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Kangaroo Island South Australia Adventure Tour 7 Days – 6 Night *\$2,495

(*minimum 30 passengers)

Experience one of Australia's most iconic and unspoilt destinations on this fully escorted 7-day journey to spectacular Kangaroo Island. Travelling in comfort from Melbourne, this immersive tour showcases breathtaking coastal scenery, unique wildlife encounters and some of South Australia's most celebrated natural attractions.

Stay three nights on beautiful Kangaroo Island, exploring highlights including the world-renowned Seal Bay Conservation Park, Flinders Chase National Park, Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch. Enjoy a range of memorable experiences along the way, including a Murray River dinner cruise, scenic journeys through the Coorong National Park, and a return Sealink ferry crossing across the Backstairs Passage.

With quality accommodation, included touring, and most meals provided, this carefully designed itinerary offers a relaxed and rewarding travel experience, perfectly suited to those seeking comfort, value and unforgettable scenery.

Day 1 Geelong – Colac – Warrnambool – Port Fairy – Mount Gambier

We depart your club at 7.30am and travel along the Princes Highway to **Geelong** (morning tea at Service Centre on Geelong Road at own expense). We then continue our journey along the Princes Highway via **Colac**, **Camperdown** and **Warrnambool** to **Port Fairy** for lunch. First settled by sealers in 1810 and at its peak in the 1850's, Port Fairy was the second busiest port in Australia. This afternoon we continue our journey via Heywood into South Australia to **Mount Gambier** for our overnight stopover. Our accommodation is at the **Henty Motel** situated approx. 1km from the centre of the city. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

Day 2 Beachport – Coorong National Park – Meningie (Lake Albert) Murray Bridge – Murray River Dinner Cruise

This morning we depart **Mt Gambier** and travel along the Princes Highway via Millicent to **Beachport** for morning tea. Enjoy morning tea on the banks of **Rivoli Bay** alongside the historic old **Beachport Jetty**. We then travel along 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 its abundant birdlife. Over 240 species have been recorded, including many migratory species. We enjoy lunch in **Meningie** situated on the banks of **Lake Albert**. This afternoon we travel to **Murray Bridge** for our overnight stop. Our accommodation is at the **Adelaide Road Motor Lodge**. Tonight, we enjoy a **Murray River Dinner Cruise aboard 'Captain Proud Cruises'**. This evening, we cruise along the Murray River enjoying the Captains Commentary and spectacular sunset views along the river. Our dinner comprises choices of main course & dessert – cruise departs 5.00pm and returns 8.00pm.

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Day 3 Mt Barker – Cape Jervis – Kangaroo Island Sealink Ferry – Backstairs Passage – Penneshaw – Kingscote

This morning we farewell *Murray Bridge* and travel via Mt Barker and McLaren Vale to *Cape Jervis*. At Cape Jervis we travel across the '*Backstairs Passage*' to *Kangaroo Island* on the '*Kangaroo Island Sealink Ferry*'. The ferry departs Cape Jervis at 12.00pm and arrives at *Penneshaw* at 12.45pm (passengers and coach check-in at least 30 minutes prior to departure – café facilities available on board – ferry departure times are subject to change). On arrival in Penneshaw we visit the Kangaroo Island Gateway Visitor Information Centre – opportunity to pick up some local maps and information. This afternoon we leisurely travel across to *Kingscote* – our destination for the next 3 nights. Our accommodation is at the *Kangaroo Island Seaside Motel* situated on the shores of beautiful *Nepean Bay* only 10min walk to the centre of Kingscote. All rooms have ocean views and the beach is directly opposite the motel. Tonight, we enjoy dinner served in the motel restaurant.

