

STUART'S COACHES

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13 DAY ADELAIDE & EYRE PENINSULA TOUR

Day 1 (LD): NOWRA TO BALRANALD: Saturday 23 September 2017

Welcome to our 13 day tour to **Adelaide** and the **Eyre Peninsula**. Departing Nowra at 6.30am , we head west over Kangaroo Valley through to Goulburn and Yass, before stopping in Gundagai for lunch. We continue our travels via Wagga Wagga on to our overnight stop in **Balranald**. *(Lunch included, dinner in motel)*

Balranald Motor Inn – PH: 03 5020 1104

Day 2 (BLD): BALRANALD TO ADELAIDE: Sunday 24 September 2017

Following a hearty breakfast we begin our day's travels. This morning our journey takes us through **Mildura** and then onto **South Australia's Riverland** district, with a brief stop for lunch in **Renmark**. This afternoon we cross the **Murray River** before skirting the edge of the **Barossa Valley** and arrive into **Adelaide** late afternoon. *(Breakfast & dinner in the hotel, Lunch en route)*

Adelaide Meridien Hotel & Apartments, North Adelaide – PH: 08 8267 3033

Day 3 (BD): ADELAIDE: Monday 25 September 2017

Over the past couple of years the City of Adelaide has seen major growth, historic **North Terrace** has been brought back to its glory days and the **Torrens River** precinct has come alive with the major renovations of **Adelaide Oval** and both **Rundle Mall** and **Victoria Square** have had major revamps. We welcome a local tour guide on board the coach to give us an insight into the latest changes in Adelaide and give us an interesting commentary into Adelaide's past. We conclude our tour at **Rundle Mall**, which is also our lunch destination today. *(Passengers own expense)* This afternoon we have a short drive to **Port Adelaide** and join the **Port River Dolphin Explorer** for an afternoon cruise along the Port River. See many of the original wharves and the new defence ships being built, as well as several Port River Dolphins along the way. Late afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner. *(Breakfast & dinner in the hotel, Lunch own expense)*

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Day 4 (BLD): ADELAIDE TO PORT AUGUSTA: Tuesday 26 September 2017

Following breakfast we head to the town of **Burra** where copper was discovered in 1845. Very quickly a town developed with a community of 5000 in 1851 (Adelaide's population was 18 000 at the time). Today the whole town is on the State Heritage Register preserving its great historical value and mining heritage. Copper from Burra's "Monster Mine" saved South Australia from bankruptcy in the 1840's and was the largest metal mine in the country employing 1000 people. Following some time to take a wander we enjoy our **picnic lunches** from the bakery then travel onto our destination of **Port Augusta**. This seaport and railway junction is at the top of the **Spencer Gulf** and is the gateway to the **Eyre Peninsula**. We check into our motel and freshen up for dinner. *(Breakfast & dinner in motel / picnic lunch in Burra)*

Acacia Ridge Motor Inn, Port Augusta – PH: 08 8642 3377

Day 05 (BD): THE EYRE PENINSULA: Wednesday 27 September 2017

This morning, we travel to **Whyalla** - the gateway from the east to the Eyre Peninsula. To most people Whyalla is known as an industrial town. The Onesteel Whyalla Steelworks are indeed an important part of this community but what you may not know is that Whyalla is also known as the **Cuttlefish Capital** of the World!! Between May and September each year, hundreds of thousands of Australian Giant Cuttlefish - *Sepia apama*, gather to spawn on a narrow section of the coastline to the north of Whyalla. We have a quick look around Whyalla, then head south to **Cowell** for some free time to purchase lunch. *(Passengers own expense)* The pristine waters of the Spencer Gulf have enabled the Eyre Peninsula to produce some of the best Oysters in Australia. Whilst in Cowell we will visit **Turners Oysters and Seafood** to learn more about Oyster farming and perhaps even have the opportunity to sample an Oyster or two. Continuing south along the Lincoln Highway, we arrive in Port Lincoln. Our base for the next 3 nights is the **Port Lincoln Hotel** – perfectly situated to allow us to experience all Port Lincoln has to offer. *(Breakfast & dinner in the hotel/ Lunch own expense)*

