



**RAILWAY ADVENTURES IN 2022**

# **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

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## **STEAM SAFARI**



**With Phillip MacKenzie**

**22 - 30 MAY**

**11 - 19 SEPTEMBER**

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• ADELAIDE • PETERBOROUGH • WILPENA POUND/FLINDERS RANGES • PORT AUGUSTA •

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The Coffee Pot on the Waukarie Creek Bridge, photo Caleb's Rail Films

# INTRODUCTION

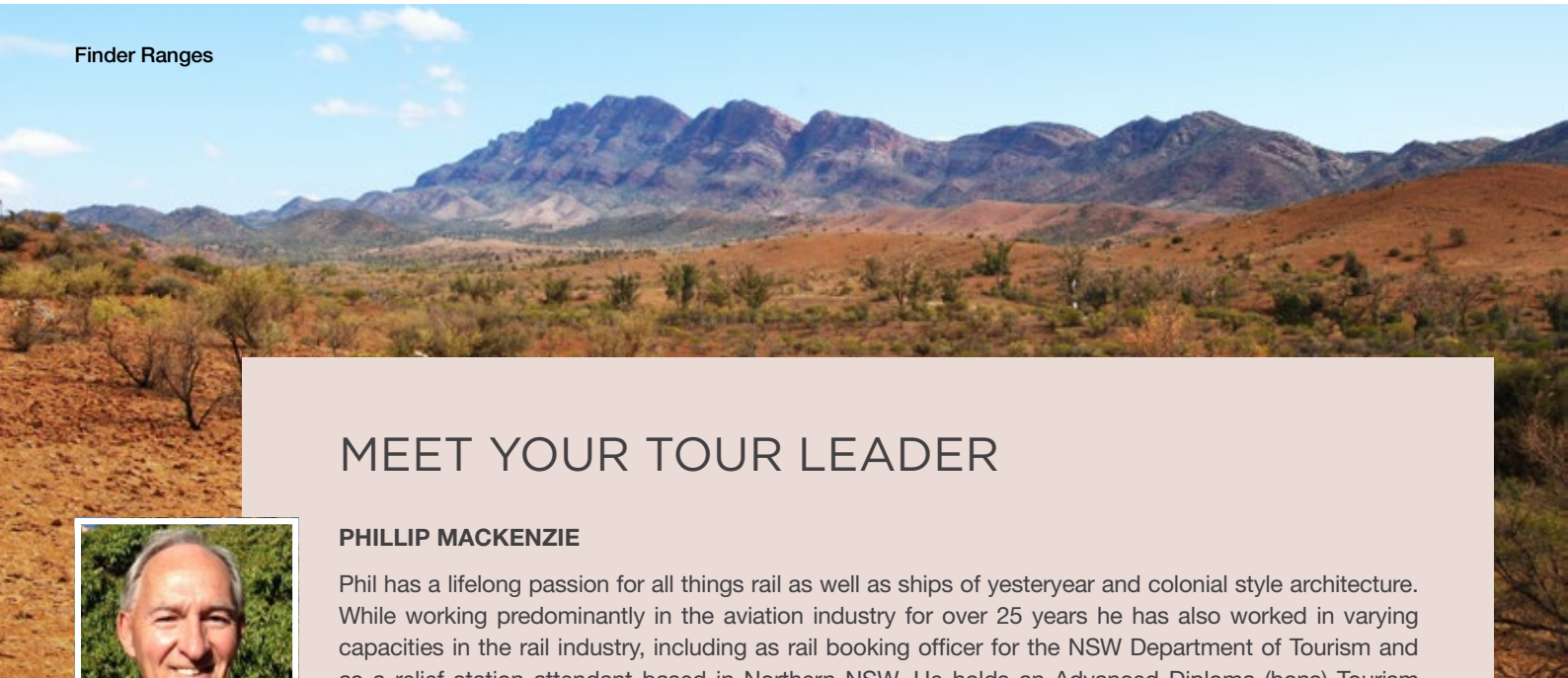
From stunning mountain ranges and snaking rivers, to famously enchanting wineries and an eclectic collection of little country towns, South Australia offers some of the most varied experiences in the country. Combine the broken, rugged and rust-coloured landscape of the Flinders Ranges with the rolling green hills and pristine coastline of the Fleurieu Peninsula and you have the bookends of this special adventure. The Festival state is also home to a compact collection of some of the most appealing and authentic heritage rail journeys in Australia.

