



# Flinders Ranges Guided Walking Tour

7 Days



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# Flinders Ranges Guided Walking Tour

On this 7-day Flinders Ranges walking tour you'll enjoy a fantastic selection of walks in South Australia's longest, oldest and most fascinating mountain range.

In a series of day walks, carrying only a day-pack, you'll discover a variety of areas within the Flinders Ranges, like Mt. Remarkable National Park, Dutchman's Stern, Wilpena Pound and the northern sections of the Flinders Ranges National Park. Walk through stands of northern cypress-pine, open woodlands, hilltop heath and amazing gorges, all the while enjoying vistas of sweeping plains and endless mountain ranges. Nature is truly at its best in the Flinders Ranges.

There are some medium-hard sections on rocky terrain, but people with a moderate level of fitness can complete the walks. Preparation will make the experience all the more enjoyable. A mix of excellent home-made food, six restaurant meals, comfortable motel style accommodation and knowledgeable guides will complement your trip.

Join us on our Flinders Ranges highlights tour and tick this amazing and diverse region off

## Details

Arrive:	Adelaide
Depart:	Adelaide
Duration:	7 Days
Group Size:	12 guests maximum
Average Age:	55-75
Activity Level:	Moderate

## Testimonials

A beautiful part of the world made even more special by our wonderful guides, Campbell and Rachelle who looked after us like no other. The meals were delicious and the baking for morning/afternoon tea - scrumptious. The history and information was well balanced, taking in the geology/geography, the full history (not just the last 200 or so years) and dream time stories. Great company, lots of laughs and brilliant hiking, finished off with sparkling and nibbles at the end of the hike. Highly recommend this tour, and the two guides.

Narelle - December 2019

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# Highlights



Walk through stands of northern cypress-pine, open woodlands, hilltop heath and amazing gorges, all the while enjoying vistas of sweeping plains and endless mountain ranges.



Our tour focuses on walks within the most spectacular 200 km section of the Flinders Ranges.



Visit Mount Remarkable National Park, Dutchman's Stern, Wilpena Pound and the remote northern sections of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park.

## What to expect



We will enjoy a combination of delicious home-cooked food prepared by the guides and meals at local establishments.



The accommodation is clean and comfortable. A hot shower will be welcoming after spending the day exploring.



Average Temperature (degrees)  
May: 7 min - 20 max  
August: 4 min - 18 max

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# Itinerary

Enjoy a fantastic selection of guided walks amongst South Australia's longest, oldest and most fascinating mountain range.

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## Day 1 ADELAIDE TO QUORN + ALLIGATOR GORGE WALK

With an 8am pick up in central Adelaide, we'll head north to the very start of the Flinders Ranges.

Our first stop is Crystal Brook for morning tea then on to Mt. Remarkable National Park via Melrose, where we'll enjoy a picnic lunch. After lunch we'll head out to the beautiful Alligator Gorge for a short easy walk through the vivid red quartzite gorge.

Note, as we walk on the first afternoon, please wear your hiking clothes on the bus and bring your day pack ready to go.

**Activity:** 2km walk

**Meals:** L, D

**Accommodation:** Flinders Ranges Motel, Quorn (or similar)

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## Day 2 DUTCHMAN'S STERN

After breakfast we make our way north to our walk at Dutchman's Stern, near Quorn.

The walk today is a steep but steady incline through sugar gum forest to the top, where you will be rewarded with 360° views over the sweeping plains, Quorn and Lake Torrens in the distance. The path then makes its way through drooping she-oak woodlands back down towards the start of the walk. Along the way we cross paths with the famous long-distance Heysen Trail.

After our walk we head to Quorn, an old railway town, to have a quick wonder around and stock up on anything extra you may need. From here we make our way in to the heart of the Flinders Ranges.

Tonight we will be able to really make ourselves feel at home at our accommodation, Wilpena Pound Resort, as we will be staying for 5 nights.

**Activity:** 10.5km walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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## Day 3

### BLACK GAP TO WILPENA POUND

This morning we will drive to Black Gap to commence our walk towards Bridle Gap and the natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, following a part of the Heysen Trail.

The walk up to Bridle Gap can be quite steep and rocky in sections, but the views at the top are worth it. From Bridle Gap it's a gentle walk down in to the valley floor of Wilpena Pound through a variety of mallee, native pine and heath. These habitats provide excellent opportunities for keen naturalists to observe interesting local birds, including wrens, robins parrots and emus.

**Activity:** 12km walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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## Day 4

### YULUNA HIKE

Enjoy the views along the Aroona Valley Scenic Drive as we make our way toward today's walks. The 8km Yuluna Hike begins with a bit of a climb, offering fabulous views of the Heysen Range and the outer edge of Wilpena Pound.

In the afternoon we drive through Brachina gorge, and take an easy stroll to check out rock layers and rock wallabies!

**Activity:** 8km Walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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## Day 5

### TANDERRA SADDLE (ST MARY'S PEAK)

Today you'll walking straight from your accommodation to commence one of the more challenging walks of the week.

St. Mary's Peak stands proudly above the Pound below and is central to the Adnyamathanha creation story. Aboriginal people of the Flinders Ranges ask visitors not to climb to the summit of the peak and thus we will climb as far as Tanderra Saddle with stunning views of the surrounding ranges and plains.

We will have both guides on today's walk to ensure the enjoyment and safety of everyone.

In the afternoon you may opt to do a scenic flight over the majestic ranges that we've been discovering on foot these last few days.

**Activity:** 15km walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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## Day 6

### MOUNT OHLSEN BAGGE WALK & SACRED CANYON TOUR

Our walk starts at our accomodation today with a short but challenging walk, and one of the best views of Wilpena Pound. The Ohlssen Bagge requires a steepish but short climb, which is well worth it for the spectacular views of the area.

In the afternoon we are lucky to be able to enjoy a private tour at Sacred Canyon. Learn about the cultural significance of the site and the ancient rock engravings from the perspective of the Adnyamathanha people.

**Activity:** 6km walk + 2.5hr tour

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Wilpena Pound (or similar)

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## Day 7

### RETURN TO ADELAIDE VIA THE CLARE VALLEY

Today we will make our way back to Adelaide via the picturesque Clare Valley where we'll pick up some lunch (own expense) before heading out to one of the local wineries. Here you can taste some wine (optional own expense) or discover some of the vineyard by foot.

We expect to arrive back in Adelaide at around 4.30pm.

**Activity:** Travel Day

**Meals:** B

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# Departure Dates

28 May 2023	-	03 Jun 2023
11 Jun 2023	-	17 Jun 2023
26 Jun 2023	-	02 Jul 2023
10 Jul 2023	-	16 Jul 2023
24 Jul 2023	-	30 Jul 2023
07 Aug 2023	-	13 Aug 2023
21 Aug 2023	-	27 Aug 2023
28 Aug 2023	-	03 Sep 2023
04 Sep 2023	-	10 Sep 2023

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# Pricing

2023

\$3,359 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

## Optional Extras

\$565 Single Supplement

## Inclusions

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Adelaide as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 6 night's comfortable accommodation
- 6 healthy breakfasts - cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 7 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 6 lunches - some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 6 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

## Exclusions

- Lunch & Wine Tasting on the last day
- Snacks if you need them (morning tea and fruit are provided)
- Alcohol

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# Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au) , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at [walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au).

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee.
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 41 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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## About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

## Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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