Day 4 Dudley Peninsula – Cape Willoughby Lighthouse – American River Emu Ridge Eucalyptus – Cliffords Honey Farm

This morning we visit *Emu Ridge Eucalyptus* – during the 1930's there were 48 eucalyptus stills in operation on Kangaroo Island employing over 600 people and was the island's first export industry. Today Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery is the only commercial eucalyptus oil distillery in operation in South Australia. We then travel to the island's *Dudley Peninsula* and visit *Cape Willoughby Lighthouse*. In 1852, Cape Willoughby became the site of South Australia's first ever lighthouse. Its function was to guide the safe passage of sailing ships through the treacherous 'Backstairs Passage' and assist the rapidly expanding coastal shipping trade. We then travel across to *American River* for lunch (we enjoy picnic lunch at American River). This afternoon we visit *Cliffords Honey Farm* – here we learn how honey is extracted with a guided tour through the extracting shed and also enjoy some honey tastings. We then return to *Kingscote* and tonight enjoy dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

Day 5 Flinders Chase National Park – Seal Bay Conservation Park

Today we explore the spectacular West End and South Coast Region of Kangaroo Island including *Flinders Chase National Park* and *Seal Bay*. Our highlights include:

- ✓ *Flinders Chase National Park* – the park is home to iconic attractions including Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and Cape du Couedic. At each significant place of interest we have time to explore the natural attraction.
- ✓ *Seal Bay Conservation Park* – home to the third largest colony of Australian sea lions in the world. Seal Bay is Kangaroo Island's premier nature-based tourist attraction. There are no enclosures or cages at Seal Bay. Instead, visitors can venture down to the beach with an National Park guide and observe the sea lions in their natural habitat of coastal vegetation, dunes, beach and ocean. There is also a boardwalk that offers stunning coastal scenery.
- ✓ *Emu Bay* – picturesque beach famous for its long white sandy beach.

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**Day 6 *Penneshaw to Cape Jervis – Kangaroo Island Sealink Ferry*
*Victor Harbor – Strathalbyn – Murray Bridge – Mannum***

This morning, we farewell Kingscote and travel to Penneshaw for a 10.30am departure on the '***Kangaroo Island Sealink Ferry***' to Cape Jervis (arrive approx. 11.15am). We then travel to ***Victor Harbor*** for lunch. After lunch we visit the ***Bluff Lookout*** for breathtaking coastal views over ***Encounter Bay*** and the ***Southern Ocean***. This afternoon we travel through Strathalbyn to ***Mannum*** for our overnight stopover. Our accommodation is at the ***Mannum Motel***. Tonight, we enjoy 2-
Course dinner served in the motel restaurant.

Day 7 *Keith – Bordertown – Nhill – Horsham – Melbourne*

This morning we farewell Mannum and travel through Tailem Bend to Keith for morning tea. We then continue through Bordertown into Victoria to Nhill for lunch. This afternoon we continue our homeward journey through Western Victoria and Ballarat District (comfort stop along the way) to Melbourne before arriving home at your club approximately 5.00pm – depending on road & traffic conditions.

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Kangaroo Island Tour Includes:

- ✓ *Seat-belt equipped coach travel – departs from your club*
- ✓ *3 nights motel accommodation at the Kangaroo Island Seaside Motel situated on the shores of Nepean Bay only 10mins walk to the centre of Kingscote. All rooms have ocean views and the beach is directly opposite the motel – all downstairs rooms*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation at Henty Motel, Mt Gambier*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation at Adelaide Road Motor Lodge, Murray Bridge*
- ✓ *Overnight motel accommodation at Mannum Motel, Mannum*
- ✓ *Delicious 2-Course dinners served each evening at motel restaurants exc. Day 2*
- ✓ *Cooked breakfasts served each morning at motel restaurants*
- ✓ *Return ferry ride to Kangaroo Island aboard “Kangaroo Island Sealink Ferry”*
- ✓ *Murray River dinner cruise at Day 2 at Murray Bridge aboard “Captain Proud Cruises”*
- ✓ *Picnic lunch at American River – Day 4*
- ✓ *All admissions and sightseeing as per itinerary*

Conditions:

- *The tour price quoted \$2,495 per person is based on twin share accommodation. The single supplement is an additional \$99 per night.. The tour requires a minimum of 30 passengers. Should passenger numbers fall below the minimum number then the tour price will need to increase.*
- *The tour price does not include travel insurance or lunches (exc. Day 4). 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: Please note that there is a cancellation fee of \$400 per person should any passenger cancel their booking fourteen days or less before departure. There is no refund for any passenger booking cancelled less than fourteen days before departure. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance.*