

# ***Designer Tours***

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## ***Flinders Ranges***

### ***'Edge of the Outback Tour'***

***7 Days – 6 Nights \*\$2,450 ppts***

***(\* minimum 30 passengers)***

***This seven day 'Edge of the Outback Tour' travels through Central and North West Victoria to Mildura overnight. We then travel through the South Australian Riverlands District and the Mt Lofty Ranges and then via Burra and Jamestown to Port Augusta staying three nights. We explore the main natural attractions and unique places of interest in the Flinders Ranges National Park. Our return journey travels through the Clare Valley and Barossa Valley staying overnight in Murray Bridge. We then travel along the Coorong National Park staying overnight in Mt Gambier.***

#### ***Day 1            Woodend – Wedderburn – Charlton – Ouyen – Mildura***

We depart your Melbourne based club, time TBC, and travel to the Calder Highway and then onto Woodend for morning tea (own expense). We then continue northbound along the Calder Highway to the historic gold mining towns of Inglewood and Wedderburn to Charlton for lunch (please note that Charlton is only a small rural town and there is only a bakery and café facility for lunch – suggest you may like to bring your own lunch). This afternoon we travel through Wycheproof and Sea Lake to Ouyen (brief rest stop at Ouyen). We then continue our journey along the Calder Highway to Mildura for our overnight stopover. Our accommodation is at the ***Mildura Inlander Resort***. Tonight, we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

#### ***Day 2            South Australia Riverlands – Burra – Port Augusta***

This morning we farewell Mildura (8.00am motel departure) and travel along the Sturt Highway into South Australia to ***Renmark*** for morning tea. We then travel through the Riverlands District to ***Morgan*** (comfort stop) and then onto ***Burra*** for lunch. This afternoon we continue our journey through the Mount Lofty Ranges to Jamestown and then onto ***Port Augusta*** – our destination for the next three nights. Our accommodation is at the ***Standpipe Golf Motor Inn @ Port Augusta***. Tonight, we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

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## **Day 3      *Pichi Richi Railway Train – Quorn – Port Augusta***

This morning we enjoy an historic train ride on the ***Pichi Richi Explorer*** – experience train travel as it was a century ago in the South Australian countryside – a 2.5-hour steam or diesel train journey from ***Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return (32km)***. As the track winds its way into the picturesque ***Pichi Richi Pass***, you will get a close-up view of the ancient Flinders Ranges geology in the deep rock cuttings built in the 1870s. The carriages, some dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century were used on narrow-gauge trains such as the ***Great Northern Express, the Ghan*** and the East-West Express and services in the south-east of South Australia. We then enjoy lunch and free time to explore the heritage town of ***Quorn***. We then leisurely return to ***Port Augusta***. Tonight, we enjoy dinner served at the motel restaurant.

## **Day 4      *Exploring Flinders Ranges – Hawker – Blinman***

This morning we travel to ***Hawker*** and visit the ***Jeff Morgan Art Gallery*** – here we can view the ***“Wilpena Panorama”*** – 360-degree mural of the most beautiful country in South Australia as seen from St Mary’s Peak which is the highest point at Wilpena Pound. The mural is 3metres high and 30metres long – truly spectacular! Housed across several large enclosures are Jeff’s huge displays that transport you to a different place. They include painted panoramas – rock collections – model cars- handcrafted jewellery and memorabilia. We then travel past the ***Great Wall of China*** to the old township of ***Blinman*** for lunch. The Blinman Mine was the largest copper mine in the Flinders Ranges and was worked extensively up to 1908. The Hotel (1869), Police Station (1879) and the Post Office (1876) are among the towns early buildings located in the main street. We then leisurely return to ***Port Augusta***. Tonight, we enjoy dinner served at the motel restaurant.

## **Day 5      *Mt Remarkable National Park – Melrose – Clare Valley* *Barossa Valley – Torrens Valley – Murray Bridge***

This morning we farewell Port Augusta and travel south through Wilmington into the ***Mt Remarkable National Park to Melrose*** – the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges. We then travel into the Clare Valley to the ***Barossa Valley*** for lunch. We then travel through the Torrens Valley onto ***Murray Bridge*** for our overnight stay. Our accommodation is at the ***Adelaide Road Motor Lodge – Murray Bridge***. Tonight, we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

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## **Day 6      *Meningie – Lake Albert – Coorong National Park – Robe – Beachport – Millicent – Mount Gambier***

This morning we farewell Murray Bridge and travel through Tailem Bend and then onto ***Meningie*** – picturesque town situated on the banks of ***Lake Albert*** – morning tea on the banks of Lake Albert. We then travel through the ***Coorong National Park*** – one of Australia’s most significant wetlands. It stretches 135km along the coast, separated from the Southern Ocean by the dunes of the Younghusband Peninsula. The Coorong is best known for abundant birdlife and birdwatching. Over 240 species have been recorded, including many migratory species. We enjoy lunch in ***Robe***. After lunch we take a short drive around Robe highlighting the many historic sites of Robe. During the 1850’s thousands of Chinese gold seekers landed at Robe and walked overland to the Victorian goldfields. Today there is a Chinese Monument as a memorial to the thousands of Chinese who made that arduous journey. Today Robe is a popular holiday destination as well as a fishing port. We then travel through Beachport and Millicent to ***Mount Gambier*** for our overnight stopover. We visit both the ***Blue Lake*** and the ***Valley Lake***. Our accommodation is at ***The Henty Motel in Mount Gambier***. Tonight, we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel restaurant.

## **Day 7      *Port Fairy – Warrnambool – Colac – Geelong – Home***

This morning we farewell Mt Gambier and travel east along the Princes Highway via Heywood to the historic fishing village of ***Port Fairy*** – first settled by sealers in 1810 and today the town is based on tourism and the fishing industry. We enjoy morning tea on the banks of the Moyne River. We then continue along the Princes Highway through Warrnambool – Terang and Camperdown to ***Colac*** for lunch. This afternoon we continue our homeward journey travelling around Geelong to Melbourne arriving back at your club approximately 4.00pm (depending on road & traffic conditions).

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## **Flinders Ranges Tour Includes:**

- ✓ *Seat-belt equipped coach travel – departs from your club*
- ✓ *3 nights motel accommodation at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn @ Port Augusta*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation @ Mildura Inlander Resort*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation @ Adelaide Road Motor Lodge – Murray Bridge*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation @ Henty Motel – Mount Gambier*
- ✓ *Delicious dinners served each evening throughout tour as per itinerary*
- ✓ *Buffet style cooked breakfasts served each morning throughout tour*
- ✓ *All admissions – sightseeing & National Park entry fees*

## **Conditions:**

- *The tour price quoted \$2,450 per person twin share is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Please note that should the tour have less than 30 passengers then the tour price will need to be reviewed. The single supplement is an additional \$65 per night (total \$390).*
- *The tour price does not include lunches or travel insurance. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance.*
- *Please note that should unsuitable or unsafe conditions not allow the tour to visit a particular attraction or place of interest or an attraction on the itinerary has now closed or is closed on the day then a suitable alternative will be substituted. Designer Tours reserves the right to make a decision on unsuitable or unsafe conditions.*
- *Cancellation Policy: There is a cancellation fee of \$400 per person should any passenger cancel their booking prior to seven days before departure. There is no refund for any booking cancelled seven days or less before departure.*