Kicking off in Adelaide and heading north, our journey takes in an interesting mix of experiences, including sound and light shows, industrial and rural heritage, fine dining and wine tasting. But then, the centrepiece of the tour, a very special charter of the 'Pichi Richi Explorer' heritage train for a trip on the most iconic section of the original Trans Australia Railway. In the company of your tour leader, South Australian local, Phillip MacKenzie, you're sure of an entertaining, informative, revealing and memorable short adventure.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an exclusive private charter on the famous Pichi Richi Railway from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and back by heritage train
- Explore the Flinders Ranges, the Fleurieu Peninsula, Port Augusta, Adelaide and beyond
- Ride the Heritage Steam Ranger train down the hinterland of the Fleurieu Peninsula and along the stunning coastline route of the Cockle Train
- Take in the Light and Sound Show at Steamtown in Peterborough
- Take off on a four-wheel drive tour of the exceptional Wilpena Pound
- Enjoy a special sunset drinks and canapés at Stokes Hill in the Flinders Ranges
- Explore multiple museums, homesteads, wineries and quaint country gardens
- Enjoy the comfort of quality coach connections, the best hotels and motels on offer, fine meals and the company of your experienced tour leader, Phillip McKenzie.

Flinders Ranges



## MEET YOUR TOUR LEADER

### PHILLIP MACKENZIE

Phil has a lifelong passion for all things rail as well as ships of yesteryear and colonial style architecture. While working predominantly in the aviation industry for over 25 years he has also worked in varying capacities in the rail industry, including as rail booking officer for the NSW Department of Tourism and as a relief station attendant based in Northern NSW. He holds an Advanced Diploma (hons) Tourism Management. Over the years he has been involved in a number of rail heritage preservation groups. In 2004 he established the Tweed Rail Society to lobby government to retain and improve services on the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line in northern NSW. Originally from Sydney, Phil now resides in Adelaide where he continues to lobby governments for improved urban and regional rail services across Australia.

During his time in Adelaide Phil has gained considerable knowledge about South Australia in a variety of areas, including previous and current rail operations. As a keen photographer he has photographed a number of rail operations there. Previous to this he photographed the final days of steam in NSW in the 1960s and 70s. In 1975 he ventured to South Africa to photograph steam in its heyday and returned to Australia late 1978. While in South Africa he also turned to wildlife and landscape photography. Phil flew internationally with QANTAS Airways for some 20 years. This opened up considerable opportunities for him to travel on numerous rail operations abroad from Asia to Europe, the UK, North America, Canada and parts of South America. As part of his passion for rail Phil has an extensive collection of NSW HO model trains. He also loves the great outdoors, the beach, kayaking, scuba diving, fishing, bush walks and journeys to the outback. Phil looks forward to being your tour leader for upcoming South Australian Steam Safaris and other exciting new rail adventures.



# TOUR MAP



# SOME WAYS YOU'LL TRAVEL

The best train trips possible, private luxury coach for off-train travel, guided walking where suitable, and other appropriate and appealing options to make exploration easy.



4x4 Tour in the Flinders



Brill Railcar 106



Tourist train Moonta

## WHY TRAVEL WITH US

The joy of travel is not confined to the destination. How you travel is a large and rich part of the experience. *Railway Adventures* offers a truly unique perspective on some of the world's most spectacular holiday destinations, with the confidence that the journey will be just as magical and memorable as what you find at the end of the line.

### WITH US, YOU CAN CONFIDENTLY EXPECT:

- **Small group sizes** — a small number of passengers per trip guarantees an intimate experience with less time spent queuing, more time with your guide, and better access to sightseeing destinations.
- **Unique itineraries** — each itinerary has been meticulously developed by a team of expert travellers with many years' experience, an intimate knowledge of the destination, and with great cultural awareness. You are guaranteed to experience the best that each destination has to offer.
- **Authentic local experiences** — whether it's a little-known yet impressive steam railway, a small boutique hotel or an authentic restaurant, know that you will experience something special on our tours.
- **Expert local guides and operators** — we employ local guides to share their passion and knowledge of the place they call home, while our partners on the ground provide the best possible support and backup all the way.
- **Customer satisfaction** — our testimonials speak for themselves. Thousands have travelled with us over the years and many come back year after year, often bringing friends along. Our customer satisfaction ratings show that over 97% would recommend us to others and/or travel with us again.
- **Fully escorted** — our tour leaders are experienced and capable, entertaining and considerate, and together with our local guides have your needs well covered. They help with everything along the way, providing peace of mind, and enabling you to relax and enjoy the journey. And you'll find them jolly good company, to boot!

