# EXPLORERS WAY

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF THE OUTBACK

The great Australian road trip, a 3,000km route stretching from Adelaide to Darwin. Embark on a journey of unforgettable landscapes and historic towns whilst getting back to nature and experiencing the wonder of the Outback sky at night. Follow the Aussie Travel Code and #TreadLightly



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#### CLARE VALLEY WINE REGION CLARE VALLEY WINE FOOD AND TOURISM CENTRE CLAREVALLEY.COM.AU - 08 8842 2131

Toast the start of your adventure with a legendary glass of riesling. You'll find more than 30 cellar doors dotted throughout, with some of the oldest wineries in the state, like Sevenhill Cellars as well as Pikes Wines, Shut the Gate and Good Catholic Girl. The region's landscape also proves to be perfect for a cycling adventure, so hire a bike and discover the Riesling Trail at your own pace.

#### **2** BURRA HERITAGE PASSPORT **VISITBURRA COM - 08 8892 2154**

Go directly to the Burra Visitor Information Centre for your exclusive passport to the heritage trail through this historic mining region. Embark on a thrilling scavenger hunt that encompasses 49 historic sites, that allow you to hear, touch and see the past.

#### **3** JAMESTOWN VISITJAMESTOWN.COM.AU

Rich in history, this southern Flinders township is unique in its offerings. Explore the untouched beauty of the Bundaleer Forest or visit the RM Williams interpretive open-air centre. If you are a history buff, then Jamestown's Railway Station Museum is a must visit for you.

#### STEAMTOWN HERITAGE RAIL CENTRE 4 STEAMTOWN.COM.AU - 08 8651 3355

Here you'll find a remarkably preserved industrial legacy, once home to over 100 steam locomotives that would head outwards to destinations reaching every corner of Australia. Today, the history and marvel of these machines can be observed at the engaging Heritage Railway Museum.

#### 5 MELROSE MELROSE INFORMATION CENTRE MELROSE-MTREMARKABLE.ORG.AU - 08 8666 2014

The oldest town in the Flinders Ranges sits nestled at the base of Mt Remarkable, which has proven to be a popular spot for bushwalkers and mountain bike enthusiasts. So much so, this town now has its very own mountain bike shop, Over The Edge, to service the mountain biking mecca.

#### **6** WADLATA OUTBACK CENTRE & PORT AUGUSTA WADI ATA SA GOV AU 1800 633 060

At Wadlata's award-winning Outback Centre, creep through the jaws of Max, a giant ripper lizard and learn about the life of an early explorer in the "Tunnel of Time". Stop in at the nearby Arid Lands Botanic Garden for an insight into bushland botany, sample award winning delights at the Bluebush Café, or take a guided walk.

# 7 QUORN

PICHIRICHIRAILWAY.ORG.AU 1800 777 245

This pretty Flinders Ranges town is home to the Pichi Richi Railway, a treasured steam journey running between Quorn and Port Augusta. Visit one of the great cafes like the Quandong Café - famous for it's unique quandong pie. Devil's Peak and Dutchmans Stern will provide the best views overlooking the valley.

### **GREAT WALKS OF AUSTRALIA**

South Australia has some of the most acclaimed natural heritage walks in the world. Several are accredited and

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#### **JEFF MORGAN GALLERY &** PANORAMA EXPERIENCE JEFFMORGANGALLERY.COM.AU - 08 8648 4071

A unique way of experiencing some genuinely monumental landscape paintings. This gallery features a grand 360-degree panoramic masterpiece of Wilpena Pound, along with a variety of detailed impressions of other natural scenic beauties.

#### ARKABA WALK (GREAT WALKS OF AUSTRALIA) ARKABAWALK.COM 1300 790 561

One of the Great Walks of Australia, this 'Wild Bush Luxury' 3-night, 4-day experience will immerse you in the story of South Australia's celestial Flinders Ranges. Arkaba's 60,000-acre private wildlife conservancy is the perfect space to experience the vast and ancient Elder Range and Wilpena Pound.

#### **10** RAWNSLEY PARK STATION RAWNSLEYPARK.COM.AU - 08 8648 0700

Escape to a fabled farming station encircled by untamed rock formations and full spectrum sunsets. Offering luxury eco-villa sites, holiday units and serviced camping accommodation options, there's something to suit all travellers. By day, enjoy 4WD tours, scenic flights, guided walks and meals at the Woolshed Restaurant.

