

Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island & The City of Churches

Bushfire Wildlife & Community Support Tour

6 Days / 5 Nights - *In support of the K.I. Wildlife Park*

Tour Departs: Thursday 18 March - Tuesday 23 March, 2021.



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Day 1. Thurs 18 Mar: Home - Adelaide - McLaren Vale - Victor Harbor

Lunch & Dinner

After our morning flight into Adelaide, we are met by our local coach captain, board our luxury coach and begin our drive down through the delightful McLaren Vale where we stop by the family-owned, **Beach Road Wines**. Located in the heart of the McLaren Vale wine region with picturesque views overlooking the township and surrounding vineyards, we enjoy lunch and tastings. This afternoon we continue into **Victor Harbor** and check-in to our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Victor Harbor: Apollon Motor Inn

Day 2. Fri 19 Mar: Victor Harbor

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we have some free time in Victor Harbor to visit the **South Australian Whale Centre, National Trust Museum** or take the **Horse Drawn Tram** from Victor Harbor to **Granite Island**. We meet in town by midday and make our way to Goolwa. We arrive at the historic wharf where we check-in and board our **Coorong Discovery Cruise** which takes us on a delightful journey into the mighty **Coorong National Park**. Our 3.5 hour cruise includes lunch and afternoon tea, two short guided walks, spectacular scenery, bird watching and the famous Murray River Mouth. After our cruise we return to Victor Harbor for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Victor Harbor: Apollon Motor Inn

Day 3. Sat 20 Mar: Kangaroo Island

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After an early breakfast and checkout its across to **Cape Jervis** to board the **Kangaroo Island Sea Link Ferry** for our crossing to **Kangaroo Island**. At Penneshaw we are met by **our experienced Kangaroo Island guide** and begin our adventure of the Island. At **Clifford's Honey Farm** we hear about the placid Ligurian Bees, their breeding and the production of over 10,000 kilograms of pure honey annually. Kangaroo Island is thought to be the only place in the world where a pure strain of the Ligurian bees exists. Enjoy a taste of different honey varieties and the opportunity to purchase some of Jenny's famous honey ice cream. Next we visit the **Raptor Domain** and experience an in-flight **Birds of Prey display** and afterwards at own cost, the opportunity to put a glove on and have a bird fly to us! Stop by **Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery** for lunch and a guided tour. The distilling process here has operated the same way since the 1890's.



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We are able to purchase a bottle of oil from the only commercial distillery still in operation in South Australia. After our tour we stop by **Kangaroo Island Spirits**, Australia's first dedicated Gin Distillery. Enjoy tastings out in the garden, including three mini cocktails before we arrive at our accommodation for check in, rest and then dinner.

Overnight Kangaroo Island: Mecure Lodge Kangaroo Island

Day 4. Sun 21 Mar: Seal Bay - Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we head off early and travel down to the famous **Seal Bay Conservation Park**, the only place in the world where we can stroll with our guide through a wild seal colony. Seal Bay is home to around 600 of the rare Australian Sea Lions. After Seal Bay it's up to Parndana to the **Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park**. **Kangaroo Island is well known for its thriving koala population however over 150,000 hectares has been lost due to recent events which has effected the koala population dramatically. We need to pull together to save this Australian icon. The Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park has started a fundraiser to raise funds for care, pain relief, medication and the infrastructure needed to house and treat the large number of koala and animals coming into their care. The wildlife park is home to over 150 native species and over 600 animals.** Enjoy a guided tour of the park followed by lunch before making our way to **Emu Bay Lavender Farm** to learn about lavender production, see it in its various stages throughout the season and even taste some goodies made with lavender. Walk around the garden and visit the charming gift shop which sells lavender essential oils, scented candles and other Kangaroo Island lavender products. The story of the **Kangaroo Island Brewery** and Mike's journey unfolds next at his new brewery where most, if not all, materials used are recycled and have an amazing story. From local shearing sheds to local quarried stone, the brewery is as described by Mike, "local as hell"! To Mike it all made sense to build a brewery and fill a gap as the island was lucky enough to have fantastic wineries and even a micro distillery, but up until now, no brewery. We then travel back through Kingscote and out to **Reeves Point**, South Australia's first official European settlement from 1836 it is on the Australian Heritage List although after six months it was decided that the island's resources were insufficient to support the community. The Old Mulberry Tree which was planted in 1836 still bears fruit and the history of the Pioneer Historical Cemetery will also be covered. Late afternoon we return to our accommodation for a rest before dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight Kangaroo Island: Mecure Lodge Kangaroo Island

Day 5. Mon 22 Mar: Hahndorf - McLaren Vale - Adelaide

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we travel back down to **Penneshaw** visiting the **Gateway Information Centre** which is home to the original **Frenchman's Rock**. The centre is also a great place to purchase souvenirs and local produce before we board the **10.30am Kangaroo Island Sea Link Ferry** for our return journey to **Cape Jervis**. Once back on the mainland we travel up to the **Historic German Village of Hahndorf**, Australia's oldest surviving German Village. We have time to stroll along the main street with its numerous craft and souvenir shops and a variety of cafés to purchase lunch. This afternoon we visit **Cedars, home of Hans Heysen** and enjoy a tour through the untouched family home and studio of one of Australia's most celebrated artists. This area of the Adelaide Hills and the rugged beauty of the Flinders Ranges was where he gained most of his inspiration. After our tour we make our way to our hotel in Adelaide for check-in and dinner.

