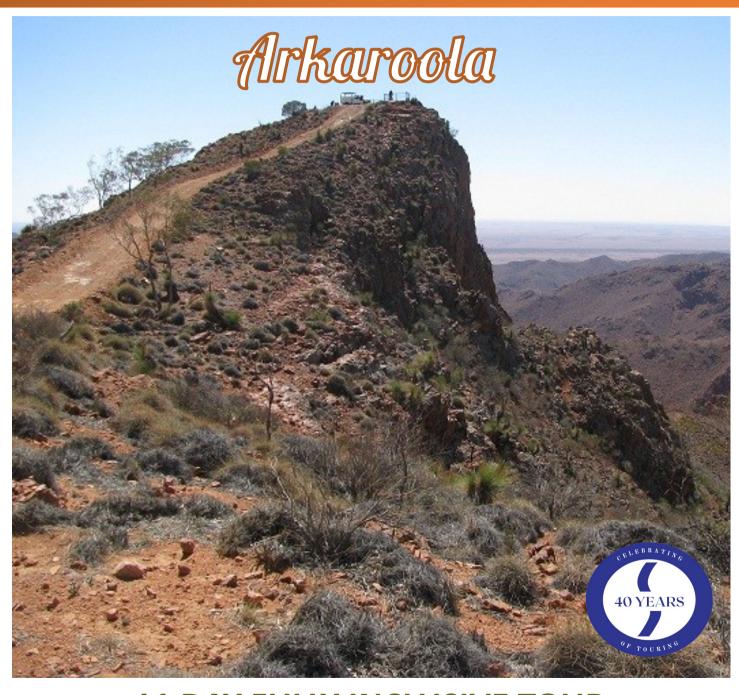


# FLINDERS RANGES OUTBACK



11 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

23rd March to 2nd April, 2026

# FLINDERS RANGES OUTBACK - Arkaroola

#### MONDAY 23RD MARCH TO THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 2026

Jaw-dropping natural wonders, abundant wildlife and character-packed towns are just some of the things you will discover on this exciting adventure.

Towering cliffs and deep craters border dusty red roads.

You will feel like you are navigating the unexplored face of Mars.

Be surrounded by ancient mountain ranges, spectacular gorges, sheltered creeks and outback wonders! Come and join us on our outback journey.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Horsham Silo Artwork
- Kaniva Silo Artwork
- Coonalpyn Silo Artwork
- Bungaree Station
- o Quorn
- Kanyaka Homestead
- Rawnsley Park Station
- o Flinders Ranges National Park
- Pugilist Lookout

#### **CRUISE**

o Murray River Paddle Steamer

#### RAIL

o Pichi Richi Rail

- Blinman
- Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
- 4WD Ridgetop Tour
- Hawker
- o Burra
- South Australian Riverland
- Paringa Silo Art
- o Mildura
- o Orange World, Mildura
- Sea Lake Silo Artwork

#### **MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS**

2 nights at Rawnsley Park Station,
 Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and
 Mildura





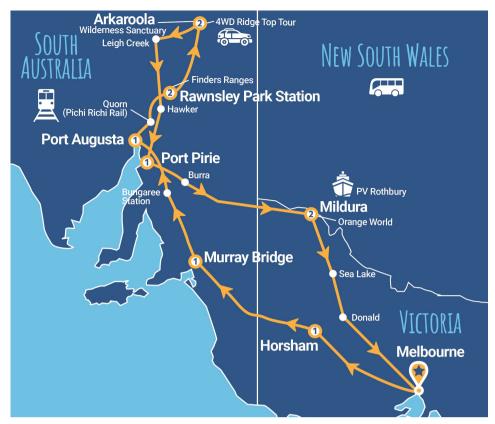




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If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.







#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers. Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
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- o **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- o Best Available Quality Accommodation. Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.

 Meals. All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas most days, all lunches and two course restaurant dinners daily.

o **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

#### **TOUR COSTS**

Twin Share Room First Tour: \$5,795 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours: \$5,695 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours: \$5,645 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours: \$5,595 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$ 875 per person







DAY 1

Monday 23rd March, 2026

#### **MELBOURNE TO HORSHAM**

Welcome to our tour showcasing the fabulous **Flinders Ranges** including the breathtaking 4WD Arkaroola Ridgetop Tour. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Heading west, we stop for lunch before making our way to **Horsham** for the night. Before we check in, we'll have time to view the unique silo art, titled The Yangga Dyata which means 'Walking on Country'.

