



PLATINUM JOURNEYS

7 DAYS OF FLINDERS RANGES

Saturday 27th February – Friday 5th March 2021

Discover the Flinders Ranges as we embark on an unforgettable expedition to discover the raw beauty of rugged peaks and ancient landscapes.



Day 1: HOME - MILDURA Sat 27 Feb 21 (LD)

Welcome to our wonderful tour to the Flinders Ranges. Here we'll discover some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the country. Sit back, relax and get to know your fellow adventurers as our 7-day tour awaits. Today is a full day of travel as we stop for convenience breaks and lunch before arriving in Mildura for our first night together (lunch in Charlton/ dinner in hotel).

Overnight: Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn (PH: 03 5023 5833)

Day 2: MILDURA – FLINDERS RANGES Sun 28 Feb 21 (BD)

With an early start we travel across the South Australian border and through the Riverland region. Leaving Murray River county, we arrive in Burra, a town classified by the National Trust. Copper from Burra's "Monster Mine" saved South Australia from bankruptcy in the 1940s. It was the largest metal mine in the country employing 1000 people. Cornish and Welsh miners flocked to Burra to work for the South Australian Mining Association and some set up homes in dugouts hewn out of the banks of the Burra Creek. We push through to Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheatre of mountains, covering eight times the area of Uluru and is 300 metre higher, such an awe-inspiring vision to be held! Tomorrow we have a chance to discover the extraordinary landscape that is over 800 million years old (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort (PH: 08 8648 0004)

Day 3: EXPLORING THE FLINDERS Mon 1 Mar 21 (BLD)

Uncover the dramatic gorges and spectacular peaks of the Flinders Ranges. We meet our local guide who will take us on an insider's tour of this stunning National Park. The Flinders Ranges are well known for their wild flowers but it's the dramatic gorges and spectacular peaks that are the real highlights of this beautiful part of Australia. We will visit two gorges (subject to weather and road conditions), Brachina Gorge and Bunyeroo Gorge. We then visit Gumcreek Station for lunch before returning to Wilpena late-afternoon (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch included).

Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort (PH: 08 8648 0004)

Day 4: PICHİ RICHİ RAIL Tue 2 Mar 21 (BLD)

Today we visit 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. We take a brief look around, then 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 at the Great Northern Lodge, we continue north stopping at the Kanyaka Homestead just off the main road. Before returning to Wilpena, we spend some time at the Jeff Morgan Art Gallery. Jeff has a superb reputation in the art world and when we visit his gallery standing in front of his panoramas we will be in awe. (Breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch included).

Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort (PH: 08 8648 0004)

Day 5: WILPENA POUND AT LEISURE Wed 3 Mar 21 (BD)

Today we discover Wilpena Pound at leisure with a free day. You may like to take to the skies with an optional scenic flight* over stunning Lake Eyre or embark on a spectacular bush walk. Of course, some may like to relax at the resort – the choice is yours. All activities today are at your own expense. Tonight, we observe the ever-changing colours of sunset over Wilpena Pound. Marvel at this vast ancient landscape from a spectacular viewing location before dinner at the resort (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

**Please advise at time of booking if you would like to include a Lake Eyre scenic flight (subject to availability).*

Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort (PH: 08 8648 0004)

Day 6: FLINDERS – TALEM BEND Thu 4 Mar 21 (BD)

We have a travel day ahead as we say goodbye to the spectacular Flinders Ranges. We follow the scenic route through the small settlements of Laura and Gladstone before passing through the Clare Valley and Barossa wine regions. Our overnight accommodation is The Bend, a world class motorsport facility (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Rydges Pit Lane, Tailem Bend (PH: 08 8165 5730)

Day 7: TALEM BEND - HOME Fri 5 Mar 21 (B)

We head home today, skirting the edge of the picturesque Grampians and gold rush town Ballarat. We arrive in Melbourne late afternoon from our wonderful Flinders Ranges Adventure (breakfast in hotel / lunch at own expense).



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**Tour cost Twin Share/Double per person \$2995
Solo Traveller \$3495**

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Air conditioned, restroom equipped vehicle travel with experienced crew
Twin share accommodation with ensuite facilities
Meals as per the itinerary
All entry fees to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Travel insurance – please enquire for a quote or to purchase a policy
Items of a personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips
Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus meals not listed in the itinerary

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

All bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of \$600.00 per person
The balance and final payment must be received 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days notice : full refund less \$600.00 deposit
90 - 60 days before tour : 50% refund
Less than 60 days: no refund

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTION

For cancellations with more than 30 days notice
75% credit towards a future tour

Platinum Journeys strongly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance at the time of booking, in case of unexpected illness or accident