

FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island



Highlights

Local Connection

Mike established Kangaroo Island Brewery in 2015, and loves talking to guests about the flavours distinguishing his beers.

Insider Knowledge

Who better to guide you around a Barossa vineyard than a local wine aficionado? You'll be an expert in no time.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Tower Hill is a spiritual place, its Aboriginal significance revealed by in-the-know guides. Koalas, emus and kangaroos are a bonus.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Support bushfire and wildlife rehabilitation projects on Kangaroo Island when you visit Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wildlife & Nature

The underworld beckons at Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave, a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Crowne Plaza Melbourne, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Melbourne – Warrnambool

Want an adventure that starts with a bang? This is it. You're on your way to the Great Ocean Road, a snaking coastal route that is one of the world's most epic journeys. Across a dramatic 240 kilometres you'll take in limestone stacks like the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Then traverse through World Heritage listed rainforest, skirting untouched coastal coves, and pausing in sleepy towns like Lorne and Apollo Bay, where bare feet and boardshorts are the dress code. **Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs. DW**

2 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

The south's volcanic history bubbles to the surface at Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, an immense natural wonder spanning a dormant volcanic crater. You'll learn about the area's flora and fauna – emus, kangaroos, koalas and echidnas – with an Aboriginal guide. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. Bring your sunglasses, because the lake's name doesn't do it justice – the intensity of the hue is blinding. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. Fancy a world-class cab sav, shiraz or merlot? You've come to the right place. Your final adventure is deep, in every sense of the word. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

3 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

Nature rules large again today as you weave along the Fleurieu Peninsula to Victor Harbor. After rolling hills, sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, you're greeted with the charms of this seaside town – the gateway to Kangaroo Island. All aboard the ferry for your journey toward this 'mini Galapagos'. Kangaroo Island deserves its moniker, as you'll discover tomorrow. But today, all you have to do is ease into the island with a tasting of craft beers at Kangaroo Island's only brewery. How does a Limestone Road Pale Ale sound? **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kangaroo Island

First stop today truly deserves its name: the orange-lichen-clad Remarkable Rocks command your attention over the blazing blue of the Southern Ocean. Then there's Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals and a very photogenic lighthouse. Like much of the island, AAT Kings-sponsored Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires. On your visit, you'll discover the role that fire plays within this delicate ecosystem, and how koalas and other wildlife adapt to their environment. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park. Move aside: enormous sea lions regularly barrel down the sand toward the water. **B L**

5 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

On your cruise back to the mainland, picture some of the culinary opportunities that await in the South Australian capital. Adelaide is known as the 'city of churches', but we think a more apt title is the 'city of cuisine'. The afternoon is yours to see just how many restaurants and bars you can sample. Want recommendations? We might point you in the direction of the epic Central Market, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere with more than 70 stalls selling artisan edibles (and drinkables). **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

6 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Now that you have a taste for South Australian produce, take a deep dive on today's adventure through the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa, dotted with atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops. Wining and dining dominate the landscape, with some of the country's oldest grape vines planted across this pocket of the state. Discover local flavours at the South Australian Company Store, followed by a visit to a popular local vineyard for a wine tour and tasting in neighbouring Barossa. Return to Adelaide through landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

13 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023	2024
Oct 22	Jan 14, 28	Jan 13, 27
Nov 05	Feb 11, 25	Feb 10, 24
Dec 26	Mar 11, 25	Mar 09, 23
	Apr 15	
	May 06	
	Sep 02, 23	
	Oct 21	
	Nov 04, 25	
	Dec 23	

A limited number of single rooms are available.
Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

3 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Melbourne Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia on page 50.



The Twelve Apostles

7 Farewell from Adelaide

A week in this part of the world really isn't enough. We hope we've inspired you to come back for another taste. B



Seal Bay



Hahndorf