#### **DAY 1 • Sunday 22 May/11 September: ARRIVE ADELAIDE**

Arrive in South Australia's capital, Adelaide, and check in to our centrally located hotel. You're welcome to Join Philip for an optional tour in the afternoon to the National Railway Museum in Port Dock. You will be back in plenty of time to check-in and relax before the evening function. Meet Phillip and your fellow travellers for a celebratory welcome dinner and drinks.

*Overnight: Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury, (or similar), (D)*

#### **DAY 2 • Monday 23 May/12 September: ADELAIDE - PETERBOROUGH**

Farewell Adelaide after breakfast this morning and travel north by coach to Peterborough. We'll make a few stops along the way to explore historic towns and homesteads, including the magnificent Martindale Hall, made famous by the iconic film 'Picnic at Hanging Rock'. This Georgian-style mansion is considered one of South Australia's grandest stately homes, built in 1879 and sitting within a 45-acre pastoral property. It is now a museum for visitors, and we'll take time to explore its charming character followed up with lunch and a tasting just up the road at a local winery.

After lunch, continue to the town of Burra and visit the quaint Burra Railway Station, where there is also a large and interesting fossil of a giant marsupial on display. Then on to the Burra Copper Mine and take a photo stop at the 'Midnight Oil house', an old homestead a short drive north of Burra, made famous by being on the cover of a Midnight Oil Album.

On arrival in Peterborough, check into our hotel and freshen up, before transferring to the Steamtown Heritage Rail Museum for a guided tour. Here, you'll find Australia's only operational triple gauge turntable, a wide range of historic rolling stock including heroic steam trains, powerful diesel locomotives and unique passenger and freight trains- all exhibited in original settings in the heritage listed roundhouse and original work sheds.

Following our guided tour, we'll enjoy an entertaining Sound and Light show at the museum, which tells the story of the heritage trains of this area and the history of the museum. We'll then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

*Overnight: Roundhouse Motel, Peterborough (or similar) (B, L, D)*

#### **DAY 3 • Tuesday 24 May/13 September: PETERBOROUGH - FLINDERS RANGES**

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Peterborough before departing by coach to Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges. On arrival at this incredible natural wonder we'll spend some time to relax, explore and soak up the peaceful ambience of the place. You also have the option take one of the optional walks or scenic flights (at your own cost) through the surrounding area. The Flinders Ranges National Park encompasses some of the most spectacular scenery in South Australia and has been made famous by numerous films and the epic paintings of Sir Hans Heysen. Early evening, we head up to watch the sunset from the vantage point of Stokes Hill with canapés and a beer or glass of wine. We'll return to our resort later on and enjoy dinner together.

*Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort, (or similar), (B, L, D)*

#### **DAY 4 • Wednesday 25 May/14 September: FLINDERS RANGES - QUORN**

This morning we'll embark on a four-wheel-drive excursion of the Flinders Ranges, soaking up the astounding landscapes and natural wonders that make it such an interesting part of the country. The park is world-renowned for its geological history, including impressive fossil remains. Lunch is provided before journeying back down the highway to Quorn, our home for the next three nights.

We settle into the hotel and later this evening a classic Aussie bush dinner will be hosted at the Lodge.

*Overnight: The Great Northern Lodge, Quorn (or similar), (B, L, D)*

#### **DAY 5 • Thursday 26 May/15 September: QUORN - WHYALLA - QUORN**

After breakfast this morning we'll travel a short way by coach to the industrial, coastal city of Whyalla on the Eyre Peninsula's Spencer Gulf. Here we'll pay a visit to the Whyalla Steelworks where we'll enjoy a guided tour, before taking some free time to explore. You might want to enjoy a local lunch on your own, do some shopping and wander the town at leisure.

In the afternoon we'll pay a visit to the interesting Whyalla Maritime Museum, the home of the former 'HMAS Whyalla', the first ship built in the Whyalla Shipyards in 1941 and later we'll make our way back via Port Augusta to explore some of the sights in the town that calls itself 'The Outback by the Sea'. We'll also enjoy some time for an early buffet Dinner at the popular Standpipe Restaurant in the 'Port' before the short ride back home to the Lodge at Quorn.