Port Lincoln Hotel – PH: 08 8621 2000

Day 06 (BLD): EXPLORING PORT LINCOLN: Thursday 28 September 2017

Port Lincoln is located on one of the world's largest protected natural harbours. **Boston Bay** stretches from the tip of the Port Lincoln National Park to Point Boston and covers an area more than 3½ times the size of Sydney Harbour! We spend the morning with **Adventure Bay Charters**. First up we head to the Marina and embark on a short walk where we will learn about the history of the fishing industry in the region. This walk covers no more than 900m on a round trip and can be done from the comfort of the coach if you wish. We visit the Adventure Bay office – within Boston Bay there are aquaculture sites for king fish, tuna and muscles which will be our seafood tastings. We now cruise the canals of the **Lincoln Cove Marina**, Porter Bay, Boston Bay, Port Lincoln National Park and Port Lincoln itself. All this sea air will make us hungry so we stay at the Marina for lunch in the local Tavern. This afternoon we visit **Constantia Designer Craftsmen** – a truly unique attraction. Testimony to this firm's level of craftsmanship is the unprecedented honours bestowed by the **International Guild of Master Craftsmen**, Constantia being one of only six firms in the world to be made a fully accredited member. Constantia was commissioned to design and build the **Table to the House of Representatives** and the **Hansard Table**, the main tables for the new **Parliament House** in Canberra. Following our visit the remainder of the afternoon is free. *(Breakfast & dinner in the hotel/ Lunch included at Marina)*

Day 07 (BD): MORE OF PORT LINCOLN: Friday 29 September 2017

This morning we make our way to **Whalers Way**. Just 30 minutes south of Port Lincoln and located on private property, Whalers Way offers sensational coastal views from the very tip of the **Eyre Peninsula**. We spend some time taking in the views and then return to Port Lincoln for some free time to purchase lunch (passenger own expense). Early afternoon we pay a visit to the **Axel Stenross Maritime Museum** which features older style tools used in building wooden boats, clinker and carvel wooden dinghies, a large collection of maritime artefacts and newspaper cuttings of local fishing and boating history. As we have been on the road for a while, the rest of the afternoon is free for personal sightseeing or shopping. Dinner tonight will be in the Hotel dining room. *(Breakfast & dinner in the hotel/ Lunch included at Marina)*

DAY 8 (BLD): PORT LINCOLN TO STREAKY BAY: Saturday 30 September 2017

Some of the most rugged and dramatic coastline on the *Eyre Peninsula* is along the west coast and, that's where we are headed this morning. First stop is a look at the pretty town of **Coffin Bay**, located on the shores of one of the most beautiful estuaries in Australia and surrounded by National and Conservation Parks. We enjoy a brief break here before continuing along the Flinders Highway to **Elliston**. This really is a stunning area, particularly the appropriately named **Great Ocean View** – a section of cliff stop roadway with some remarkable views of the Great Australian Bight and Waterloo Bay. Once in Elliston, a local will join us as to show us the beautiful coastline and tell us some of the history about the area. We enjoy a BBQ lunch then continue our touring where we see **Murphys Haystacks**. These granite rocks were weathered and sculpted into their present form about 100,000 years ago. Geologists say the Haystacks are composed of pink granite from the Hiltaba suite of rocks which were laid down some 1500 million years ago. Amazingly these beautiful pink granites were formed at a depth of 7 - 10 kilometres below the earth's surface. Today when we look at the Haystacks we see these Hiltaba granites exposed on the surface. Clearly a great deal of erosion has occurred since the granite's formation. Time permitting we'll stop at **Point Labatt** where we can see all ages of sea-lions before arriving into **Streaky Bay** to check into our accommodation. *(breakfast & dinner in motel / BBQ lunch Elliston)*

Streaky Bay Hotel Motel – PH: 08 8626 1008

Day 9 (BLD): CEDUNA: Sunday 01 October 2017

Ceduna is located on the shores of Murat Bay. The protected waters, sheltered bays and numerous sand coves ensure a plentiful supply of fresh seafood, including local oysters which, because of the bay's crystal clear water are some of the finest available in the country. Oysters from Coffin Bay (south of here) are particularly well known but the oysters from **Ceduna** and **Streaky Bay** are just as good. Our first stop this morning is to the **Visitors Centre**. It's here we are joined on the coach by our locally based guide for an introductory tour of the town. Next we visit the **Old Schoolhouse Museum**, featuring historical displays covering the area's pioneering past. A unique feature of the museum is the Maralinga Room where visitors can view a number of radioactively inert objects souvenired from the British Government's atomic tests of the 1940s and 50s. These tests were carried out at Maralinga and Emu - north of present day Yalata. This afternoon we visit the **Astrid Oyster Farm** at Denial Bay where we have arranged a tour of the operation and of course a tasting. After a fascinating day we return to Streaky Bay for dinner. *(breakfast & dinner in motel /lunch at Ceduna)*

