

11 March 2010
11 Days

Kangaroo Island & the Grampians

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**3 Nights on Kangaroo Island
NZ & Australian Fur Seals,
Little Penguins**

**2 Nights at Stawell (Spectacular Views of
the Grampians, Short Walks & Wildflowers)**

**Naracoorte Caves
McLaren Vale &
Coonawarra Wines
Penola & Mary McKillop
Victor Harbor & Goolwa
Hahndorf
Fleurieu Peninsula**



which tells the history of the Paddle Steamers and the River Murray. We will travel to Victor Harbor for some sightseeing and possibly a horse drawn tram ride (at own expense). At **Cape Jervis**, we board the ferry for the 40 minute trip to Kangaroo Island. We arrive at our motel at Kingscote at about 8pm.

[Ozone Seafront Hotel—Kingscote 08 8553 2011 \(3 nights\)](#)

Day 6: Kangaroo Island Scenery (BLD)

Our first visit will be to **Seal Bay Conservation Park**, home to a colony of hundreds of **rare Australian Sea Lions** who rest and nurse their young or ride the waves to the beach. We will continue to **Flinders Chase National Park**, considered by many to be South Australia's most significant Park. The lack of introduced predators has allowed the wildlife and flora to remain in their natural state. We will visit **Couedic Lighthouse** (1909), towering over the treacherous coastline. We will stop at **Admiral's Arch and Remarkable Rocks**, sculptured by the wind and sea, a playground for **New Zealand Fur Seals** and **Australian Sea Lions**. Today we will have had a full circuit of the island. Tonight we will have a **tour of the Fairy Penguins** in their natural surroundings along the beach, close to our hotel.

Day 7: A Taste of Kangaroo Island (BLD)

This morning we will **tour the historical sites, including South Australia's first settlement**, now marked by a very old mulberry tree, and South Australia's first boat building project at American River, our **9** morning tea stop. We will taste Kangaroo Island's produce: at the **Honey Farm**, we will see the unique pure bred Ligurian Bees renowned for their gentle nature and golden colour; the **Eucalyptus Distillery**, the only commercial distillery still operating in South Australia with the oil used as a solvent, cleaner, disinfectant and insect repellent; and the **Island Pure 300 Sheep Dairy**. The cheeses and yoghurts that are made here are world class.

Day 8: Kingscote—Hahndorf (BLD)

We will catch the morning **ferry to Cape Jervis** with time to explore the **Fleurieu Peninsula**. We will have **lunch at McLaren Vale**, the centre of this prosperous wine growing area and spend the afternoon at the German town of **Hahndorf**. Tonight we will be staying in the heart of Hahndorf at the town's newest motel, just behind the main street.

[Hahndorf Inn Motor Lodge 08 8388 1000](#)

Day 9: Hahndorf—Kerang (BLD)

We will follow the Mallee Highway through the wheatfields of the Pinnaroo and Ouyen. This town has been voted many times as the **Victorian Vanilla Slice Capital**. After lunch we will follow the Murray, where dairies, vineyards and orchards line the highway on our way to Swan Hill home of the Murray River Red Gums before leaving the border to our overnight stop at Kerang.

[Kerang Valley Resort 03 5452 1311](#)

Day 10: Kerang—Wagga Wagga (BLD)

Crossing the Murray we return to NSW. We may see rice being harvested before a stop in the prosperous town of Deniliquin. We will pass through Jerilderie and Lockhart before arriving in Wagga Wagga.

[Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444](#)

Day 11: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

We will take the back road to Gundagai through undulating sheep and cattle pastures. Later joining onto the Hume Highway, and eventually home.

Day 1: Home—Wagga Wagga (LD)

We will depart Newcastle and head south through Tuggerah, Hornsby & Strathfield on our way to our motel.

[Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444](#)

Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Stawell/Grampians (BLD)

After some time at **Benalla Rose Gardens**, we will go to Bendigo with its magnificent public buildings and gardens. Heading into Central Victoria, passing through St Arnaud, before continuing to Stawell, home of the famous Easter Gift Footrace. Our motel has an indoor heated pool and a large lagoon surrounding the property.

[Magdala Motor Lodge 03 5358 3877 \(2 Nights\)](#)

Day 3: Sightseeing in the Grampians (BLD)

We will visit the unusual **Silverband Falls** before travelling through the **Grampians National Park** to **Sundial Car Park**. A short walk to **Lakeview Lookout** will reward us with views into **Halls Gap**. We visit **Reid's Lookout** for a **walk to the Balconies**, with spectacular views of this unusual rock formation. After lunch we will visit **Mackenzie Falls**, the tallest waterfall in the Grampians, before **Boroka Lookout** overlooking Halls Gap. We will return to **Halls Gap** for **free time** down the street.

Day 4: Stawell—Naracoorte (BLD)

Today we cut to the south of the Grampians to the Victorian towns of Hamilton and Coleraine. Following morning tea it is only a short drive across the border to South Australia and Penola, home of the **Mary McKillop Interpretive Centre** for a tour. We will enjoy an interesting morning before arriving at the Naracoorte Caves for lunch and then a **guided tour of Naracoorte, Alexandra Caves** and the **Wonambi Fossil Centre**. The caves we visit are the most accessible, with good pathways, lighting and ample hand rails. Later in the afternoon stretch your legs with a walk around Naracoorte before dinner.

[Comfort Inn William Macintosh 08 8762 1644](#)

Day 5: Naracoorte—Kingscote, Kangaroo Is. (BL)

Heading west this morning, we will reach the coast at Kingston SE, the home of Larry, the **Big Lobster**. A scenic drive from here will see us follow the Peninsula all the way to Meningie at Lake Albert for morning tea, a part of Lake Alexandrina which is at the mouth of the mighty Murray River. This afternoon we explore **Goolwa** and the **Signal Point Interpretation Centre**