*Overnight: (B) The Great Northern Lodge, Quorn (B, D)*

#### **DAY 6 • Friday 27 May/16 September: QUORN - PICHI RICHI RAILWAY - RETURN**

After breakfast we head down to Quorn station to embark on a special excursion of vintage travel with Pichi Richi Railway on a privately chartered steam-hauled heritage train. Our special return trip to Woolshed Flat and return takes us along the Old Ghan line, and will feature plenty of stops, run pasts and time to savour the landscape.

The gentle journey back in the afternoon reveals more of the important story of the great nation building project that was the Trans-Continental Railway. Back at Quorn in the afternoon feel free to join us on a private tour of the active museum workshops before retiring to the Lodge and an evening at leisure.

*Overnight: The Great Northern Lodge, Quorn (B)*

#### **DAY 7 • Saturday 28 May/17 September: QUORN - ADELAIDE**

Bid Quorn goodbye this morning and take a revealing journey back to the capital along the Gulf coast. Along the way we'll pause at Port Pirie to check out the historic station and town. We'll also enjoy some time at the interesting RSL Military museum in town before continuing onto Moonta. Here we take a train journey on the local tourist railway that circles the historic relics and ruins of one of Australia's early industrial sights, built around the rich Copper deposits that were discovered in the 1860's. Lunch today is hosted with a very local flair. We then continue south towards Adelaide. On arrival in the big smoke we'll check back into our hotel with an evening at leisure.

*Overnight: Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury, (or similar), Adelaide, (B, L)*

#### **DAY 8 • Sunday 29 May/18 September: ADELAIDE - VICTOR HARBOUR - ADELAIDE**

After a leisurely breakfast, head out of Adelaide by coach, up into the hills to Mt Barker and the depot of the SteamRanger Heritage Railway organization. Take a short tour of the facilities and priceless collection of rolling stock before departing on our last train for this tour, the 'Steam Encounter' vintage train to the scenic southern coast. Our train makes brief stops along the way and trundles through the heart of the Fleurieu Peninsula to Goolwa at the mouth of the Murray River.

Our excursion then continues along the coastal route of The Cackle Train to Victor Harbour, which travels along the edge of the Great Southern Ocean, parts of which are on the oldest steel-railed railway in Australia, constructed to provide a link between the River Murray and the ocean wharfs at Port Elliot, and later Victor Harbor. Enjoy some free time to wander the streets of this charming town; take a ride on one of the very few horse-drawn tram routes remaining in public transit service anywhere in the world - to Granite Island - and enjoy lunch at your own pace. Later in the afternoon, we jump back on the 'Steam Encounter' to Mount Barker where we will board our coach for the last leg to Adelaide. This evening we will re-group for a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

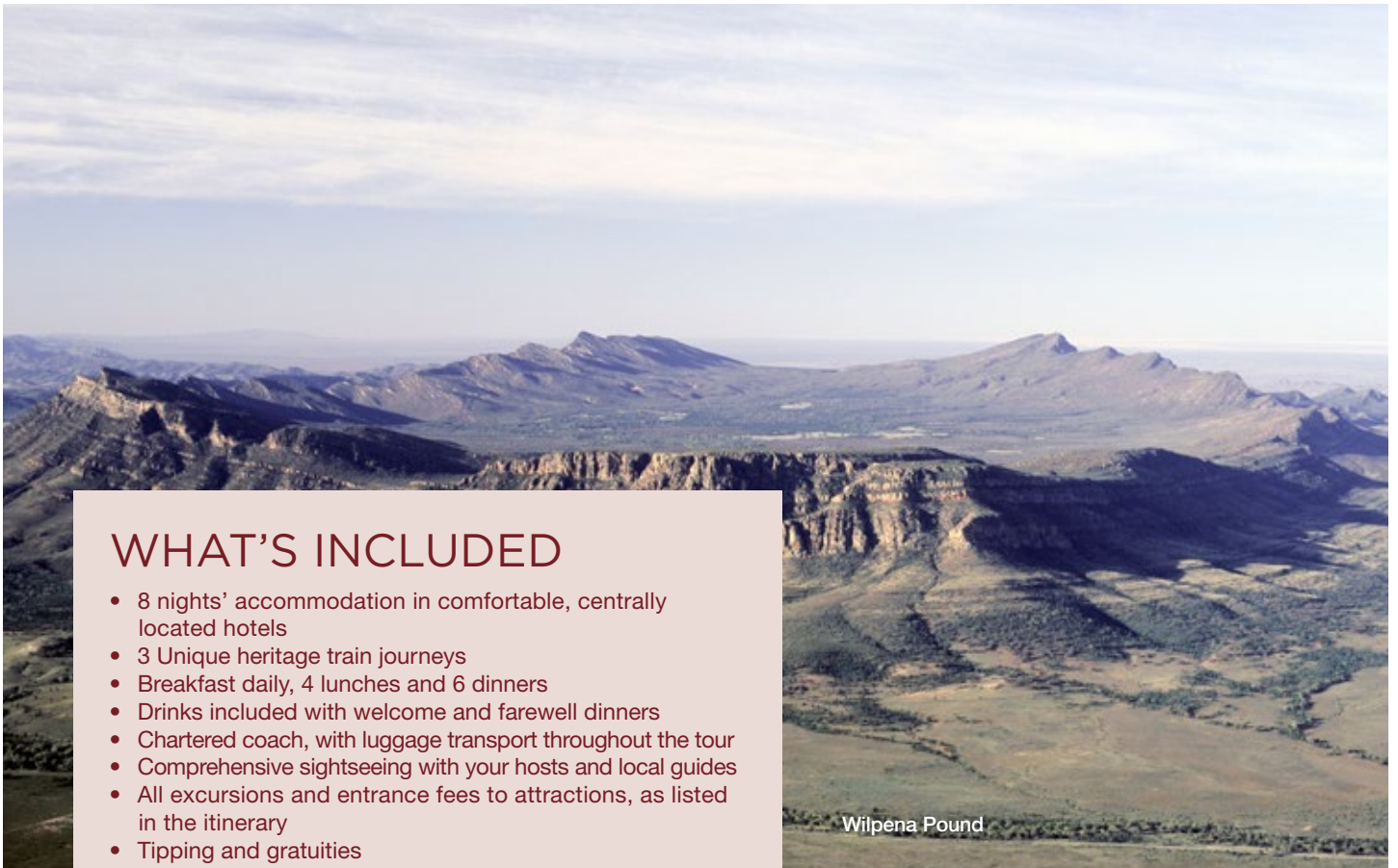
*Overnight: Overnight: Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury, (or similar), (B, D)*