Day 10: (BLD): THE GAWLER RANGES: Monday 02 October 2017

After our hearty breakfast we make our way to a little settlement called **Minnipa**. On arrival we meet our local guide and visit **Pildappa Rock** – a large piece of granite that has been exposed over time by erosion. Pildappa Rock features long wave formations rivalling those of Western Australia's famous Wave Rock and, around the perimeter, an ingenious water catchment system, built in the early 1900s, to collect precious rainwater as it runs off the rock. So successful was this system that, at one time, an orchard was established. We also have a look at the **Minnipa Agricultural Centre** which has been a research facility since 1915 and is now a centre of excellence for dry land farming in Southern Australia. This afternoon we arrive in Wudinna and have lunch at the Gawler Ranges Hotel/Motel. This afternoon we take in the local sights with a local tour guide on-board including **The Australian Farmer Sculpture**, **Polda Rock** and **Mount Wudinna Recreational Reserve**. *(Breakfast & dinner in motel / lunch at Wudinna)*

Gawler Ranges Motel, Wudinna – PH: 08 8680 2090

Day 11 (BLD): WUDINNA TO PETERBOROUGH: Tuesday 03 October 2017

On our journey this morning we pass through *Kimba*, which is home to the *Big Galah*, we then arrive in the small community of *Iron Knob* and visit the Mining Museum at the visitors information centre. Iron Knob is said to be the birthplace of the steel industry in Australia and has certainly played a prominent role in the life of South Australia. After nearly 100 years, mining at Iron Knob ended in April 1998, when the last ore was taken from the Iron Monarch open cut pit. Late morning we arrive in *Port Augusta*, which is sometimes described as the "*Crossroads of Australia*". Today's lunch stop is at the *Standpipe Golf Hotel*, then this afternoon we make our way to *Peterborough*. Peterborough's history is all about rail. The railways officially arrived in town on January 17, 1881 when the line from Jamestown opened. Soon Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Adelaide and the Silverton Mines (Broken Hill area) were all connected by rail tracks that passed through Peterborough. The town forged ahead in leaps and bounds with the railways playing a major part in the development of it. In 1927 the workforce of the Peterborough Division of the South Australian Railways was 1800 with two thirds of them living in the town. Peterborough is unique in that we are in only one of two places in the southern hemisphere (Gladstone being the other) where you can still see broad (5'3"), standard (4'8½") and narrow gauge (3'6") railway tracks together. The best place to get familiar with the history of the area is the *Steamtown Heritage Museum* which has undergone extensive expansion and refurbishment. Here we will be taken on a guided tour, and then we head across to our motel for a little free time before dinner. Tonight we return to Steamtown for the *Sound and Light Show*. Each night, beneath the stars of the Southern Flinders Ranges, a light begins to glow beneath a mighty steam train. There's a hiss of piston, a rush of steam, the cry of a guardsman – and an incredible industrial legacy slowly comes to life. On completion of the show we return to the motel. (*Breakfast & dinner in motel / lunch at Golf Standpipe Hotel*)

Roundhouse Motel Peterborough, - PH: 08 8651 2078

Day 12 (BLD): PETERBOROUGH TO HAY: Wednesday 04 October 2017

Today we have quite a long road ahead, travelling through Morgan, Renmark, Mildura to Hay, stopping for lunch at Mildura. From the Riverland our scenery dramatically changes and we complete our day by crossing the *Hay Plain*, before arriving into Hay for our final night of the tour together. (*Breakfast & Dinner in motel / lunch at Mildura*)

Bishop's Lodge Motor Inn, Hay – PH: 02 6993 3003

Day 13 (BL): HEADING HOME: Thursday 05 October 2017

Our final journey takes us along the Hume Highway as we make our way back to the South Coast of NSW. We arrive home later today to complete our fabulous 13 day tour to Adelaide and the Eyre Peninsula. (*Breakfast in motel / lunch en route*)

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