.
We call in to the Tourist Resort to pick up an access key to Lake Gairdner then visit the third largest salt lake in Australia!
Heading east, we pass the sheep stations of Kolendo, Nonning, Siam and Corunna to Iron Knob where the Eyre Highway leads to Port Augusta.

Overnight: Pastoral Motel Pt Augusta

Day 5

We travel through Horrocks Pass to Wilmington, then Quorn .
Here we pick up the Arden Vale Road to Warren Gorge, a known habitat for yellow footed rock wallabies.

Continuing along the Arden Vale Road we pass the lonely grave of Hugh Proby who died on

30 August 1852. In 1851 Proby had taken three leases, two of which totalling 101 square miles were the start of Kanyaka. He had ridden after a mob of cattle which had broken away during a severe thunderstorm. On his way back he found the Willochra Creek was flooding, and he was cut off; he attempted to cross, but it was running fast and deep and he drowned.

We visit the extensive ruins of Kanyaka Station.
Our journey continues to Hawker where there is opportunity to view the Jeff Morgan Gallery which features painted panoramas of the Flinders Ranges

Overnight: Hawker Motel (08) 8648 4102

Day 6

After breakfast we travel north to Parachilna and a little further to Nilpena.to meet the 10am

Ediacara Experience tour and one of the most significant fossil sites in the world in both quality and quantity of fossils.

Here you will see the Ediacaran fossils which are over 550 million years old and some of the

oldest in the world. These fossil sites are protected, and it is not possible to visit them on your own so on the visit we will be guided by one of the expert scientists working on the excavations. View a snapshot of how these ancient animals lived and walk on the ancient sea floor and discover how these fossils have been so exquisitely preserved after being buried for over 550 million years.

We return to Hawker via Brachina Gorge, Bunyeroo Valley and Wilpena Pound.

Overnight: Hawker Motel (08) 8648 4102

Day 7

Leaving Hawker , we return to Adelaide via Orroroo, Terowie and Burra.
We anticipate arrival in Adelaide around 5.30pm.



Tour Includes:

7 days escorted 4WD touring

ACCOMMODATION
3 nights Wudinna Motel.
1 night Pastoral Motel Pt Augusta.
2 nights Hawker Motel.

MEALS
All Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners.
Morning & Afternoon Tea.

Attractions

Entry fee	Nilpena Ediacara National Park.
Entry fee	Jeff Morgan Gallery Hawker.

Complimentary pick up and set down in Adelaide metropolitan area

FARES (2027)

Per person twin share	:	AUD $3750 pp
Single Supplement	:	AUD $ 450 pp
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