



Flinders Ranges Guided Walking Tour

On this 7-day Flinders Ranges walking tour you'll enjoy a fantastic selection of walks in South Australia's longest, oldest and most fascinating mountain range. In a series of day walks, carrying only a day-pack, you'll discover a variety of areas within the Flinders Ranges, like Mt. Remarkable National Park, Dutchman's Stern, Wilpena Pound and the northern sections of the Flinders Ranges National Park. Walk through stands of northern cypress-pine, open woodlands, hilltop heath and amazing gorges, all the while enjoying vistas of sweeping plains and endless mountain ranges. Nature is truly at its best in the Flinders Ranges. There are some medium-hard sections on rocky terrain, but people with a moderate level of fitness can complete the walks. Preparation will make the experience all the more enjoyable. A mix of excellent home-made food, six restaurant meals, comfortable motel style accommodation and knowledgeable guides will complement your trip. Join us on our Flinders Ranges highlights tour and tick this amazing and diverse region off your bucket list.

Inclusions

All transport: private coach transport to and from Adelaide as well as transport to and from the track each day

- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 6 night's comfortable accommodation
- 6 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 7 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 6 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics • Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 6 delicious two course dinners

Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

Arrive: Adelaide

Depart: Adelaide

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size: 12 guests maximum

Average Age: 55-75

Activity Level: Moderate

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Our tour focuses on walks within the most spectacular 200 km section of the Flinders Ranges.



Visit Mount Remarkable National Park, Dutchman's Stern, Wilpena Pound and the remote northern sections of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park.

What to expect



We will enjoy a combination of delicious home-cooked food prepared by the guides and meals at local establishments.



The accommodation is clean and comfortable. A hot shower will be welcoming after spending the day exploring.



Average Temperature (degrees)
May: 7 min - 20 max
August: 4 min - 18 max

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Itinerary

Enjoy a fantastic selection of guided walks amongst South Australia's longest, oldest and most fascinating mountain range.

Day 1

ADELAIDE TO QUORN + ALLIGATOR GORGE WALK

With an 8am pick up in central Adelaide, we'll head north to the very start of the Flinders Ranges. ? Our first stop is Crystal Brook for morning tea then on to Mt. Remarkable National Park via Melrose, where we'll enjoy a picnic lunch. After lunch we'll head out to the beautiful Alligator Gorge for a short easy walk through the vivid red quartzite gorge. ? Note, as we walk on the first afternoon, please wear your hiking clothes on the bus and bring your day pack ready to go.

Activity: 2km walk

Meals: L, D

Accommodation: Flinders Ranges Motel, Quorn (or similar)

Day 2

DUTCHMAN'S STERN

After breakfast we make our way north to our walk at Dutchman's Stern, near Quorn.

The walk today is a steep but steady incline through sugar gum forest to the top, where you will be rewarded with 360° views over the sweeping plains, Quorn and Lake Torrens in the distance. The path then makes its way through drooping she-oak woodlands back down towards the start of the walk. Along the way we cross paths with the famous long-distance Heysen Trail.

After our walk we head to Quorn, an old railway town, to have a quick wonder around and stock up on anything extra you may need. From here we make our way in to the heart of the Flinders Ranges.

Tonight we will be able to really make ourselves feel at home at our accommodation, Wilpena Pound Resort, as we will be staying for 5 nights.

Activity: 10.5km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

Day 3

BLACK GAP TO WILPENNA POUND

This morning we will drive to Black Gap to commence our walk towards Bridle Gap and the natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, following a part of the Heysen Trail.

The walk up to Bridle Gap can be quite steep and rocky in sections, but the views at the top are worth it. From Bridle Gap it's a gentle walk down in to the valley floor of Wilpena Pound through a variety of mallee, native pine and heath. These habitats provide excellent opportunities for keen naturalists to observe interesting local birds, including wrens, robins parrots and emus.

Activity: 12km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

Day 4

YULUNA HIKE

Enjoy the views along the Aroona Valley Scenic Drive as we make our way toward today's walks. The 8km Yuluna Hike begins with a bit of a climb, offering fabulous views of the Heysen Range and the outer edge of Wilpena Pound.

In the afternoon we drive through Brachina gorge, and take an easy stroll to check out rock layers and rock wallabies!

Activity: 8km Walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

Day 5

TANDERRA SADDLE (ST MARY'S PEAK)

Today you'll walking straight from your accommodation to commence one of the more challenging walks of the week.

St. Mary's Peak stands proudly above the Pound below and is central to the Adnyamathanha creation story. Aboriginal people of the Flinders Ranges ask visitors not to climb to the summit of the peak and thus we will climb as far as Tanderella Saddle with stunning views of the surrounding ranges and plains.

We will have both guides on today's walk to ensure the enjoyment and safety of everyone.

In the afternoon you may opt to do a scenic flight over the majestic ranges that we've been discovering on foot these last few days.

Activity: 15km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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Day 6

MOUNT OHLSEN BAGGE WALK & SACRED CANYON TOUR

Our walk starts at our accomodation today with a short but challenging walk, and one of the best views of Wilpena Pound. The Ohlssen Bagge requires a steepish but short climb, which is well worth it for the spectacular views of the area.

In the afternoon we are lucky to be able to enjoy a private tour at Sacred Canyon. Learn about the cultural significance of the site and the ancient rock engravings from the perspective of the Adnyamathanha people.

Activity: 6km walk + 2.5hr tour

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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Day 7

RETURN TO ADELAIDE VIA THE CLARE VALLEY

Today we will make our way back to Adelaide via the picturesque Clare Valley where we'll pick up some lunch (own expense) before heading out to one of the local wineries. Here you can taste some wine (optional own expense) or discover some of the vineyard by foot.

We expect to arrive back in Adelaide at around 4.30pm.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B

