









## GREAT SOUTHERN: SOUTHERN WINE & WILDLIFE (TOUR CODE: 13103)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Brisbane to Adelaide	Mondays (Jan, Feb and Dec 2025)	Luxury Cultural Rail	Rail Journeys

Travelling from Brisbane on the Great Southern, winding down the coast through Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Valley, with a city stop in Melbourne, you'll roll into Adelaide primed for further gourmet delights.

### Highlights

- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience in Coffs Harbour
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Region
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria
- The Iconic Penfolds Experience tour, including a three-course lunch with matching wines
- Visit the original Grange Cottage at Penfolds and see Penfolds' underground cellars
- · Wildlife experience at Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Explore Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks`
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley & Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including lunch
- Enjoy cellar door tastings, and a delicious lunch with a glass of wine to accompany

From the natural, rugged beauty of Kangaroo Island to the vine-clad hills of the Barossa Valley, South Australia is yours to discover on this wine and wildlife adventure. Travelling from Brisbane on the Great Southern, winding down the coast through Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Valley, with a city stop in Melbourne, you'll roll into Adelaide primed for further epicurean delights to follow. Local produce, refreshing wines and spectacular scenery are the highlights of this spectacular journey.



## **INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Coffs
  Harbour, the Hunter Valley region and regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- · 4 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Return flights from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island
- · Return hotel to airport transfers in Adelaide to meet the return flight
- 2 nights Kangaroo Island in Style tour, including flights to and from the Island, accommodation, most meals and personalised touring
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners

## **ITINERARY**

### **Intro** Map

The Great Southern - Southern Wine & Wildlife

### Board The Great Southern in Brisbane

Today, you'll set off from Brisbane on your week-long adventure covering Australia's south-east. Settle into your cabin and

prepare to savour lunch on board and spend a relaxing afternoon admiring the views before arriving in Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapes on the beach at Charlesworth Bay before a unique outdoor dinner, where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood paired with fine wines. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for your first night on board.

Overnight stay aboard the Great Southern.

Lunch, Dinner



## Great Southern, Hunter Region

Start the day with breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. You may choose to meander through the picturesque vineyards of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine regions, or explore Port Stephens by land or sea. Alternatively, explore Newcastle and discover the vibrant mix of old and new in the beautiful coastal city. Late afternoon, return to the train along with the rest of the guests to enjoy a regionally inspired meal and relaxing time on board before retiring for the night.

Overnight stay aboard the  ${\bf Great\ Southern.}$ 

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## 3 Great Southern, Melbourne or Regional Victoria

After enjoying a delicious breakfast on board and a relaxing start to the day travelling through Victoria's high country, you'll have a choice of Off Train Experiences. Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park, a beautiful vineyard in the Moorabool Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines. Alternatively, opt to visit cosmopolitan Melbourne to find out why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Explore the oldest and most-visited art collection in Australia at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) or visit the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

If you're a history buff, head to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Lunch is at Eureka 89, where you'll dine on a beautifully curated menu showcasing local and seasonal produce with spectacular views over the city. After lunch, you'll make your way back to the train to continue your journey south.

Overnight stay aboard the Great Southern.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Upon arrival into Adelaide, you will be transferred to your accommodation. The day is yours to explore the city. Home to over 900 restaurants, pubs and cafes, and a lively food and wine scene, you'll be spoilt for choice.

Overnight stay at Sofitel Adelaide (or similar)

#### Breakfast



## 5 Penfolds Magill Estate

As far as gourmet experiences go, today you are about to indulge in one of Australia's best. The legendary Penfolds Magill Estate, where some of the world's great wines are produced, is your venue for an epicurean adventure you'll never forget. Make your way from the hotel to Penfolds Magill Estate by your own arrangements, ready to enjoy tastings, including Grange, in the Estate's private rooms, before heading to the Magill Estate Cellar Door for a sumptuous lunch.

Overnight stay at Sofitel Adelaide.

Breakfast, Lunch



### Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

Please note: Day 6 and 7 may be interchanged.

Depart from Adelaide Airport for your flight to magical Kangaroo Island, where you will be met by your guide and begin your 'Island Life' tour. Island Life provides a taste of the way of life in this bucolic spot, where things take time, drivers wave as they go by, and passers-by stop for a chat. Have a cuppa with some home-made treats before taking a walk down a country track through towering Eucalyptus trees, where koalas snooze overhead or chew languidly on leaves. You'll travel through the island's most productive countryside to the north coast and walk through the bush with your guide, learning what makes that noise and whose tracks those are. Watch for small wallabies, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island, and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Lunch is at a private bush camp, where you'll enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting – a local sea fish, fresh salads and fine South Australian wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park, take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea lions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf and old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology. After a day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel.

Overnight stay at Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## 7 Kangaroo Island

Begin the day travelling through some of the regenerating landscapes of Kangaroo Island. Learn about fire ecology and how nature deals with this natural hazard. Some of the native flora species only flower following fire.

Travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched impossibly on top a granite dome plunging into the ocean. Then you'll break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, or if weather permits, on a spectacular clifftop. Evidence of the power of the Southern Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch – a coastal grotto that provides a haul out for a large colony of Long-nosed Fur Seals, which swim effortlessly through the crashing waves. After your last day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel.

Overnight stay at Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## §8 Kangaroo Island to Adelaide

This morning, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your city accommodation to leave your bags and spend the remainder of the day at your leisure. The evening is free to explore some of Adelaide's many dining and entertainment precincts.

Overnight stay at Sofitel Adelaide.

Breakfast



# § 9 Barossa Valley

Today, delight your senses with boutique wine and food touring to the historic Barossa Valley, with its 80 cellar doors. You'll even visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the world-renowned wine region and be guided though some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to 8 people only to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day. Whether

you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight with tastings at three wineries throughout the day, and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine included in your tour.

Overnight stay at Sofitel Adelaide.

Breakfast, Lunch



## ₹ 10 Farewell

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, bringing your epicurean adventure to an end.

Breakfast

## **ACCOMMODATION**

## Great Southern

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

The Great Southern journeying between Adelaide and Brisbane (or vice versa) showcasing spectacular scenery and an unrivalled experience both on and off the train. With a new route travelling through South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, the Great Southern is a truly unforgettable journey just waiting to be discovered. With its rugged coastline, sun-kissed beaches, forested peaks, and exhilarating capital cities, the stunning journey between these major cities feels like nowhere else in Australia.

### Gold (TWIN)

Gold Twin offers a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day

### Features include

- · Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- · All-inclusive Off Train Excursions and Short Stops
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest

Single cabins available - or upgrade to the highest level of service onboard, Platinum Service.



### **Room Upgrades**

#### Gold Single Cabin

A compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day, private vanity, with shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage. Gold Service Single is a comfortable sleeper cabin option that offers all the luxurious inclusions of the Gold Service Twin such as fully inclusive dining with three gourmet meals per day, all-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages and your choice of Off Train Experiences as you travel.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

### **Gold Premium**

For travellers who want that little bit more. Accommodated in newly designed, contemporary cabins, guests have exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Dining carriage for meals and socialising. The Gold Premium Lounge is your social hub. Think luxe leather banquettes and swivel chairs made for sinking into, and mood lighting creating an elegant ambiance that references the romance inherent in train travel.

Gold Premium Dining is a feast in multiple ways, with a contemporary design that respects Art Deco as the setting for carefully curated meals, from hearty breakfasts to two-course regionally inspired lunches and delectable four-course dinners, featuring the finest ingredients from local suppliers, farmers and providores. Naturally, this is accompanied by a selection of premium Australian wines.

#### **Gold Premium Twin**

A newly designed, contemporary cabin that converts from a lounge by day into sleeping berths at night.

#### **Gold Premium Suite**

The Gold Premium Suite has a three-quarter-size double bed plus a fold-down upper berth and a lounge area, with extra room to relax.

Gold Premium (Twin & Suite) service includes:

- · Premium amenities, luxuriously soft linen and silk eye masks
- · Exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Dining carriage
- · Two-course, regionally inspired lunches and four-course dinners
- · All-inclusive premium Australian wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- · All-inclusive Off Train Experiences and preferences on tour selections
- 75kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 25 kg each)
- · Priority luggage check-in
- · Power outlets in cabin
- · In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- · Complimentary shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin and Brisbane to selected hotels in the city centre.



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#### Platinum

Nothing enhances the romance of rail travel quite like Platinum Service. Tailored for the discerning traveller, Platinum Service adds a new level of sophistication to your journey. Stylishly appointed and spacious cabins are complemented by discreet, personalised service and access to the exclusive Platinum Club carriage for meals, relaxation and socialising. As you'd expect, the food and wine are of the highest standard. Enjoy hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and four-course dinners, all regionally inspired and paired with champagne and premium wines.

Platinum guests receive private transfers before and after your journey, beginning the adventure in style. Platinum cabins offer premium extras, like a full-size en suite, expansive window views from the train, and exclusive use of the Platinum Club carriage. Add to that the luxurious linen, French Champagne, Bracegirdle's chocolates, a nightcap at turndown and more, and you're in for an exceptional experience.

#### Platinum includes:

- All-inclusive dining, beverages, and Off Train Experiences
- Spacious Double or Twin cabin almost twice the size of a Gold Service Twin cabin
- By day, cabins are set up lounge-style with a moveable table and two ottomans
- By night, lounges are converted to double or twin beds
- · En suite equipped with separate shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and Australian bathroom amenities
- · Power outlets and in-cabin safe

- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- · Panoramic windows offering views from both sides of the train
- · Access to the exclusive Platinum Club for dining and socialising
- Freshly prepared continental breakfasts served upon request in-cabin
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60 km of the terminal
- 90 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30 kg each).



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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included or mentioned in our holiday package