

DAY 3: MONDAY 24 MAY**PORT LINCOLN & WHALERS WAY****(BD)**

Early this morning we are joined by our local tour guide for a tour of the area. *Port Lincoln* is located on one of the world's largest protected natural harbours. Boston Bay stretches from the tip of the Port Lincoln National Park to Point Boston and covers an area more than 3½ times the size of Sydney Harbour. Port Lincoln was discovered by Matthew Flinders, under his commission by the British Admiralty to chart Australia's unexplored coastline. He arrived in Boston Bay in February 1802 and named the spot Port Lincoln after his native Lincolnshire in England. This is the home town of the family who own the *mighty Makybe Diva* – the only horse to ever win 3 Melbourne Cups!! On our tour, we will see a statue of the horse in the centre of the town. There is some truly wonderful scenery to be enjoyed around Port Lincoln and some quite amazing attractions of world wide significance. Port Lincoln is known as the *Seafood Capital of Australia* and today we are going to find out why. After saying farewell to our guide, we board Adventure Bay Charters for a **morning tea cruise** to a *Tuna Farm*! Not only do we get to see the Marina and some of the beautiful waterfront homes but we will also cruise to a safe, purpose built tuna farm, with a viewing platform and an underwater observatory. One of the fish we see can sell for up to \$500.00!! And for the adventurous you can actually swim with the Tuna (small extra cost for wet suit hire). On our return to shore we enjoy some free time in Port Lincoln to purchase lunch and have a browse at the shopping centre. Just 30 minutes south of the city and located on private property, we are joined by a local who will guide us to *Whalers Way*. This area offers sensational coastal views from the very tip of the Eyre Peninsula. Following a fantastic day, we return to our hotel to freshen up for dinner.

Port Lincoln Hotel 08 8621 2004

DAY 4: TUESDAY 25 MAY**PORT LINCOLN****(BLD)**

This morning we have something different in store – we experience a seafood-lover's guided tour of Port Lincoln's leading multi-species fish processing factory – *The Fresh Fish Place*. See how local fish are filleted and packaged for sale. We may get the chance to see experienced staff opening oysters or scallops (in season) and learn how to fillet the famous King George Whiting. After our tour, we get to sample a variety of tantalising products – there may be smoked fish on offer, or delicious marinated calamari, octopus or soused scallops. Lunch today is at *Roseview Emu Farm and Rose Gardens* where we'll have plenty of time to explore the fabulous gardens. Returning to town, the rest of the afternoon is free.

Port Lincoln Hotel - 08 8621 2000

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 26 MAY**THE WEST COAST****(BLD)**

Some of the most rugged and dramatic coastline on the *Eyre Peninsula* is along the west coast and, that's where we are headed today. First stop is a look at the pretty town of *Coffin Bay*, located on the shores of one of the most beautiful estuaries in Australia and surrounded by National and Conservation Parks. We enjoy a brief stop for morning tea from the coach before continuing north along the Flinders Highway to *Elliston*. A local guide in Elliston will join us on the coach and tell us some of the history (and no doubt a few local stories?) about the area. This really is a stunning area, particularly the appropriately named *Great Ocean View* – a section of cliff stop roadway with some remarkable views of the Great Australian Bight and Waterloo Bay.

We will enjoy a lunch with some of the locals before continuing north to Streaky Bay for our overnight stop.

The Streaky Bay Hotel/Motel - 08 8626 1008

DAY 6: THURSDAY 27 MAY**STREAKY BAY – PORT AUGUSTA****(BLD)**

Just to the south of *Streaky Bay* are further examples of the rugged and dramatic coastline that dominate this part of the world. This morning we are going to make a visit to *Point Labatt* – an isolated and beautiful place that is home to a colony of *Australian Sea Lions*. From the lookout on top of the cliffs we can view the seals basking in the sun on the rocks below. The views along the coast and out into the *Great Australian Bight* are sensational. Between July and October southern right whales may also be seen. From Point Labatt we head back towards the Flinders Highway, stopping at *Murphys Haystacks* for our morning tea from the coach. Murphy's Hay Stacks were weathered and sculpted into their present form about 100,000 years ago. Geologists say the Hay Stacks are composed of pink granite from the Hiltaba suite of rocks which were laid down some 1500 million years ago. Amazingly these beautiful pink granites were formed at a depth of 7 to 10 kilometres below the earth's surface. Today when we look at Murphy's Hay Stacks we see these Hiltaba granites exposed on the surface. Clearly a very great deal of erosion has occurred since the granite's formation. (*Murphy's Haystacks are on private land – gold coin donation from any passengers who wishes to walk around them.*) We then travel inland to *Minnipa*. On arrival we meet a local guide and visit *Pildappa Rock* – a large piece of granite that has been exposed over time by erosion. *Pildappa Rock* features long wave formations rivalling those of Western Australia's famous Wave Rock and, around the perimeter, an ingenious water catchment system, built in the early 1900s, to collect precious rainwater as it runs off the rock. So successful was this system that, at one time, an orchard was established. Following our tour we have lunch at the local pub. This afternoon we travel along the highway and make our way, via Kimba and Iron Knob, to Port Augusta for our overnight stay.

