



SPARK TRAVEL



| 4 Day

FLINDERS RANGES 'SPRING'

| Saturday 31 August 2024
28 September 2024
12 October 2024

Optional Scenic Flights:

30min Wilpena Scenic Flight

1.5hr Lake Eyre South Scenic Flight

| Fully Escorted From Adelaide

Return Home Transfers

| Pichi Richi Railway 'Afgan Express' Steam Train

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 1 night at the Hawker Hotel and 2 nights at Leigh Creek Outback Resort.
- Ride the historic Pichi Richi Railway 'Afghan Express' steam train from Port Augusta to Quorn.
- Stunning outback scenery and historic places such as the National Trust Kanyaka Ruins.
- View the amazing 'Wilpena Panorama' at Hawker.
- Tour into Wilpena Pound and enjoy lunch at the famous Wilpena Pound Resort.
- See the famous Cazenaux Tree and travel through beautiful Parachilna Gorge.
- Full day excursion to the outback town of Marree at the junction of the rugged Oodnadatta Track and the infamous Birdsville Track (weather permitting).
- Explore the old ghost town of Farina.
- Return to Adelaide via the country towns of Melrose and Clare.
- Visit the Wirrabara Craft House for quality hand-made crafts and view the amazing Silo Art.
- *Optional:* 30 minute scenic flight over Wilpena Pound (additional cost).
- *Optional:* 1.5hr scenic flight over the Marree Man and Lake Eyre South (additional cost).

ROAD CONDITIONS:

This is an outback tour and should any destination or venue not be accessible due to weather and/or road conditions, the coach crew will advise the group accordingly and **the Coach Crew's decision is final**. Road conditions can change overnight and this is not a reason for cancellation of the tour. Any such event is a force of nature and beyond the control of Spark Travel. An alternative destination/venue will be inserted in lieu if practicable.



NOTES:

**Health and Fitness: To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc.

This tour is not suitable for those with mobility issues and a minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

**It should be noted that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved.

**Tour extensions subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

ABOUT YOUR ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation throughout is good quality motel style and extremely comfortable. All rooms have private facilities, TV, clock/radio, airconditioning and heating, tea/coffee making facilities and refrigerator. Other facilities include dining room, lounge bar and TAB.

At Hawker all rooms are ground floor, at the Leigh Creek Outback Resort a few of the rooms have stairs up to the dining area - please advise your Spark Travel Consultant if you wish to be on dining level. (subject to availability).

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - ADELAIDE/HAWKER - PICHU RICHI TRAIN, KANYAKA RUINS, JEFF MORGAN GALLERY

The tour departs from **Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street at 6.00am**. Travel to Port Wakefield for a morning tea stop (own cost), then on through Crystal Brook to **Port Augusta**. At **10.30am**, we join the **'Afghan Express'** steam train to **Quorn**. Enjoy a superb ride back in time via the **Pichi Richi Pass**, and across the Willochra Plain with views of Devil's Peak. On arrival at **Quorn** enjoy a **light lunch** at the **Trans Continental Hotel**, established in 1878 and the oldest hotel in Quorn. Stop at the fascinating **Kanyaka Ruins**, carefully preserved by the National Trust, then onto our overnight stop at **Hawker**. Here we will view the amazing **Wilpena Panorama** - a 30 metre continuous landscape of pure grandeur, superbly painted by local artist **Jeff Morgan**, with special background sound effects of the Flinders Ranges provided by Bruce Emsley. Be captivated by the 360° birds' eye view of the spectacular Flinders Ranges as seen from St Mary's Peak. Check out the superb range of Jeff's paintings and prints, also lovingly handcrafted wares, including local hand-turned woodwork, pottery, scarves, jewellery, and soft toys.

OVERNIGHT: HAWKER HOTEL/MOTEL, HAWKER. (L,D)

Note: 12 October departure: Pichi Richi Railway train may be a diesel engine, depending on the fire risk at the time of travel.