#### WILPENA POUND & IKARA-FLINDERS RANGES NATIONAL PARK WILPENAPOUND.COM.AU 1800 805 802 PARKS.SA.GOV.AU

Journey to one of SA's most iconic and remote wilderness. With luxury safari tents, campgrounds and resort rooms, 4WD tours, guided walks, scenic flights, and a restaurant, the Wilpena Pound Resort is the perfect launching pad to exploring this ancient landscape.

#### 12 HERITAGE BLINMAN MINE HERITAGEBLINMANMINE.COM.AU - 08 8648 4782

Discover life in the mine with this unique underground experience. Tours run three times daily March to November.

#### PARACHILNA GORGE & PRAIRIE HOTEL PRAIRIFHOTEL COM AU 1800 331 473

Traverse the untamed countryside of Parachilna Gorge outward bound for the cascading Blinman Pools Waterfall. Visit the iconic outback pub and Prairie Hotel, or head out to Aroona Dam near Leigh Creek to find an oasis in the outback.

#### ARKAROOLA WILDERNESS SANCTUARY ARKAROOLA.COM.AU - 08 8648 4848

A mecca for bushwalkers and 4WD drivers, this private family-owned sanctuary is the ultimate outback escape. Take in the magnificent gorges and water holes or stay a few extra days to discover the Acacia Ridge Walk and book your seat on the Ridgetop Tour - a must-do if you are in the area.

#### PAINTED HILLS VIA WRIGHTSAIR FLIGHT CHARTERS WRIGHTSAIR.COM.AU - 08 8670 7962

This is one experience along the route that can only be had via the skies because there is simply no road access. Departing from a range of different locations around the region, this scenic flight covers approximately 20 square kilometres of the unimaginable radiant countryside.

#### 16 COOBER PEDY COOBER PEDY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE COOBERPEDY.COM - 08 8672 4617

Journey to this underground opal capital, boasting a sun baked lunar landscape, fascinating history and a unique way of life. There's so much to see that you'll need one to two days to fully take it all in. Visit one of nature's most iconic wonders - The Breakaways, unearth the town's mining history or fossick for your own opals at Tom's Working Opal Mine, Umoona Opal Mine & Museum or the Old Timers Mine. See the township's iconic Big Winch now hosting a café at the lookout point, Crocodile Harry's and the Orthodox Church is the place for an Insta worthy moment.

#### 17 WILLIAM CREEK WILLIAMCREEKHOTEL.NET.AU - 08 8670 7880 COWARDSPRINGS.COM.AU - 08 8675 8336

Situated on the Oodnadatta Track, this is the perfect opportunity to stop in for a 'cold one' and stay the night in the heart of the world's (yes, world's!) largest cattle station. If you are in need of a day spa after a long drive, Coward Springs is the stop for you - it's not your typical spa, but worth the approx. 70 kilometre drive from William Creek.

# KATI THANDA-LAKE EYRE NATIONAL PARK

#### NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE - PORT AUGUSTA PARKS.SA.GOV.AU

#### MAREEHOTEL.COM.AU - 08 8675 8344

A phenomenal site, Australia's largest salt lake covers an area spanning 144km long and 77km wide. Best explored in a 4WD, immerse yourself in the surrounding low red dunes of the desert, unveiling a genuine appreciation for the wilderness and vast remoteness of the South Australian outback. For those looking for a more elevated experience, Wrightsair scenic flights will give you a bird's-eye view of this remarkable wonder.

#### 19 OODNADATTA PINK ROADHOUSE PINKROADHOUSE.COM.AU 1800 802 074

This legendary pink pitstop has been a desert oasis for outback adventurers for almost half a century. Rising out of the red dirt halfway between Coober Pedy and the Simpson Desert, the iconic Pink Roadhouse in Oodnadatta has become a bucket list item for many travellers.

#### 20 WITJIRA-DALHOUSIE SPRINGS PARKS.SA.GOV.AU

In the midst of the sunbaked outback lies a watery reprieve for dust slicked travellers. On the edge of the Simpson Desert, the Witjira-Dalhousie Springs are a network of more than 60 springs fed from the artesian basin. The main spring offers the best swimming opportunities, sitting at about 38 degrees year-round.



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WI-FI HOTSPOTS

Wi-Fi hotspots have been provided to keep you connected throughout your journey. All locations have been marked on the front side of this map.