

KANGAROO ISLAND

&

RENMARK ROSE

FESTIVAL



11 days
Thursday 15 to Sunday 25
October 2020

PORT MACQUARIE TRAVEL

Hosted By

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HOLIDAY COAST TOURS
11 Day Spring Tour to South Australia
Thursday 15 October – Sunday 25 October 2020

Let us take you on a journey as we encounter unique wildlife, stroll through stunning gardens and cruise the magnificent Murray. Our spring tour will take us to the Renmark Rose Festival as we uncover the hidden gems of South Australia.

Day 1: Home – Victoria Harbour Thursday 15 October 2020 (D)

Welcome to our **11 Day Spring Tour to South Australia**. We discover the hidden gems of **Kangaroo Island** and the **Riverland** featuring the **Renmark Rose Festival**. We depart the Port Macquarie coach terminal (time to be advised) for our flight, via Sydney, to Adelaide where our Holiday Coast Touring Coach will be waiting for us. This afternoon we express to **Victor Harbour**. Our accommodation is at the McCracken Country Club on the Victor Harbor Golf Course (lunch at own expense / dinner in hotel).

McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbor (PH: 08 8551 0200)

Day 2: Victor Harbour – Kangaroo Island Friday 16 October 2020 (BD)

This morning we discover Victor Harbour with a **local guide**. This area is known for its surf beaches, fishing and winter sightings of the Southern Right Whale. We take the incredible interactive journey at the **South Australian Whale Centre**. Our guide, with the help of audio-visual displays, artefacts and a 3D theatre, will introduce us to these magnificent creatures. We ride the historic **Horse Drawn Tram** across the Causeway to **Granite Island**. Feel the ocean breeze as the beautiful Clydesdale horses draw us along the jetty bridge. Enjoy free time to explore the rugged coastline or spot the little penguins that inhabit the island. This afternoon we make our way to Cape Jervis for our **ferry to Kangaroo Island**. We arrive at our accommodation where we can unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next three nights (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Aurora Ozone Hotel (PH: 08 8553 2011)

Day 3: Natural Produce Saturday 17 October 2020(BLD)

Today we visit some interesting attractions unique to Kangaroo Island. The first, is **Clifford's Honey Farm** – home to Kangaroo Island's own population of Ligurian bees (the only pure strain in the world). We embark on an interesting tour and taste some delicious honey ice cream before visiting **Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery**. Here we take an interesting tour and enjoy our delightful lunch. We continue to **Raptor Domain** to enjoy a wonderful **Birds of Prey show**, an interactive and inspiring experience (breakfast & dinner in the hotel / lunch included).

Aurora Ozone Hotel (PH: 08 8553 2011)

Day 4: Wildlife Discovery Sunday 18 October 2020(BLD)

Kangaroo Island has an abundance of incredible wildlife and today we have the chance to get up close and personal. We travel to famous **Seal Bay** for a chance to **walk on the beach amongst the colony of Australian Sea Lions** who live here all year round. It is an unforgettable experience to be guided by a National Parks Ranger, within metres of the bulls, cows and sea pups as they rest on the beach. This afternoon we visit the **Flinders Chase National Park** home to **Remarkable Rocks, Cape du Couedic, Admirals Arch** and a spectacular coastal board walk, we can see a colony of New Zealand Fur Seals below us. At **Rocky River** we should see plenty of Cape Barren Geese and maybe a Tamar Wallaby or two. It will be a day of remarkable wildlife experiences (breakfast & dinner at hotel / packed lunch included).

Aurora Ozone Hotel (PH: 08 8553 2011)

Day 5: Kangaroo Island – Barmera Monday 19 October 2020(BLD)

We arrive back on the mainland and travel to the seaside village of **Normanville** for lunch. Our afternoon takes us through the Adelaide Hills to the Riverland region. We arrive in **Barmera**, located on the banks of the beautiful **Lake Bonney** (breakfast & dinner in the hotel / lunch included).

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn (PH: 08 8588 2888)

Day 6: Renmark Rose Festival Tuesday 20 October 2020 (BLD)

This morning we see the monument dedicated to **Sir Donald Campbell** who attempted to break the Australian water speed record on Lake Bonney in the 1960's. We also call at the **Country Music Hall of Fame** before the short drive to **Renmark**. With its rich history and stunning riverfront location set amongst beautiful gardens, **Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery** is the perfect place to enjoy lunch. Next, we join in the festivities of the **26th Annual Renmark Rose Festival**. The Festival was the brainchild of Eithne Sidhu who collaborated with David Ruston (past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies and the first President of the Australian Heritage Rose Society) to run the very first "Rose Week" in 1994. Eithne saw it as an event to bring people into the town and to promote Renmark as the Rose Capital of Australia (breakfast & dinner in the hotel / lunch included).