DAY 02 - HAWKER/LEIGH CREEK - WILPENA POUND, GORGES – *OPTIONAL: WILPENA POUND SCENIC FLIGHT*

This morning, take the **Moralana Scenic Route** through the heart of the magnificent Flinders Ranges, to **Wilpena**. There is an opportunity (subject to suitable weather conditions) to take an *optional 30 minute scenic flight over Wilpena Pound* (additional cost), or maybe just enjoy a stroll around the area. It is a good idea to take your camera, as there is **abundant wildlife** - kangaroos, emus, possums, the endangered yellow footed rock wallaby and wedge tailed eagles. A **light lunch** is included today in **Poddy Dodger's Bar** after which we depart Wilpena, with our route taking us to the **Cazenaux Tree**, a must for photographers, and past the Great Wall of China to **Blinman**. Our journey continues through beautiful **Parachilna Gorge**, location for **afternoon tea**.

We end our day at Leigh Creek in the Northern Flinders Ranges, our home for the next 2 nights.
OVERNIGHT: LEIGH CREEK OUTBACK RESORT. (B,L,A,D)

DAY 03 – AT LEIGH CREEK – MARREE, FARINA – *OPTIONAL: MARREE MAN & LAKE EYRE SCENIC FLIGHT*

This morning, we follow the Old Ghan railway line north to the tiny outback town of **Marree**, at the junction of the rugged Oodanatta Track and the infamous Birdsville Track. Marree (aboriginal name for possum), was the staging post for camel trains which were the main means of transporting supplies and heavy loads in the Outback. An *optional 1.5 hour scenic flight* is available out of Marree over the iconic and mysterious 2.4km long **Marree Man at Callanna**, then out over **Lake Eyre South** to view the amazing scenery (additional cost). Those passengers not flying will enjoy morning tea off the coach and take a drive along part of the **Oodnadatta Track** (conditions permitting), then everyone will enjoy a **BBQ lunch** at the historic **Marree Hotel** also home to the famous outback mailman **Tom Kruse Collection**. On our return journey to Leigh Creek, we take time to explore the ruins of the old ghost town of **Farina**.
OVERNIGHT: LEIGH CREEK OUTBACK RESORT. (B,M,L,D)

DAY 04 - LEIGH CREEK/ADELAIDE – WIRRABARA CRAFT HOUSE AND SILO ART

This morning, we regretfully say farewell to our hosts at Leigh Creek and rejoin our coach for the return journey to Adelaide. Pass the Mount Remarkable National Park and onto Melrose, one of the oldest towns in the lower Flinders Ranges, where we will enjoy a 'pub lunch' at the Mt Remarkable Hotel. Our route then takes us onto the immaculately maintained little town of **Wirrabara**. Here we will visit the **Wirrabara Craft House** for an opportunity to purchase some superb local crafts and view the amazing 28m **Wirrabara Silo Art**, painted by renowned Australian artist Sam Bates, known as 'Smug.' Later, continue via the old town of Gladstone, famous for the historic gaol, and the lovely Clare Valley, arriving back at **Adelaide Central Bus Station** at approximately 7.00pm. **(B,L)**

AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME

<u>TOUR COST:</u>	Share twin/double:	\$1839.00 per person
	Single supplement:	\$225.00 per person
	* <i>Optional</i> : 30min Wilpena Scenic Flight:	\$290.00 per person
	* <i>Optional</i> : 1.5hr Lake Eyre South Scenic Flight:	\$540.00 per person

Book early as space is limited
 Min of 3 persons required for scenic flights.

MEAL CODINGS: (B) – Breakfast (M) – Morning tea (L) - Lunch
 (A) - Afternoon tea (D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Airconditioned and restroom equipped touring coach.
- All motel accommodation with private facilities.
- 3 cooked breakfasts, 2 course dinners each evening, 4 lunches, 1 morning tea, 1 afternoon tea. Other refreshments off the coach will be provided where appropriate.
- Pichi Richi Railway Pt Augusta to Quorn, Jeff Morgan Gallery and the amazing Wilpena Panorama, Kanyaka Ruins, Farina, Wirrabara Craft House and Silo Art, national park entry fees.
- Touring as per itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDES:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Porterage. Maximum suitcase 20kgs weight + 1 piece hand baggage per passenger.
- Items of a personal nature.
- *Optional* 30 minute Wilpena Scenic flight.
- *Optional* 1.5 hour Marree Man & Lake Eyre South scenic flight.

Note that any wildlife and flora mentioned in the itinerary is nature and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS ON THIS TOUR ARE:

Closed toe walking shoes, hat, light jacket, sun glasses, sunscreen and water bottle. Don't forget your camera and binoculars.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will **not** be carried by Hughes or our coach company.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis,' at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5 days) of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

Accreditation