Overnight Adelaide: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 6. Tues 23 Mar: Adelaide - Home

Breakfast & Lunch

This morning we visit **St. Peters Cathedral** to experience a guided tour of the church. Completed in 1904 after the foundation stone was laid in 1869, the Towers and Spires were built and consecrated in 1902 and have the heaviest and finest bells in the Southern Hemisphere. A major feature is the fascinating stain glass windows within the Cathedral, each with their own story. After leaving the Cathedral we travel through the **"City of Churches" taking in the iconic buildings, parks and gardens that the city is renowned for**. We then visit the **Adelaide Oval** where we will go behind closed doors and discover hidden secrets and relive celebrated moments. Witness the unique integration of the Oval's iconic heritage blended seamlessly with world-class facilities, access restricted areas and experience the roar of the crowd as we take to the ground through the interactive players race. Step into living history as we explore inside the iconic scoreboard and see where some of the world's greatest musicians have entertained sold-out crowds. After enjoying lunch we make our way to the **Adelaide Airport** to check-in for our flight home after enjoying a wonderful short break away with Trade Travel.



Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park

The Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park opened in January 1992 under the name of Parndana Wildlife Park. In 2013, Sam and Dana Mitchell bought the park and began to give it a new lease on life. Sam and Dana come from a wildlife background and have been studying their whole lives for the opportunity to support conservation through their own wildlife park.

Due to the recent tragic bushfires, the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park has received a lot of concerned phone calls and messages regarding the impacted wildlife from these fires.

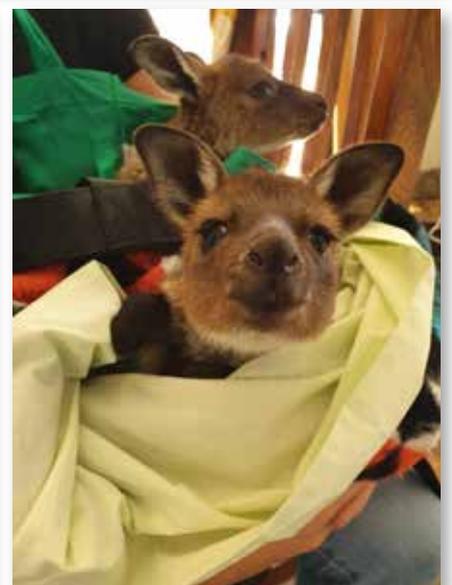
Since the Kangaroo Island bushfires the Park has seen a large number of injured koalas along with other native species heavily impacted by this event. The park has been treating these injured animals as best they can to supply pain relief, antibiotics, treatment to wounds and basic husbandry requirements. They are working around the clock with a highly experienced, qualified and dedicated team of volunteers including qualified vets, vet nurses and wildlife carers to rescue, rehabilitate and care for all of the animals coming in from the bushfires.

Since the beginning of 2020, hundreds of Koalas have been admitted to the park with varying injuries. Those that could be saved have been treated for burns, given pain relief and antibiotics and rehydrated. The park isn't just helping Koalas, but also kangaroos, wallabies, birds and possums that have all been rescued from the fire grounds.

Channel Nine and The Block supported the Wildlife Park in early February to build a joey hospital and nursery. In five days they had the hospital set up and ready to help with the recovery of countless orphans rescued from the fire grounds. The Park still has numerous koalas and other wildlife in treatment with more arriving every day. Many of the wildlife species which have gone through treatment and are fully recovered have either been soft released into a contained safe zone or into the wild in approved safe zones.

The Australian Army has also assisted the Wildlife Park with construction of the temporary holding pens as more and more wildlife arrived to be treated.

Clockwise from top left: Sam and Dana releasing the first of the recovered koalas, temporary veterinary set up, Singy - one of the first koalas treated, a treated joey, wallabies in recovery.



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Tour Highlights:

Beach Road Wines; South Australian Whale Centre; Victor Harbor National Trust Museum; Horse Drawn Tram - Granite Island; Port of Goolwa; Coorong Discovery Cruise and National Park; Clifford's Honey Farm; Raptor Domain; Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery; Kangaroo Island Spirits; Seal Bay Conservation Park; Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park; Emu Bay Lavender Farm; Kangaroo Island Brewery; Reeves Point; German Village of Hahndorf; Cedars - Hans Heysen; St Peter's Cathedral; City of Churches Highlights Tour; Adelaide Oval and much more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury coach travel
- 5 Nights luxury accommodation
- All touring, meals and entrance fees as per itinerary (15 meals)

Tour Price Excludes:

- Return economy airfares from your Home Town - Price on application
- Group airport transfers - Price on application

Tour Cost: \$2198.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$430.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

The tour prices valid for travel in 2021. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

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PAYMENT DETAILS:

\$200.00 PER PERSON DEPOSIT to be paid together with completed booking form to secure your spot on the tour

FINAL PAYMENT to be paid on or before Friday 15 January 2021



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