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn (PH: 08 8588 2888)

Day 7: Local Touring Wednesday 21 October 2020 (BLD)

Our first stop this morning is **Loxton**, first settled by people of (predominantly) German origin, who were escaping religious persecution. This proud German heritage is still evident today. A William Loxton was a stockman on nearby Cobdogla Station who lived with his wife Mary, in a slab hut on the riverbank. A replica of this hut was built in 1970 on its original site. This was the beginnings of the **Loxton Historical Village** which we'll visit today. We head to Berri for a **luncheon cruise** along the mighty Murray River **onboard "Fay"**. Our delicious dinner is at **Bella Lavender Estate** (breakfast in the hotel / lunch & dinner included).

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn (PH: 08 8588 2888)

Day 8: Barmera – Hay Thursday 22 October 2020 (BLD)

This morning we stop near the tiny village of **Paringa** to view **Lock 5**. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs. We travel past **Mildura** to the **Balranald Discovery Centre & Museum** for a light lunch. Mid-afternoon, we arrive in **Hay**. Situated on the picturesque Murrumbidgee River and surrounded by the vast open Hay Plains, the town's history is rich with characters and tales of yesteryear. On arrival we visit **Shear Outback**, an innovative and exciting centre devoted to Shearers – those colourful characters of the bush. (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch included).

Bishop's Lodge Motor Inn, Hay (PH: 02 6993 3003)

Day 9: Hay – Parkes Friday 23 October 2020 (BLD)

Following breakfast, we head directly to the **Altina Wildlife Park**. We discover the safari style park and exotic animals with a guided tour. We enjoy lunch in **Narrandera** before arriving in **Parkes** for our overnight stay (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch included).

North Parkes Motel (PH: 02 6863 4333)

Day 10: Parkes – Tamworth Saturday 24 October 2020 (BD)

This morning we travel to **Peak Hill Open Cut Mine Experience**. Against the backdrop of the Peak Hill township, the mine has been redeveloped for visitors to explore and understand the mining techniques used historically and today. With the help of a guide's commentary, the facility will be brought to life for us. After an interesting visit, we hit to road, breaking for convenience stops and to purchase lunch. We arrive in Tamworth, the **country music capital of Australia** to visit **The Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre**. The wax museum is a special salute to many of Australia's famous country music stars and pioneers (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Ibis Styles Tamworth Towers (PH: 02 6765 8361)

Day 11: Tamworth – Home Sunday 25 October 2020 (BL)

A perfect way to end our adventure is at the **Tamworth Power Station Museum**. Power is important to the Tamworth's history as it became the first city in Australia to be lit by municipal electric street lighting. Here we explore the history of innovation and the important role electricity plays in our everyday lives at Australia's only dedicated electrical museum. We stop in **Apsley Arms Hotel** for lunch before we say goodbye to our new friends as we arrive home. We take lasting memories of our wonderful tour discovering magical Kangaroo Island and the relaxing Riverland. (breakfast in hotel / lunch included).

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc. This itinerary is going through a National Park. Please check if you require an Operator's Licence to enter the park

COST: \$3595.00 per person
(based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single supplement \$685.00

A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required upon booking with
final payment being 5 September 2020

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Air-conditioned coach travel
- Economy Flight to Adelaide
- 10 night's motel accommodation
- 10 cooked motel breakfasts
- 9 motel two course or buffet dinners
(1 additional dinner – see below)
- 8 included lunches – see below

- Guided tour of Victor Harbour

- Return crossing on the Horse Drawn Tram

- Guided tour of SA Whale Centre
- Return ferry to Kangaroo Island with Sealink
- Guided tour and honey ice-cream at Cliffords Honey Farm
- Guided tour and lunch at Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- Entry and birds of prey display at Raptor Domain
- Packed lunch (day 4)
- Guided walk at Seal Bay
- Flinders Chase National Park Entry
- Lunch at Links Lady Bay Resort
- Entry to Rockys SA Country Music Hall of Fame
- Guided tour and lunch at Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery
- Entry to the Renmark Rose Garden
- Entry to the Loxton Historical Village
- Lunch cruise onboard BMS "Fay"
- Dinner at Bella Lavender Estate
- Entry and lunch at Balranald Discovery Centre & Museum
- Entry and demonstration at Shear Outback
- Guided tour at Altina Wildlife Park
- Lunch at Narrandera Ex Servicemen's Club
- Guided tour at Peak Hill Open Cut Gold Mine
- Entry to the Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre
- Guided tour of the Tamworth Power Station Museum
- Lunch at Apsley Arms Hotel

The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, Holiday Coast Tours reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure the alterations do not adversely effect the operation of the tour. Holiday Coast Tours will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations or those closures made at the venue's discretion.

Passengers are strongly recommended to take out travel insurance in case of cancellation or curtailment expenses, loss of luggage or illness etc.

Cancellations and amendments:

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:

42 days or more—loss of deposit

29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and Day of departure: 100% of fare.

In case of concert or sporting tours, where admission tickets are purchased in advance, a minimum cancellation fee equivalent to the cost of admission tickets will apply.

Some accommodation require prepayment and refund will be subject to their own conditions.

Please note: Passenger baggage to be a maximum of 20kg. per person

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