#### **DAY 9 • Monday 30 May/19 September: ADELAIDE - DEPART**

Our tour comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Transfer to the airport for flights home or onward for other journeys.



Historic Martindale Hall, Mintaro SA



Wilpena Pound


## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 nights' accommodation in comfortable, centrally located hotels
- 3 Unique heritage train journeys
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 6 dinners
- Drinks included with welcome and farewell dinners
- Chartered coach, with luggage transport throughout the tour
- Comprehensive sightseeing with your hosts and local guides
- All excursions and entrance fees to attractions, as listed in the itinerary
- Tipping and gratuities

## WHAT WE DON'T INCLUDE

- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Meals and services not mentioned in itinerary
- All other personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, laundry services, camera fees where applicable
- Excursions listed as optional and extra in the brochure

## FITNESS RATING

 Two 'Locos'

The most common grading for our tours. Two loco itineraries offer many activities that require a little extra fitness – walking on uneven ground, climbing hills to enter towns or historic sites, walks of 1-3 kilometres as well as getting on and off transport. You need to have good mobility and aerobic fitness and be able to manage your own luggage.



The Southern Encounter at Victor Harbour

Spencer Gulf, SA



### SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

We have suggested flights for this itinerary depending on your departure point from Australia, any preferred stopovers en-route and/or your planned pre- and post-tour activities. We can also investigate your preferred airline and offer you a solution based on connection times and prices. Contact 1300 800 977 to discuss your options.

### HOW TO BOOK

Download a booking form from our website and follow the easy steps to getting on board. Alternatively, contact us on 1300 800 977 or [info@railwayadventures.com](mailto:info@railwayadventures.com) if you'd prefer a form be sent to you. Complete the form and submit it, along with your \$500 pp deposit to secure your place on the tour.

### DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We endeavour to have all the details of our tours correct at the time of printing. However, sometimes factors beyond our control may affect the final inclusions and prices. These factors may include, but not be limited to; significant fluctuations in currency exchange rates, individual hotel/restaurant decisions that may affect bookings; weather events forcing a change of itinerary; unexpected trackwork on rail lines, unexpected closure of site attractions and so forth. Therefore, items mentioned in the brochure such as quoted prices, hotels and inclusions are subject to change. If a change is imposed on us, we will endeavour to ensure the substitute is of the same quality that you've paid for.