**OVERNIGHT:** Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

DAY 2

Tuesday 24th March, 2026

#### HORSHAM TO MURRAY BRIDGE

Departing Horsham after breakfast, we continue our journey towards the South Australian border. In **Kaniva**, we see Silo Artwork of an Australian Hobby bird and a Pink Sun Orchid, that pays tribute to the nearby Little Desert National Park and its diverse flora and fauna. Our lunch venue is the Morning Loaf Bakery in **Bordertown**. You may not know that Bordertown is the hometown of former Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke! This afternoon, we continue along the Dukes Highway through many small farming towns, stopping at **Coonalpyn** to view the magnificent artwork on the towns' grain silo, before seeing the Murray River near Tailem Bend. The last leg of our travels today takes us in to Murray Bridge for our overnight stay.

**OVERNIGHT:** Bridgeport Hotel, MURRAY BRIDGE ★★★★

#### MURRAY BRIDGE TO PORT AUGUSTA

Following breakfast we make our way through Gawler to **Bungaree Station**. Located 12 kilometres north of Clare, it was established in 1841, becoming the headquarters to an extensive sheep station with 100 000 merino sheep by the 1880s. Today, some 160 years later, it is an efficient mixed farm run by the descendants of the original founder, G.C. Hawker. Consequently Bungaree Station is not a museum, but rather a living record of rural Australia since 1841. We enjoy a **guided tour** and lunch with a member of the family who will give us a wonderful insight into 19th century station life. We still have a way to go today so we board the coach and drive through to **Port Augusta** for our overnight stay.

**OVERNIGHT:** Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, PORT AUGUSTA ★★★★

"...Established by George Hawker and his brothers in 1841, Bungaree became the headquarters of an extensive sheep station with 100 thousand merino sheep by the 1880s. It resembled a small village, with its own Church, Station Store and Blacksmith Shop, as well as its beautiful sandstone Homestead, Woolshed, Shearers Quarters, Stable yard, Managers House and other staff cottages..."

bungareestation.com.au











DAY 4

Thursday 26th March, 2026

#### PORT AUGUSTA TO THE SOUTHERN FLINDERS RANGES

**Port Augusta** is located at the top of the Spencer Gulf. Major transcontinental rail services pass through Port Augusta as do the major east/west and north/south highways. The town was once an important base for arid land explorations to the north and later a busy shipping port. This morning, we embark on an historical train journey aboard the **Pichi Richi Rail**. This section of rail line is the original Port Augusta to Alice Springs line which travels through the famous Pichi Richi Pass to the historic township of **Quorn**. The railway heritage is reflected in the names of some of the old hotels - The Grand Junction and the Trans Continental. After lunch, we continue north stopping at the **Kanyaka Homestead** just off the main road, 15 kilometres south of Hawker. Our next two night's accommodation is at Rawnsley Park Station, with Rawnsley Peak looking down on us.

**OVERNIGHT:** Rawnsley Park Station, FLINDERS RANGES★★★★



#### **EXPLORING THE FLINDERS RANGES**

Renowned for their breathtaking wildflowers, as well as dramatic gorges and majestic peaks, the **Flinders Ranges** are a true natural wonder. Today, we have the privilege of exploring this stunning landscape with a **local expert** who will provide insider knowledge on the **Flinders Ranges National Park**. We'll be treated to panoramic vistas, picturesque trails, and unique flora and fauna as we immerse ourselves in the beauty of this iconic region. Along the way, we'll enjoy a delicious packed **lunch** to keep us energized. In the late afternoon, we'll venture to **Pugilist Lookout** to witness the awe-inspiring panorama of Wilpena Pound and indulge in Sundowners - a delightful experience of nibbles and drinks while we watch the sun set over the rugged landscape. Don't forget to wrap up warmly to fully enjoy this magical moment. We'll then return to Rawnsley, with memories of a day spent in the heart of nature's wonderland.

**OVERNIGHT:** Rawnsley Park Station, FLINDERS RANGES★★★★













DAY 6

Saturday 28th March, 2026

#### RAWNSLEY PARK TO ARKAROOLA

Continuing our journey through the captivating Flinders Ranges, we make our way towards the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary today. Our first stop is the historic and picturesque town of Blinman, known for its copper mining history and standing as the highest town in South Australia. Once a bustling mining community in the 1850s with over 1500 residents, Blinman now has just over 20 inhabitants, making it a fascinating place to explore. After an early lunch here, we continue our drive to Arkaroola, located in the Gammon Ranges National Park. Arkaroola is a true gem of Australian tourism, boasting a unique landscape that dates back over 2 billion years and features the most rugged chain of mountains in the Australian Outback. Upon arrival, we'll have time to settle in and perhaps take a self-guided walk to immerse ourselves in the stunning surroundings before dinner. At night, we'll have the extraordinary opportunity to visit Australia's largest privately owned Astronomical Observatory, where we can embark on tours of the Universe and marvel at the wonders of the night sky from the comfort of "star chairs," an experience typically reserved for scientists and astronomers. It's a truly unique and awe-inspiring way to end the day at this remarkable destination. (The observatory visit is an optional activity, entry own cost/depends on local weather conditions.)

