



## AUSTRALIAN WALKING HOLIDAYS

### Flinders Ranges & Heysen Trail

7-days / 6-nights, ex Adelaide

This tour departs from Central Adelaide at 8.00am. We can also arrange for collection from inner-city accommodation, bus/train stations, or the airport.

Tour grading:	Easy/Moderate
Maximum group size:	15
Departs:	18th June, 15th Sep, 1st Oct 2007 - AU\$1460

Accommodation: Twin/shared rooms in comfortable shearing quarters with shared facilities.  
About the Flinders Ranges

Stretching 420 kilometres northwards into the arid heart of Australia, the Flinders Ranges are famous for their rugged mountain scenery. They have the red and purple colours of the Australian outback and some of the oldest rocks on earth, about 1400 million years old.

There are rocky bluffs, tree-lined gorges, shady pools, majestic river red gums, and diverse flora. They are home to kangaroos, euros, wallabies, emus, colourful parrots, kites and eagles.

The Aboriginal people have lived here for thousands of years and left rock carvings, cave paintings and stone implements. Their dreaming stories interpret the landscape in a mythical way.

Europeans first settled the area in 1846 and there are picturesque stone ruins of the pioneering miners and farmers who tried to live here. Today the Flinders provide some of Australia's best walking, with the Heysen Trail passing through them. They are also a favourite area for photographers and artists.

#### Suggested itinerary

##### Day 1

After leaving Adelaide, we will travel to the Flinders Ranges via Port Wakefield, Port Augusta, Quorn and Hawker. The journey will take approximately seven hours. We will visit the Wadlata Outback Centre en route. Lunch is supplied. Late in the day we will arrive at our accommodation on a large pastoral property near Blinman.

##### Day 2

We walk through the Bunyeroo Gorge, with its permanent water supply, on our way to the Wilcolo Valley, giving us stunning views of Wilpena Pound's Eastern Wall.

##### Day 3

We drive to Aroona Ruins, where Sir Hans Heysen stayed on painting trips, and follow the Heysen Trail as it heads east over the Red Hill lookout and then turns south towards Brachina Creek. The views towards Wilpena are superb! We follow beautiful Yuluna Creek back to Aroona.

#### Day 4

Today we visit the historic copper mining town of Blinman, and drive through the Glass Gorge. In the afternoon follow a beautiful creek to Blinman Pools and visit the Parachilna Gorge.

#### Day 5

We walk in the crater like formation of Wilpena Pound; a natural amphitheatre ringed by saw tooth peaks. From our lunch spot, Tanderra Saddle, we gain spectacular views over the Flinders Ranges.

#### Day 6

A choice of itineraries: Perhaps to Wilkawillina Gorge, explore the property we are staying on or to the Aboriginal rock carvings in Chambers Gorge.

#### Day 7

Today we pack up and drive home via Arkaroo Rock to look at Aboriginal cave paintings, Hawker, Quorn, Willmington and the Clare Valley wine region, providing lunch en route. Our scheduled time of return to Adelaide is approximately 5.00pm

#### Included

Six nights twin/share accommodation in comfortable shearers' quarters,  
Return transport from Adelaide,  
All meals (participants will be required to assist with the preparation, cooking and cleaning up), including wine with evening meals,  
All entry fees and permits, and  
Professional tour leader.

Not included, but available from us for hire

Waterproof jackets (\$15.00 for the duration of the tour)  
Waterproof overpants (\$5.00 for the duration of the tour)  
Day packs (\$10.00 for the duration of the tour)

Optional scenic flights over the Flinders ranges and Wilpena Pound are available.

Professional leaders who will point out significant natural features and places of historical interest lead tours. A detailed gear list is forwarded on confirmation.

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If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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## Booking Form

To confirm your place on the trip please complete this form and send with your deposit of AU\$350 per person to Outdoor Travel Pty Ltd, PO Box 286, Bright VIC 3741.

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<b>Any Special Dietary Requirements:</b> .....		
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