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AUSTRALIA

2024-2025 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.

Cultural Immersion

Gain a deeper understanding of the indigenous plants that grow in the area along with their traditional uses, at the Botanic Garden in Adelaide.

Sustainable Footprints

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.



Great Ocean Road

7 DAYS
13 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 21	Jan 13, 27	Jan 13, 27
Nov 4, 25	Feb 10, 24	Feb 10, 24
	Mar 09, 23	Mar 10, 24
	Apr 15	
	May 06	
	Sep 02, 23	
	Oct 21	
	Nov 04, 25	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/emka or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B 3 Dinners with wine DW
2 Lunches L 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.

Return airport to hotel transfers are included in the holiday price.

Upgrade

Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia on page 52.

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

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. Get together with your fellow adventurers for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. DW**

2 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas... oh my! These are just some of the animals you'll possibly spot as you drive through Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, housed in a dormant volcanic crater. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. 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 – towards 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, Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires. Through this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll assist with their bushfire recovery plan and wildlife rehabilitation program. Learn from one of their experienced guides about the delicate ecosystem and Australian native animals. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park. Here, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience you'll visit one of the country's most important sea lion breeding grounds. On a guided walk, you'll learn about these creatures - one of the rarest species in the world of only 12,000, 800 of which call Seal Bay home. 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 you 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'. After a cultural walking tour through the city's Botanic Garden with an Aboriginal Guide, and an Adelaide city tour, 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 over lunch at

Lambert Estate, nestled in rolling hills enveloped by vines. Return to Adelaide and join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

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 Conservation Park



Kangaroo Island Brewery

