

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS TRAIL

5-days/4-nights hotel and cabin-based small group guided wilderness trail walk



Kangaroo Island is Australia's third largest island and is located 14km off the South Australian coast. Its isolated location has maintained a significant wildlife population and it is home to many iconic native species, including kangaroos, Tammar Wallabies, koalas, echidnas, possum, platypus, Australian Sea Lions, Long-nosed Fur Seals and extensive birdlife. The Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail is one of Australia's newest walking trails, redeveloped after the bushfires of 2020.

Take in far reaching coastal views as you walk on beaches, trek through the dunes, follow rugged coastal cliffs and visit unusual and spectacular sculptured rock formations. The trail also takes in forest and coastal scrubland full of interesting plant species, numerous birds and other fauna. On your walk expect to see seals lounging in the sun, echidnas, wallabies and kangaroos as you explore the isolated trail where it is easy to imagine that your group are the only people on the island.

Situated on the southern coast of Kangaroo Island, this spectacular yet remote 60km trail is offered as a guided tour, completed in a series of day walks. We return to comfortable lodge or cabin accommodation nearby each evening and relax while the guides prepare delicious, home-style meals ideally suited to walkers. Each day transfers drop you back to resume walking where you finished on the previous day, so you continue on the route. This makes a normally challenging trail much more achievable to those with a moderate level of fitness, as there is no need to carry a heavy backpack or camp out. It is the ultimate way to experience the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail.

Cost from: \$2800 per person twin share

Departs: 19 February, 18 March, 28 April, 4 May, 21 September, 19 October, 9 & 30 November 2024
15 February, 8 & 22 March 2025

Included: Return transfers from and back to Adelaide CBD; 4 nights' comfortable hotel or cabin accommodation; 4 breakfasts, 5 picnic lunches, 4 dinners, return Cape Jervis ferry; transfers to and from the track; expert guides with a satellite phone, full first aid kit and emergency support, guided walk with local Ngarrindjeri guide.

Grade: Moderate with 2km to 16km per day. Walking up to 7 hours per day with ascents and descents across uneven ground and sand. There are coastal cliffs, some short rocky sections and a good number of hills, but regular walkers should not find the terrain to be too difficult. A good level of fitness is required, best acquired by regular walking.

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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Adelaide to Cape Jervis ferry to Kangaroo Island

walk @ 2km to 6km

Meet in Adelaide CBD before a two hour transfer to Cape Jervis to meet the Kangaroo Island ferry. En route to the ferry we stop at Myponga for a cultural walk with a local Ngarrindjeri guide. After arriving on Kangaroo Island we have a short introductory walk before settling into tonight's lodge room accommodation with ensuite bathrooms. The day ends with a group dinner at a local restaurant. The fresh produce of Kangaroo Island is becoming popular with food-lovers so be sure to try some local offerings such as oysters, abalone or marron.

Day 2: Snake Lagoon

walk @ 11km

After breakfast take the two hour bus transfer to the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail head. Once there look around the Kangaroo Island National Park visitors centre before heading off on the first walk, through a mix of forest and coastal vegetation. Look out for kangaroos and echidnas as well as some interesting tree and plant species. In the afternoon, settle into the two bedroom cabin accommodation (with a shared bathroom per cabin), where the group stays for the next three nights.

Day 3: Snake Lagoon to Remarkable Rocks

walk @ 16 + 6km

Today's walk starts along the spectacular sea cliffs with deserted bays below. There is time to discover the beaches and take in the Southern Ocean views, looking out for Australian sea lions, seals and other sea life. Then head inland for a complete change of scenery through bushland, before finishing with a view of the famous Cape du Coedic lighthouse. Option to extend the walk around Weirs Cove to the aptly named Remarkable Rocks. Located on a headland in the Flinders Chase National Park, these fantastically eroded granite boulders appear balanced precariously above the sea.

Day 4: Remarkable Rocks to Hanson Bay

walk @ 16km

Following along the cliff tops, our walk is full of coastal views, amazing rock formations and the South West River. There is a good chance of seeing dolphins and whales today. The day starts high up on the cliffs with a rocky limestone path underfoot. The route then turns inland with a change in vegetation from the low coastal heathlands to forests of tall, dense mallee and tea tree. Keep an eye out for echidnas and wallabies.

Day 5: Hanson Bay to Kelly Hill Caves, Return to Adelaide

walk @ 10km

Today complete the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail through an interesting mix of landscapes, including forests regrowing after the bushfires, freshwater lakes and karst cave systems. There are good opportunities for birdwatchers to spot both woodland and wading birds. Transfer to Penneshaw to catch an early afternoon ferry, and transfer back to the Adelaide CBD, where your tour ends.



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