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Day Tour & Holiday Tour News

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NEWSLETTER

Kanyaka Station Ruins. Credit: SATC & Adam Bruzzone



LOTS OF SA TOURS JUST RELEASED

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU DETAILS OF LOTS OF TOURS JUST RELEASED FOR THE WINTER PERIOD!

With so much changing at the moment, we've been working madly to make sure we have plenty of options for getting out and about. So we've put in place a large number of extra tours to lots of different destinations in SA.

There are tours to the Eyre Peninsula; to see the whales gathering at the Head of the Bight; along the Oodnadatta Track; to the Flinders Ranges; to Arkaroola; to Coober Pedy and Lake Eyre; to the Pichi Richi train, and more!

Have a look at the list of tours on the back page of this newsletter – you'll find everything there. Many tours are still waiting for detailed itineraries and prices, but let us know you're interested and we'll get you the details as soon as they are released.

Whatever you do – don't wait to call! Most tours are booking out quickly at the moment, and we would hate for you to miss out.



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NEW DAY TOUR BROCHURE

There should be our new Day Tour brochure tucked in with this newsletter, with some great trips coming up! Some of our Day Tours are re-visiting a variety of the favourite trips from our last twenty years of touring – it's great to go back and experience them again! If you haven't received the Day Tours brochure please give us a call and we'll send a copy to you straight away.

NEW BUS UPDATE

As we mentioned last month, we have ordered a new bus!

The new bus will be similar to the one we currently use for our Holiday Tours. As you know, we prefer to run tours in smaller groups – we've found that smaller groups tend to be friendlier, and it makes getting around to see things much easier too. We can go to lots of places that the big buses can't. Unlike the big buses with 50+ seats, ours will have just 32 – fewer than is standard for the vehicle, so there'll be plenty of leg room. And it will have all of the comfort of the big buses, with climate control air-conditioning, tinted windows, reclining seats with foot rests, and even charging points for your phone or tablet.

We have received photos of the new bus being built. It's a big process and takes a while. In fact, it will be May before the seats are finally installed. In late May we'll take delivery, ready for our Tour Drivers to train in the vehicle. In June we'll start using it on tours!

We hope you're as excited as we are!



If you would like to join one of our New South Wales or Queensland tours in May and June, you'll need to be quick. We need to close bookings on these tours soon. For example, flight bookings for groups close quite early, which makes it very difficult to accept late bookings.

So if you would like to explore any of the following, call now!

Kiama & the Shoalhaven – May 5 to 12

Northern NSW – from Port Macquarie to Brisbane – May 13 to 22

Brisbane Stayput Tour – May 22 to 29

The Sunshine Coast – May 29 to June 5



It's the perfect time of year to travel in the Northern Territory. When SA days are dark with cloud and rain, the NT shows its very best sunny side.

One of my favourite journeys is to travel from Alice Springs through to the tropical city of Darwin. As we journey north we see stunning desert scenery, unexpected hills and incredible rock formations (like the Devil's Marbles). Along the way there are fascinating locations like Daly Waters with its famous hotel, and beautiful spots like Edith Falls. Slowly tropical plants become prevalent, and finally we reach the coast at Darwin.

The Top End has a huge amount to see. Locations like Katherine Gorge stun with their scale and beauty. Litchfield NP has gorgeous waterfalls and impossibly large termite mounds. Darwin's harbour is magnificent, especially on a sunset dinner cruise. And no experience of the Top End is complete without crocodiles – we get to understand them better at the Territory Wildlife Park!

We have two fabulous NT trips to choose from. Experience both the Red Centre and the Top End as well as everything in between on our **Alice Springs to Darwin tour (July 6 to 15)**, or enjoy a holiday that explores the Top End on our **Darwin, Kakadu, Litchfield & Katherine tour (July 16 to 23)**.

Book now and enjoy the anticipation of a nice warm holiday during winter!



Nullabor & the Bight. Credit: SATC



Kanku - Breakaways CP. Credit: SATC

WHALES AT THE HEAD OF THE BIGHT

This year we have two different options for experiencing one of the world's largest and most incredible animals – the Southern Right Whale!

SA is fortunate to have one of very few locations where it is guaranteed to see whales at the right time. The Head of the Great Australian Bight is a breeding and nursery location for Southern Right Whales. Every winter they leave the cold Antarctic waters for the relative warmth of the Bight. Here they breed, birth and bring up their calves before returning to Antarctica. While they're at the Bight we have a fabulous opportunity to observe them.

The geography of the Bight is perfect for viewing the whales. The land stops suddenly with the Bunda Cliffs dropping vertically into the ocean. This means that relatively deep water is just next to the cliffs where the viewing platforms are located. We are wonderfully close to the whales as they cruise gently past.

To experience this for yourself, we've created two different tours. Our five day **Whales at the Head of the Bight tour (July 18 to 22)** focusses on the whales, with two sessions to watch the whales. Our

seven day **Eyre Peninsula & Whales tour (June 23 to 29)** includes exploring the spectacular Eyre Peninsula as well as visiting the Head of the Bight.

We expect these trips will be popular, especially as we have limited places available due to Covid restrictions. So please call as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out!

ODNADATTA TRACK

If you would like a fabulous experience of the outback of Australia, our Oodnadatta Track tour has a bit of everything.

The trip starts with a little of the Flinders Ranges. We travel through Quorn to Hawker, taking in the incredible panoramic paintings by artist Jeff Morgan. We visit a range of stunning lookouts in the Flinders, and, depending on road conditions, drive through one of the gorges.