### TOUR PACE / LEVEL OF FITNESS:

Our itineraries are designed to make the most of each destination, so a reasonable amount of activity is built into most days, which is why we call them *adventures*. Our philosophy is to offer you the best experience possible, while leaving you, our guest, the flexibility to pace yourself and choose how much or how little you want to do. Each Railway Adventures tour incorporates periods of free time for your own exploration and relaxation.

While you don't need to be a 'gym junky', a reasonable level of fitness is required for most of our tours. The ability to manage your own luggage, get on and off all manner of trains and coaches, walk for extended periods, stand comfortably, and climb steps and stairs will ensure you get the maximum enjoyment from your adventure.

### ADDITIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to assisting with flight suggestions and bookings, we can also give you some ideas of what you could do before and after your Railway Adventure.

We can also organise your all-important Travel Insurance for you. Call our office on 1300 800 977 if you would like to discuss options.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

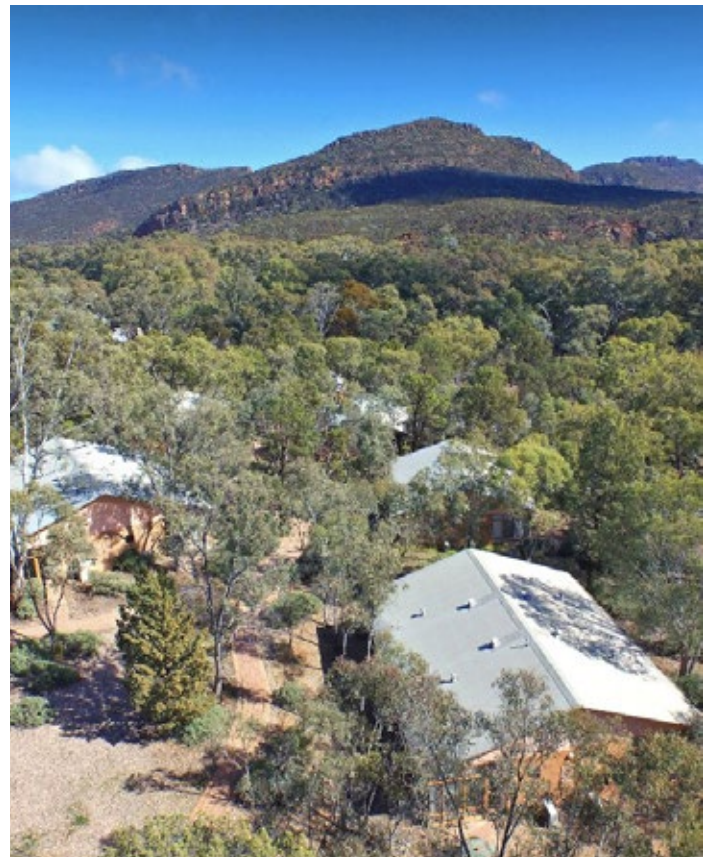
For more information on factors such as travel insurance requirements, fitness levels, fees and charges, tour cancellations, payment schedules and so on, please refer to our Terms and Conditions, which accompany the booking form. They can also be found on our website.

## PRICE

Per person twin share..... **\$4,385**  
Single supplement..... **\$695**  
Deposit (per person) ..... **\$500 at time of booking**  
  
May Final payment due by ..... **7 April 2022**  
September Final payment due by ..... **18 July 2022**

## SOME PLACES YOU'LL STAY

Hand-picked hotels and resorts based on location, customer feedback, value and atmosphere.



**Wilpena Pound Resort**



**The Great Northern Lodge, Quorn**



**Adina Apartment Hotel, Adelaide**



YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

## THE RAILWAY ADVENTURES STORY

Railway Adventures was launched in 2012 by well-known Australian TV personality and self-confessed rail fan, Scott McGregor. A lifelong passion for travel has taken Scott to scores of countries and his preference for rail has seen him exploring many of the world's great train journeys, confirming his belief that the most relaxing, romantic and engaging way to see a country is by rail. He even has his own life-sized, fully-restored opulent train accommodation atop the Great Dividing Range near Mudgee, offering guests a rare and special bush retreat experience.

Since 2012 Railway Adventures has thrilled and delighted more than 1200 travelers on over 100 tours from Sweden to Sri Lanka, Tasmania to Transylvania, Britain to Burma, Venice to Vietnam and all manner of shorter adventures in our own wonderful country. Scott's numerous rail-themed TV documentaries, his ongoing involvement in rail heritage and his extensive connections with private train owners around the world, guarantee that every Railway Adventures tour is exclusive, entertaining and authentic. 23 August 2021.

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