Best Western Standpipe Motel, Port Augusta 08 86424033

Day 7: FRIDAY 28 MAY**PORT AUGUSTA - ADELAIDE****(BLD)**

This morning we have arranged a visit to the *Wadlata Outback Centre* – one of the best regional interpretative centres in Australia. Recently it has undergone an extensive upgrade and renovation and offers visitors an award winning theatrical experience – a journey through time in the Flinders Ranges and Outback South Australia. The nearby Lower Flinders Town of Melrose is our next stop. A mob of sheep set against the backdrop of the southern Flinders Ranges is a classic Australian scene. At *Page's Working Dog Centre* at Melrose we have arranged for a fascinating demonstration of how kelpies and collies are trained to muster sheep. After a picnic lunch we travel south through the *Clare Valley* and onto *Adelaide* for our final two nights on tour.

The Rockford Adelaide 08 82118255

DAY 8: SATURDAY 29 MAY**THE ADELAIDE HILLS****(BLD)**

Our locally based guide will join the coach this morning for a brief tour of the city centre before we head to *Birdwood* in the Adelaide Hills to visit *The National Motor Museum* that houses the nation's most important collection of vintage, veteran and classic motor cars and motor cycles. The National Motor Museum is an international centre for the collection, research, preservation, education and display of Australian road transport history. In fact its a social history of the car in Australia – the way we were, the way we are now and the way of the future. This afternoon we are are fortunate another unique South Australian attraction – *Carrick Hill* - one of the few period homes in Australia to survive with its original contents almost completely intact and its grounds undiminished. It was a centre of stylish living; and friends hold fond memories of a house constantly filled with laughter, parties, artists, music, good wine, fine food and dancing; and heady with the scent of masses of flowers. While those days are now gone, Carrick Hill remains as an important example of the lifestyle of two wealthy and cultured Australians of the mid-twentieth century. We will take time to browse the site and discover what makes Carrick Hill so special. We then head back to the centre centre.

The Rockford Adelaide 08 82118255

After completing our check out formalities we transfer to the Adelaide Airport for our flight home to complete a sensational South Australian tour.

TOUR COST: \$2795.00 Per Person all Inclusive!!
\$390.00 single supplement

Insurance not included but highly recommended with my discount through QBE.

Under 69 years = \$72.80

70 years & over = \$155.20

(Current rates at present. Rates are subject to change periodically)

Tour Inclusions

8 nights accommodation as per the itinerary

8 cooked breakfasts, 8 dinners, 5 lunches

Deluxe touring coach and experienced coach captain

Cuttlefish Capital Tours - 2 hour tour (Day 2)

Cowell Jade & Gemstone Shop (Day 2)

Turners Oysters & Seafood - tour & taste (Day 2)

Renaes Tours - sightseeing tour of Lincoln (Day 3)

Adventure Bay Charters - M/T Cruise (Day 3)

Whalers Way- entry & guide (Day 3)

The Fresh Fish Place - tour & taste (Day 4)

Roseview Emu Farm and Gardens – lunch (Day 4)

Elliston Community Info Centre -Tour & BBQ Lunch (Day 5)

Pt Labbatt – Reserve (Day 6)

Murphy's Haystacks - key for gate (Day 6)

Pildappa Rock - guided tour of Ag Centre & Pildappa Rock (Day 6)

Minnipa Pub – Lunch (Day 6)

Wadlata Outback Centre – entry (Day 7)

Picnic Lunch - from Wadlata (Day 7)

Page's Working Sheep Dog Centre - demo with M/T (Day 7)

National Motor Museum – entry (Day 8)

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Carrick Hill - entry & tour (Day 8)

Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

To vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime it deems necessary.

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To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely effect the operation of the tour

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The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

Cancellations

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. Unless specifically advised at the time of booking there will be no fee for cancellations made more than 2 months prior to travel. For cancellations between 1 and 2 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations between 30 and 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 30% of the fare **may** apply. For cancellations less than 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 50% of the fare **may** apply. For no shows a 100% cancellation fees **may** apply. No cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour

Fares & Payments

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$500 is required to confirm your booking with the balance due at least 45 days prior to departure. (Pleased be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit)

Inclusions

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Exclusions

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

Accommodation

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

Departure Details

Passengers are requested to ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

Travel Insurance

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required for an additional cost