

Eyre Peninsula

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Incl: Whale Watching on the Nullarbor

13 Days



Day 1: Thornton—Wagga Wagga (LD)

We will depart Thornton with pickups in Newcastle and Tuggerah on our way to Hornsby and Strathfield, with morning tea and lunch before arriving at Wagga Wagga.

Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Wentworth (BLD)

We will stop at Narrandera, once home to Priest Poet John O'Brien, before visiting the **Shearer's Hall of Fame at Hay**, which recognises shearers' contribution to the development of our nation. After lunch we will continue to Wentworth.

Wentworth Grande Resort 03 5027 2225

Day 3: Wentworth—Burra (BLD)

We will cross into South Australia and travel via the Riverland, and then on to the old copper town of **Burra where much of Breaker Morant was filmed**. After lunch, we will explore the heritage town's antique and curiosity shops before a **guided tour of the preserved buildings, including Redruth Gaol and the Copper Mine**, before settling into our accommodation at Paxton Cottages. These unique heritage ensuited cottages are comfortable converted historic (1849) miner's quarters.

Paxton Square Cottages 08 8892 2622

Day 4: Burra—Whyalla (BLD)

After breakfast, we will leave Burra, making our way through the Southern Flinders to Whyalla. We will have lunch, before our **guided tour of the One Steel Steelworks operations**, viewing the Blast Furnace, Coke Ovens, Steel Making Plant and Rolling Mill, **before a town tour**, with panoramic views at Hummock Hill.

Westland Hotel 08 8645 0066

Day 5: Whyalla—Port Lincoln (BLD)

This morning we will have a **tour through the Mount Laura Homestead Museum**, a former sheep station homestead, with a restored and fully furnished miner's cottage, as well as an extensive telecommunications collection dating from 1872 to now. We will have lunch at Cowell where we will see an extensive display of **locally mined & processed jade**. This afternoon we will travel to Port Lincoln with time down the street before checking in to our motel.

Hilton Hotel 08 8682 1144 (2 nights)

Day 6: Port Lincoln Attractions (BLD)

We will view the city and the marina which is home to a large tuna fleet, before a visit to the **International Guild of Master Craftsman, Constantia Designer Craftsmen, who crafted Parliament House's main table**. Lunch and **tastings will be at Boston Bay Wines**, set on a hill above the shores of Boston Bay. After lunch we will have a **guided tour of Whalers Way** for sensational views of coastal scenery, flora, fauna, and blow holes.

Day 7: Port

Lincoln—Streaky Bay (BLD)

We will head north along the West Coast with spectacular views of the rugged coastline via Elliston. From the **Great Ocean View Lookout** we will be able to see the grandeur of the **Great Australian Bight**, and perhaps a pod of dolphins.

We will see **Murphy's Haystacks**

(unusual rock formations) before we head to **Point Labatt**. From the cliff top we will watch a colony of **Australian Sea Lions** at play and maybe glimpse a **Southern Right Whale** before continuing to Streaky Bay.

Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel 08 8626 1008

Day 8: Streaky Bay—Ceduna (BLD)

This morning we will have a look at the **Old School-House National Trust Museum** with **artefacts from the 1950s Maralinga Testing Site** before heading to a **local oyster farm for a tour and taste!**

After lunch, we will have a look at the original township of Denial Bay, including Mackenzie's Jetty. We have some time down the street in **Ceduna**, with time to visit the **Ceduna Arts and Cultural Centre**. We check into our motel, with time to walk the foreshore, or jetty for a spectacular sunset.

Ceduna Foreshore Hotel 08 8625 2008 (2 nights)

Day 9: Nullarbor—Whale Watching (BLD)

An early start as we travel west along the Eyre Highway toward the **Great Australian Bight**. Our scenery will alter from broadacre wheat farming on Penong to mallee forests and the **unusual Nullarbor scenery** of low vegetation birdlife and reptiles with glimpses of white sand dunes along the cliff. We will **enjoy our lunch as we watch whales with their young from the extensive boardwalk lookouts constructed along this spectacular coastline** (every year dozens of whales give birth and suckle their young in this sheltered area).

Day 10: Ceduna—Port Augusta (BLD)

We will drive east through small wheat belt towns of Minnipa and Poochera. After morning tea we will head to **Mt Wudinna Reserve** where you can **walk up the 2nd largest granite rock in Australia**. We will then make our way into Wudinna for lunch, before heading onto **Kimba, the town halfway across Australia**. We will head past the mining site of Iron Knob to Port Augusta.

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn 08 8642 4033

Day 11: Port Augusta—Wentworth (BLD)

Heading down along the coastal areas, past Port Pirie, our first stop will be at Clare, **before lunch at Morgan**, once a bustling river port before heading back to Wentworth.

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Day 12: Wentworth—Wagga Wagga (BLD)

We will head east through Balranald crossing the famous Hay Plains to our lunch before heading to Wagga Wagga.

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Day 13: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

Departing Wagga Wagga, we will travel through Sydney and Newcastle, saying farewell to our new found friends.