**OVERNIGHT:** Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, ARKAROOLA ★★★★

DAY 7

Sunday 29th March, 2026

#### DISCOVERING ARKAROOLA

Prepare for an exhilarating day as we embark on the unforgettable **4WD 'Ridge Top Tour'** through the rugged mountains of Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. Driving along mine tracks, we'll venture to remarkable locations such as 'Crystal Candy Mountain', Mt Painter, Yundnamutana Gorge and Sillers Lookout, where awe-inspiring views stretch over 80 kilometres across Lake Frome. It's a journey that promises breathtaking vistas and a truly unique experience of the Australian Outback. After our morning adventure, we'll return to Arkaroola for a **leisurely lunch**. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You can choose to take a self-guided walk and immerse yourself in the natural

beauty of the area, or for those seeking a bird's-eye view, an optional scenic flight is a spectacular way to witness the ancient sedimentary seabed layers of the Arkaroola landscape. Of course, if you prefer to simply relax and soak in the tranquillity of this unique wilderness sanctuary, there's no shortage of opportunities to kick back and unwind. The choice is yours to make the most of your afternoon in this remarkable destination. (All touring this afternoon is optional and own expense.)

**OVERNIGHT:** Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, ARKAROOLA ★★★★

DAY 8

Monday 30th March, 2026

#### ARKAROOLA TO PORT PIRIE

As we bid farewell to the stunning Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, we embark on a westward journey towards **Leigh Creek**, stopping for morning tea before continuing on to Hawker for a light lunch at the famous **Hawker Hotel**. This afternoon we continue on our way to **Port Pirie**, where we have time to relax before dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** BreakFree Port Pirie, PORT PIRIE ★★★★

DAY 9

Tuesday 31st March, 2026

#### PORT PIRIE TO MILDURA

Our journey today take us to **Burra**, a copper mining town that saved South Australia from bankruptcy in the 1840s. Here we'll stop to see the "**Monster Mine**" which was the largest metal mine in the country employing 1,000 people. Cornish and Welsh miners flocked to Burra to work for the South Australia Mining Association and some set up homes in dugouts hewn out of the banks of the Burra Creek. From here we travel to the **Overland Corner Hotel** for lunch. Continuing this afternoon, we stop to view the **Paringa Silo Art**, painted by renowned artist Jack Fran. The Paringa Silos feature four distinct images (two on the front facing the Sturt Highway and two on the rear) linked together with soaring pelicans. We then cross the border into Victoria and travel on to **Mildura**.

**OVERNIGHT:** Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn, MILDURA ★★★★







#### **EXPLORING MILDURA**

Today, we embark on a day of exploration in the vibrant town of Mildura, known for its rich history, beautiful river landscapes, and delicious citrus produce. We'll be introduced to Mildura by a locally-based expert and we'll learn about the Canadian Chaffey Brothers, George and William Benjamin, who arrived in Mildura in 1886 and established the first irrigation scheme in Australia. We'll hear about life on the river, past and present, and discover the fascinating history of this region. For lunch, we'll enjoy a unique experience aboard the **PV Rothbury**, cruising along the river and passing through Lock 11, which was built to bypass the weir across the river. It's a chance to take in the stunning river views while enjoying a delicious meal on board. After the cruise, we'll head to **Orange World**, a working 50-acre citrus property just a short drive from Mildura. We'll take a citrus tour around the picturesque property, filled with avocado trees, various citrus varieties, and tree grafting areas. There's even an opportunity to hop on a 70-seat tractor train with undercover seating for an informative commentary on citrus production, all delivered with a juicy sense of humour. After a day of exploring and indulging in the flavours of Mildura, we'll return to our accommodation with memories of a day filled with local history, delicious food, and beautiful landscapes.

**OVERNIGHT:** Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn, MILDURA ★★★★

**DAY 11** 

Thursday 2nd April, 2026

#### MILDURA TO MELBOURNE

As our journey comes to a close, we embark on the final leg of our trip back home. We'll travel through the picturesque **Wimmera-Mallee** region, with our first stop at **Sea Lake**. Here, we'll have the opportunity to witness the vibrant silos that represent a celebration of the tranquility and stillness found in outback Victoria. Continuing our journey, we'll make our way to **Donald** where we'll stop at the renowned Donald Hotel for a delicious lunch. With satisfied taste buds, we'll follow the scenic route through the Pyrenees Ranges, passing through Ballarat and finally arriving back in Melbourne, completing our wonderful holiday. As always, our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us to our very doors - all part of the wonderful **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** experience!





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No Refund

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