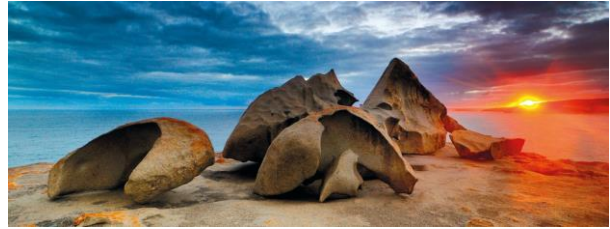


Tastes of Southern Australia

11 Day Guided Holiday | Sydney to Adelaide | ESMA



The Tour

Explore the nation's capital Canberra, country Victoria, cosmopolitan Melbourne and the spectacular coast of Southern Australia on this well-paced journey. Spend the night in a unique bed-and-breakfast property in historic Beechworth. Meet local farmers and winemakers and indulge in their delectable produce while you take in the stunning scenery of the Great Ocean Road, Kangaroo Island and the Barossa.

Choose This Trip If You'd Love To:

- Soak up local vibes in your boutique B&B in Beechworth
- Gain insight into Australian farming life at Gold Creek Station
- Explore the iconic Great Ocean Road and Twelve Apostles
- Enjoy two nights absorbing the beauty of Kangaroo Island

Highlights

Local Connection

Meet a local sheep farming family at Gold Creek Station – an AAT Kings specialty experience for 40 years!

Insider Knowledge

Take in historical Parliament House followed by a moving visit to the Australian War Memorial, led by your specialist guide.

Cultural Immersion

Gain a new understanding of both wildlife and traditional Aboriginal lifestyle, touring the regenerated land at Tower Hill with local guides.

Sustainable Footprints

Support the conservation and protection of the Australian Sea Lion with your guided walk at Seal Bay Conservation Park.



Itinerary

Day 1 Sydney – Canberra

Depart Sydney this morning and travel through the rolling hills and verdant pastures of the Southern Highlands. Pause at historic Berrima, then visit Gold Creek Station to meet a local grazier and enjoy a Welcome Reception and Be My Guest lunch. On arrival in Canberra you'll join a local guide for a tour of Parliament House, then visit the impressive Australian War Memorial. Get to know your Travel Director and fellow travellers tonight over dinner.

Please note: As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Rydges Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Canberra

Included Meals: Be My Guest Lunch, Dinner with wine

Day 2 Canberra – Beechworth

Before leaving Canberra this morning, drive to the summit of Mt. Ainslie to experience panoramic views of the city and surrounds. Cross the Murray River into Victoria, taking the scenic route to historic Beechworth. There's free time to explore the antique shops, galleries and museum. Tonight you'll stay in a unique bed-and-breakfast property.

Hotel: Boutique Country Accommodation

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 Beechworth – Melbourne

Travel to historic Glenrowan and on through Ned Kelly country to cosmopolitan Melbourne, Australia's sporting and cultural capital. Gain some interesting insights on an orientation tour of the city, then take some time to explore independently.

Hotel: The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 Melbourne Free Time

Today Melbourne is yours to explore. You may like to consider an optional experience to the Phillip Island Penguin Parade.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 5 Melbourne – Warrnambool

Embark on one of the world's premier road trips – the Great Ocean Road. Just off shore in the Port Campbell National Park, the towering limestone stacks of the Twelve Apostles rise 50 metres above the wild Southern Ocean. You'll also see nearby Loch Ard Gorge and visit the impressive London Bridge natural rock formation before arriving in the rural town of Warrnambool.

Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 6 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Visit the Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Cooperative at Tower Hill State Game Reserve, where your guide will provide you with an Indigenous perspective on the area's flora, wildlife and volcanic formations. Cross the border into South Australia and continue to the world-renowned Coonawarra wine region, pausing at a vineyard for a tasting. Before arriving in Naracoorte you'll be joined by a local expert for a guided tour through the Alexandra Cave.

Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge, Naracoorte
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 7 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

Journey today to the Fleurieu Peninsula, where rolling hills are complemented by rugged clifftops, sandy beaches and the winding Murray River. Visit the charming seaside town of Victor Harbor before a ferry takes you to Kangaroo Island, famous for its unspoiled natural beauty and fine produce. Visit South Australia's only boutique distillery to taste a selection of award-winning Australian gins and delicious liqueurs. Your destination is Kingscote, South Australia's oldest European settlement.

Hotel: Aurora Ozone Hotel, 2 nights
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 8 Kangaroo Island

Begin your exploration of fascinating Kangaroo Island today with a visit to the spectacular Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch. Enjoy a delicious lunch at Vivonne Bay before experiencing the only 'in-flight' birds of prey display in South Australia, where you'll see an array of birds including the majestic Wedgetailed Eagle. Later, join a ranger at Seal Bay Conservation Park for a guided walk among a colony of rare sea lions in one of the country's most important breeding colonies.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide Included Choice

This morning, board your ferry to cross back to the mainland and travel to picturesque Adelaide, the 'City of Churches'. You'll take an orientation tour with your Travel Director before checking into your hotel and then embarking on an Included Choice sightseeing experience: hear fascinating stories about the early history of Adelaide on a guided city walking-tour; or visit the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 2 nights
Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Discover the rolling Adelaide Hills and the renowned Barossa today, stopping first at picturesque Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops and taste some of the town's artisan produce. Continue to the Barossa for lunch before visiting the Jacob's Creek vineyard to sample some world famous wines. Travel back to Adelaide through a tranquil landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Farewell Dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

Day 11 Farewell from Adelaide

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end after breakfast.

Included Meals: Breakfast