

8 Days: Flinders Ranges & Eyre Peninsula

Adelaide – Wilpena Pound – Port Lincoln

● WILPENA POUND,
IKARA-FLINDERS RANGES NATIONAL PARK

Visit the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and soak up the incredible beauty of one of the earth's oldest landscapes at Wilpena Pound, in the heart of the traditional homeland of the Adnyamathanha (Yura) people. Owned and operated by the Yura people, Wilpena Pound Resort offers 4WD tours, Aboriginal cultural walks, nature and bush walks, and scenic flights.

South-west of Wilpena Pound lies Port Lincoln, where the pristine waters of the Eyre Peninsula are a sanctuary for some of Australia's most unique and curious marine creatures, including dolphins, Australian sea lions and the awesome great white shark.

The Journey



Duration
6 days



Nearest major city
Adelaide / Tarrintanya



Transport
On Foot,
Car, Boat, Plane



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Day 1

Depart Adelaide and drive to the Clare Valley for a visit to **Taylor's Wines**, where you'll join **The Winemaker's Table: A Journey Through the Legacy** — a guided tasting hosted by a Taylor's winemaker. Enjoy an exclusive selection of iconic, cellar-worthy wines, including the acclaimed 'Legacy', paired with a gourmet grazing board of local produce in a private setting.

Stop at Crystal Brook, home to the Big Goanna, then continue to Quorn for a slice of quandong (wild peach) pie at the charming Quandong before heading into the Flinders Ranges.

Arrive at **Wilpena Pound Resort** and check-in.

Wilpena Pound Resort, the only accommodation within Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, is the perfect base to explore its ancient landscapes, cultural history and unique biodiversity. Options include hotel rooms, safari-style glamping tents and campsites.

This evening experience a **Welcome to Country - Adnyamathanha Yarta**. Be welcomed to the area in Yura Ngawarla, the language of the Adnyamathanha people. Enjoy Aboriginal songs, traditional stories, and local information as you are welcomed to Wilpena Pound Resort and the Flinders Ranges by a Yura staff member.

Highlights



Visit Taylor's Wines for a tasting of Clare Valley's acclaimed vintages.



Pause at Crystal Brook's Big Goanna, then enjoy a slice of quandong pie at Quorn's Quandong Café.



Experience a traditional Welcome to Country at Wilpena Pound Resort.



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Day 2

This morning, join an **Akurra Adnya (Arkaroo Rock) Adnyamathanha Rock Art Cultural Walk**.

View some of the finest examples of ancient Adnyamathanha rock art. Join an Adnyamathanha guide as they walk on Country with you, identifying native flora and fauna along the scenic track. See stunning landscapes as your guide interprets the ancient ochre paintings in the cave, sharing the rich stories of their Ancestors and the time of Creation.

This afternoon, hire a bike from Reception. Ride part of the famous **Mawson Trail**, which runs from Adelaide to Blinman passing behind the Wilpena Pound Campground, or ride to Old Wilpena Station and explore the old buildings.

Highlights



Discover ancient Adnyamathanha rock art with an Aboriginal guide.



Learn about local flora, fauna, and Creation stories while walking through the stunning Ikara-Flinders Ranges.



Hire a bike and explore one of the many trails around Wilpena Pound Resort.

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Day 3

Embark on a **Lake Eyre and William Creek Scenic Flight** over Wilpena Pound and the Ikara-Flinders Ranges. Head north over Parachilna, Leigh Creek, Marree, and the famous Marree Man before reaching the stunning Lake Eyre. Land in the remote town of William Creek for lunch before the return flight over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, Andamooka opal fields, and Lake Torrens.

Tonight, enjoy an **Ikara Sunset Spectacular** tour with an Aboriginal guide.

Observe the changing colours as the sun sets over Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges. Marvel at this vast ancient landscape from a spectacular local lookout point. Beverages and canapés are provided.

Highlights



View the magnificent Lake Eyre on a scenic flight.



Witness sunset from a scenic lookout with drinks and canapés.



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Day 4

Depart Wilpena Pound for Port Lincoln.

Stop at Port Augusta, the 'crossroads of Australia', an intersection of calm blue waters, red ranges, and semi-arid deserts, for morning tea. Nearby Sundrop Farms integrates solar power, electricity generation, freshwater conservation and production, climate control, and hydroponics to enable the year-round production of premium produce.

Continue to the Eyre Peninsula, which has striking coastlines, vast sand dunes, rugged offshore islands, secluded coves, and incredible marine encounters.

Stop at Cowell and enjoy an alfresco lunch at The Franklin Harbour Hotel.

Arrive Port Lincoln and check into **Port Lincoln Hotel**.

Tonight's dining suggestions include **Del Giorno's, Sarins Restaurant, The Line & Label** and **Sharkys Bar**.

Highlights



Make a stop at the 'crossroads of Australia' – Port Augusta.



Drive past the remarkable Sundrop Farms, which successfully grows produce without fossil fuels.



Enjoy a laidback dinner with the locals at Port Lincoln.



● COFFIN BAY, AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SAFARIS,
EYRE PENINSULA

Day 5

Meet your guide from **Australian Coastal Safaris** for an unforgettable 3-day **Eyre Peninsula Wildlife & Ocean Encounter**.

Enter beautiful Coffin Bay and venture out on a cruise, joining a local oyster farmer to see two islands named 'The Brothers'. Shuck your own oysters, then enjoy a gourmet seafood platter before continuing on to Coffin Bay National Park for some wildlife spotting.

Return to Port Lincoln.

Highlights



Explore the pristine estuary at Coffin Bay on a scenic cruise.



Visit The Brothers, islands of unique paleontological significance, and tour an oyster farm with a fresh tasting.



Spot native birds and wildlife in the rugged beauty of Coffin Bay National Park.



● BAIRD BAY, AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SAFARIS,
EYRE PENINSULA

Day 6

Depart Port Lincoln for the magical Baird Bay. Take a short boat ride to the location where you will experience sea lions in their natural environment. Swim with the resident Bottlenose dolphins, then enjoy lunch before returning to Port Lincoln via Talla caves.

Highlights



Swim with Australian sea lions – one of only two places in the world where this is available.



Enjoy an up-close encounter with bottlenose dolphins in deeper waters.

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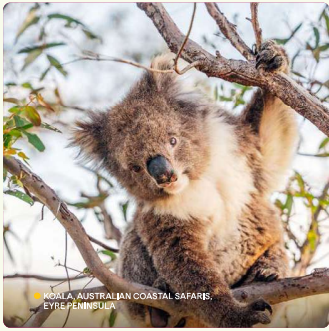


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Day 7

Head to Lincoln National Park, where rugged cliffs provide an opportunity to view native Australia birdlife. Take an optional hike to see spectacular views from the Stamford Hill Lookout. After lunch, visit the beautiful Mikkira Station to see a colony of wild koalas and emus roaming around amongst the sheep.

Highlights


-  View seabirds, shorebirds, songbirds, parrots and raptors, including osprey and White-bellied sea eagles.
-  See the koalas at Mikkira Station.



Day 8

Embark on a scenic return drive to Adelaide, passing through rugged coastal landscapes and charming towns. Stop at Elliston for stunning cliff views or grab a bite in Tumby Bay. Further along, explore Port Augusta's Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden before continuing through rolling hills towards Adelaide.

Highlights

-  Discover the beauty and resilience of Australia's arid landscapes at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden.