

# Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail

Distance: 60km Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights



The Kangaroo Island wilderness trail is one of Australia's newest and best hiking trails. You will walk along rugged coastal cliffs, through shrub heaving with birdlife and past some of the most unusual sculptured rocks you will ever see. Expect to see seals lounging in the sun, echidnas, kangaroos and little to no one other than those in your group. This tour takes you through very isolated coastline on a very isolated island.

Situated on the southern coast of Kangaroo Island, we offer this spectacular yet remote 60km trail as a guided tour, completed in a series of day walks, returning to nearby lodge style accommodation each night. All meals and transfers from Adelaide and to the track each day are included so let us take care of everything so you can just walk and relax!

This makes this normally challenging trail, much more achievable to those with a moderate level of fitness, as there is no need to carry a heavy back pack or camp out. It is the ultimate way to experience the Kangaroo Island wilderness trail.

**Level: Most moderate terrain, with some rocky coastal sections, and moderate elevations**

## What our guests say:

*"Although initially hesitant to join an organised tour, I'm so glad I did. From emails early on, to phone calls with me to check things, like "How to prepare" emails ... IO's communication is superb. Our guides, Sarah and Anna, were intelligent, empathetic, knowledgeable, humble, caring and safety conscious. Add to the mix a great group of like minded people and delicious home cooked meals and the result was a first class holiday. Such a gorgeous part of Australia. Adventure made easy."*

*-Trip Advisor, Barbara E, May 2018*

## 2019 DEPARTURES:

12 - 16 September

19 - 23 September



# Itinerary

A guide will accompany you each day as you walk the entire Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail.

Some of the walks include some long days and also some sections of uneven limestone walking; but, with a moderate level of fitness, each walk is enjoyable! We highly recommend that you do some training beforehand, especially walking steps and doing some training on rocky terrain.

## Day 1

Drive from Adelaide to Cape Jervis,  
ride the Kangaroo Island Ferry  
Short walks around Penneshaw  
Distance: 1.5km  
Level: Easy Walking

Your holiday begins! With an early morning pick up, we have a 1.5-2 hr drive down to Cape Jervis to meet the Kangaroo Island ferry. It is another 2 hour drive down the south coast of Kangaroo Island, so rather than rush ourselves, we will spend

the afternoon doing a bit of sight seeing, and some short walks around Penneshaw. We can then settle into our accommodation for the night at the Seafront Kangaroo Island, followed by a meal at it's restaurant.

## Day 2

Flinders Chase Visitor Centre to Snake  
Lagoon  
Distance: 12km  
Level: Mostly Easy Forest Walking

It is time to get started on the fabulous Kangaroo Island wilderness trail! It is about a 2hr drive to the trail head, but we will still have a chance to have a brief look around the Kangaroo Island National Park visitors centre, before we head off on our first walk. Today's walk is through a mix of forest and coastal vegetation. Look out for kangaroos and echidnas as well as some interesting tree and plant species.

In the afternoon, we will settle into our new accommodation at Hanson Bay Beachfront Cabins where we will stay for the next three nights.

### Day 3

Snake Lagoon to Remarkable Rocks

Distance: 21km

Level: Mostly Moderate Coastal Walking

It is time to hit the coast. Spectacular sea cliffs with deserted bays below. Keep an eye out for seals and other sea life. Fossick on the beaches, and marvel at the views. Towards the end of the day we will make our way inland, for a lovely change, before finishing at the aptly named Remarkable Rocks.

The Kangaroo island wilderness trail is very new, but this has to be one of the great Australian day walks. We know you will love it!



### Day 4

Remarkable Rocks to Hanson Bay

Distance: 18km

Level: Mostly Coastal Cliff Top Walking

Today is a botanical wonderland with coastal views, amazing rock formations and the SW river. There is a good chance of seeing dolphins and whales today. We are up high early on, with a rocky limestone path underfoot. It is not really challenging, but you will need to watch your step. We then head inland where we will be keeping an eye out for echidnas and wallabies.

### Day 5

Hanson Bay to Kelly Hill

Distance: 9km

Level: Mostly Moderate Bush Terrain

Our final walk before we head back is a 9km stretch, which will see us complete the Kangaroo island wilderness trail! It is a morning's walk, and then we will make our way back to Penneshaw to catch an early afternoon ferry, and make our way back to Adelaide. With a drop off in the Adelaide CBD, we are sure you will be feeling tired, but fitter and at your absolute best.

## KANGAROO ISLAND, SA. NEAREST AIRPORT: ADELAIDE



## The Fine Details

Cost: \$2,250 per person

(\$2,600 single supplement)

### What's included:

- 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
- 4 night's comfortable accommodation
- 4 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 5 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 5 packed lunches
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 4 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

*Your out of pocket expenses for this trip are snacks if you need them (morning tea and fruit are provided) and alcohol.*

### Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Adelaide CBD. We pick up our guests from King William Street Bus and Coach pick up/drop off area at 7:30am on the morning of the departure. The Bus and Coach pick up/drop off area is on the corner of King William St and Rundle Mall in front of Charlesworth Nuts, which is opposite to the Haigh's Chocolate shop.

As the tour departs for Kangaroo Island early in the morning, it is not advisable to fly into Adelaide on the morning of the tour departure. We recommend staying one night in Adelaide before the tour. At the end of the tour, we generally return to Adelaide at around 5.30pm.

There are a few accommodations that are within easy walking distance from the pick up location.

- Mercure Grosvenor Hotel Adelaide (North Terrace)
- Ibis Styles Adelaide Grosvenor (North Terrace)
- Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne on Flinders St
- Ambassadors Hotel (King William St)
- Adelaide Paringa Motel (Hindley St)

### Average Temperature (degrees):

**September:** 7 min - 15 max

## Where do we stay?

We stay in two locations for the duration of the tour – the Seafront Kangaroo Island for our first night and Hanson Bay Beachfront Cabins for the remainder of the tour.

In Penneshaw we stay one night at the Seafront Kangaroo Island. Each self-contained unit has two bedrooms and a bathroom. One bedroom is fitted with a queen bed and the other bedroom has two single beds. Dinner and breakfast on day 2 will be at the Seafronts restaurant.

For the next three nights while we complete the trail we will base ourselves at the Hanson Bay Beachfront Cabins in two bedrooms, one bathroom self-contained log cabins. One bedroom is fitted with a queen bed and the other bedroom has two single beds. We will come together in one of the cabins for breakfasts and evening meals. Each cabin has a toasty fire to keep you warm at night!

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$350. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.



## Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

## What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

## Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au), find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on **08 6219 5164** (international calls dial **+618 62195164**) or email us at [walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au).
- Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## Just in case...

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.