Desert Sky Tours
Personalised Tours 2027



9 day Eyre Peninsula and Head of Bight

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: Tumby Bay Motel

Day 2

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.

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!
After visiting some of the many attractions, including Cape Wiles, The Sink Hole, Cape Carnot and Theakstone's Crevasse we head to Coffin Bay.

Overnight: Coffin Bay Motel

Day 3

The Coffin Bay National Park offers some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in South Australia, ranging from ancient granite, limestone and sandstone cliffs to long beaches bordered by white sand dunes. Special attractions are Gunyah Beach, Point Avoid, Golden Island and Yangie Bay.

After a look around one of the many oyster farms in Coffin Bay, we head up the coast, keeping an eye out for a poignant reminder of our pioneering past. The Lake Hamilton Eating House is on the Flinders Highway near Sheringa between Coffin Bay and Elliston!

Between Elliston and Port Kenny we inspect the Talia Caves and the small township of Venus Bay.

Our destination today is the scenic town of Streaky Bay.

Overnight: Streaky Bay Villas Motel

Day 4

A day exploring the area around Streaky Bay, including the scenic Westall Way Coastal drive and Cape Bauer Loop Coastal drive.
Visit Murphy's Haystacks - ancient, wind-worn pillars and boulders of pink granite estimated to be over 1,500 million years old and a fine example of inselberg formation.
Nearby is Point Labatt which has the only permanent Sea Lion breeding colony on the mainland!

Overnight: Streaky Bay Villas Motel

Day 5

Anticipation today as we head further along the coast towards Nullarbor!

Leaving Streaky Bay, we pass through Haslam and Smoky Bay to Ceduna for a brief stop.
(We have a night in Ceduna on our return leg).

Amongst Australian surfers Cactus Beach is regarded as having some of the best left and right hand breaks in the country. Cactus itself was actually called Point Sinclair and was given its current name by the first guys who drove up there, looking for surf. Well, when they first saw it, the surf was pretty poor and someone said, "this place is cactus!" meaning no good and boy, how wrong they were, as Cactus is now regarded as one of the best breaks in Oz!

A little further is Fowlers Bay (which was originally surveyed as the town of Yalata in March 1890. It was changed to Fowlers Bay on 19 September 1940),

Southern Right Whales visit the Head of the Bight between June and October every year to give birth, mate and socialise. It is one of the best places in the world to see these great marine mammals. A cliff-top boardwalk to a viewing platform provides access to where migrating whales may be seen. The location also provides views of the Bunda Cliffs to the west and the giant sand dunes and long beaches to the east.

Overnight: Nullarbor Roadhouse

Day 6

A 50km drive west of Nullarbor Roadhouse provides access to a couple of lookouts to the magnificent Bunda Cliffs, part of a larger scarp of the Eucla Basin that spreads across the south eastern corner of Western Australia and the far western part of South Australia.

There is opportunity to return to the Head of Bight Whale Watching area before we head back to Penong and Ceduna via Denial Bay.

Overnight: Ceduna Foreshore Motel

Day 7

Leaving Ceduna, we head inland on the Eyre Highway to Wirrulla - the town with a secret! Having discovered the secret, we continue along the highway to Minnipa and visit a number of granite outcrops in the area including Pildappa Rock (South Australia's answer to Wave Rock), Tcharkulda Rocks. –(sounds like "Charkleton"). The site was a water conservation reserve, drains were built around that granite outcrop which directed water runoff to a dam close by. This water was reticulated to the township of Minnipa some 2-3 miles distant.
Our loop drive takes us to Wudinna, Polda Rocks, Mt Wudinna and the Farmers" Monument.

Overnight: Wudinna Motel

Day 8

Today we enter the Gawler Ranges National Park via the Minnipa/Yardea road and one of the first attractions is Old Paney Homestead – one home to a couple and their 11 children!
A 4WD track near the old shearing shed leads to Kolay Mirica Falls, and the "Organ Pipes"- an outstanding example of a Rhyolite outcrop.
Leaving the eastern boundary of the National Park, we arrive in Kimba (The town halfway across Australia) for lunch, then on to Iron Knob and Port Augusta.

Overnight: Pastoral Motel Port Augusta

Day 9

We enter the Flinders Ranges through Horrocks Pass and at Melrose leave the sealed road for a little used track and onto a ridgetop with stunning views of Gulf St. Vincent.

The locals call this the Bridle Track or the Bridal Path because when the Germein Gorge was used for transporting grain and wool to Port Germein from the eastern farm country, it would have been very busy with wagons, with horse teams and bullock teams, so this was used to drive stock over.
Down on the flat and the tour heads back into the network of tracks branching off from the Germein Gorge, past reminders of our early pastoral history.

Our return to Adelaide is via the Clare Valley.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- All meals from start to finish and hotel/motel accommodation (twin share) (Alcoholic drinks are not included).
- Morning/afternoon teas
- Entry fees to attractions specified
- Home pick-up within Adelaide metropolitan area

Package Fare: $5335pp
Single Supplement $500

Departure date Saturday 7th August 2027