Further north we pop in to Farina Station, home to the fascinating ghost town of Farina. We travel through Maree and head onto the Oodnadatta Track towards William Creek. This is the most interesting section of the Track – we see the amazing and surprising Mutonia Sculpture Park, the historic Curdimurka Railway Station where

the Ghan used to stop, and take in views of Lake Eyre South.

Our time in William Creek is a bit special – it includes a flight out over Lake Eyre! The best way to see Lake Eyre is from the sky – we can see so much more, and get a better understanding of the vast size of the Lake.

From William Creek we leave the Oodnadatta Track – we choose not to travel the final section to Oodnadatta as there are fewer points of interest to make up for the many(!) corrugations. Instead we turn west and travel through to Coober Pedy. We have two nights here so that we have time to properly explore the area, including an underground church, an opal mine and the stunning views at the Breakaways.

Our southbound journey takes us to Roxby Downs, then through Woomera to Port Augusta, and back home again. It's a fabulous eight days away.

If you would like to join us on this outback exploration, please give us a call as soon as you can. This trip has tended to book very quickly and we expect that it will book out.

We're travelling from July 1 to 8.

A RANGE OF FLINDERS TRIPS

If you would like to explore the Flinders Ranges, we have a range of tours to choose from!

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY & SOUTHERN FLINDERS

This is a fabulous four day escape! It includes a day on the wonderful Pichi Richi Railway, retracing the old Ghan line through the Flinders from Port Augusta to Quorn. Plus there is a day exploring the southern Flinders as well – Warren Gorge, Buckaringa scenic drive, Kanyaka ruins, Hawker and more.

FLINDERS RANGES TOUR

For an exploration of the central Flinders Ranges, we have a four day tour based in Hawker – a perfect base from which to explore the area – including many spectacular lookouts, stunning gorges (subject to road conditions), the historic Blinman Mine and more.

FLINDERS RANGES & ARKAROOA TOUR

This is the tour to choose for a really comprehensive tour of the Flinders. You'll see most of what is

included in the first two tours, plus lots of the northern ranges.

There is a cultural tour by an Adnyamathanha guide at Iga Warta, the Arkaroola Sanctuary including the famous Ridgetop Tour, Leigh Creek, Copley and more.

Have a look at the list of tours below, and choose the best departure for you. But be quick – SA tours are incredibly popular this year!

GREAT HOLIDAYS IN 2021

TWO DAYS

Monarto & More Overnighter (South Coast departure) – August 31 to September 1 – Twin \$595, Single \$655

Monarto & More Overnighter (Adelaide departure) – September 7 to 8 – Twin \$595, Single \$655

FOUR DAYS

Pichi Richi Railway & Southern Flinders (South Coast departure) – April 9 to 12 – Twin \$1365, Single \$1575

Pichi Richi Railway & Southern Flinders (Adelaide departure) – July 30 to August 2 – Twin \$1365, Single \$1575

Flinders Ranges (Adelaide departure) – September 2 to 5

Flinders Ranges (South Coast departure) – September 9 to 12

FIVE DAYS

Whales at the Head of the Bight (Combined departure) – July 18 to 22

Gawler Ranges (Combined departure) – June 7 to 11 – Twin \$1695, Single \$1845

Gawler Ranges (Combined departure) – September 20 to 24 – Twin \$1695, Single \$1845

Port Lincoln feat. Spencer Gulf Ferry (Adelaide departure) – September 27 to October 1

Port Lincoln feat. Spencer Gulf Ferry (South Coast departure) – October 5 to 9

Kangaroo Island (Combined departure) – November 23 to 27

SIX DAYS

SA Silo Art & More (Combined departure) – October 11 to 16

SEVEN DAYS

Townsville & Magnetic Island (Combined departure) – June 7 to 13 – Twin \$4095, Single \$4795

Eyre Peninsula & Whales at the Bight (Combined departure) – June 23 to 29

Flinders & Arkaroola (Adelaide departure) – July 23 to 29

Flinders & Arkaroola (South Coast departure) – September 20 to 26

Opals, Ore & Lake Eyre (South Coast departure) – August 6 to 12

Opals, Ore & Lake Eyre (Adelaide departure) – August 20 to 26

EIGHT DAYS

Kiama & the Shoalhaven Coast (Combined departure) – May 5 to 12 – Twin \$3295, Single \$3795

Beautiful Brisbane Stayput (Combined departure) – May 22 to 29 – Twin \$3595, Single \$4095

Stunning Sunshine Coast Stayput (Combined departure) – May 29 to June 5 – Twin \$3695, Single \$4195

Cairns & the Daintree Stayput (Combined departure) – Jun 14 to 21 – Booked out, waiting list only

Oodnadatta Track (Combined departure) – July 1 to 8

Darwin, Kakadu, Litchfield & Katherine (Combined departure) – July 16 to 23 – Twin \$5095, Single \$5875

Perth & Surrounds Stayput (Combined departure) – August 24 to 31

TEN DAYS

Exploring the NSW North Coast (Combined departure) – May 13 to 22 – Twin \$4495, Single \$5195

Alice Springs to Darwin (Combined departure) – July 6 to 15 – Twin \$5295, Single \$5995

THIRTEEN DAYS

Outback Explorer: Cairns to Alice Springs (Combined departure) – June 24 to July 6 – Twin \$6495, Single \$7395

FOURTEEN DAYS

The Kimberley: Darwin to Broome (Combined departure) – July 23 to August 5

Perth & WA's Great South West: Perth to Adelaide (Combined departure) – August 31 to September 13

FIFTEEN DAYS

Pilbara & the Coral Coast: Broome to Perth (Combined departure) – August 5 to 19

Please note: prices throughout this newsletter are per person, all inclusive. Adelaide departures depart from and return to Adelaide. South Coast departures depart from Victor Harbor, Middleton, Pt Elliot and Goolwa.