

Australia South: Tasmania, Kangaroo Island & the Great Ocean Road A Diverse Safari Down Under—with Chartered Flights to Maximize Your Time in Nature





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Trip Details:

Days 13 Days / Jan– Mar & Oct–Dec

Price From \$16495 (+Air)

Physical Requirements Easy to Moderate

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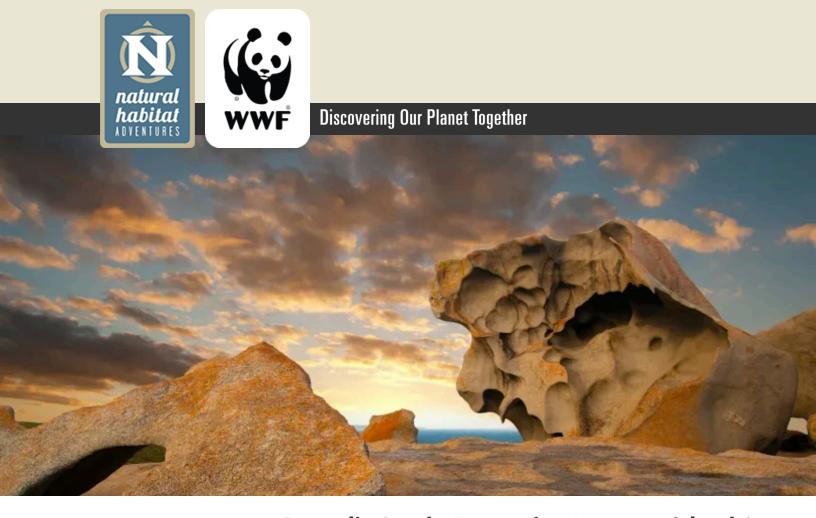
Southern Australia is full of dramatic landscapes, unique flora and quirky animals. From the familiar koala and ferocious Tasmanian devil to the lesser-known wombat and echidna, native wildlife abounds. Many unusual species stir to action after dark, and we seek them out at dawn and dusk. Step inside a cave to marvel at bioluminescent glowworms. Converse with researchers at the Conservation Ecology Center responding to urgent challenges facing at-risk species in the Cape Otway region. Admire dramatic sea stacks off the rugged Southern Ocean coast. At the secluded lodges we tuck into each night, kangaroos and Tammar wallabies may frequent your front stoop. Offshore, the isolated isles of Tasmania and Kangaroo Island boast their own endemic species, prized national parks and winemaking prowess. Discover it all on this grand survey of the wonders way down under.

Trip Highlights

Seek out intriguing native species—kangaroo, koala, cockatoo, wallaby, platypus, echidna, pademelon, wombat and more!

Explore the widely varied habitats of far-south Australia in the wildlife-rich reserves of Tasmania. Kangaroo Island and Cape Otway—away from crowds

Enhancing convenience and access, our exclusive chartered flights give you far more time in nature rather than in airports, cities and on long drives



Itinerary At A Glance

Day 1

Adelaide, Australia

Day 2

Adelaide / Private Flight to Kangaroo Island

Day 3

Pennington Bay / Baudin Conservation Park

Day 4

Pelican Lagoon / Flinders Chase National Park

Day 5

Private Flight to Warrnambool / Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve / Great Ocean Road—Port Campbell National Park

Day 6

Twelve Apostles / Great Otway National Park / Private Tour of Wildlife Wonders Sanctuary

Day 7

Great Ocean Road / Private Flight to Tasmania / Cradle Mountain

Australia South: Tasmania, Kangaroo Island & the Great Ocean Road Itinerary

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Day 1: Adelaide, Australia

Arrive in Adelaide, capital of the state of South Australia. Wedged between the Mount Lofty Ranges and Gulf St. Vincent, this is the homeland of the Indigenous Kaurna peoples. Adelaide, established by British settlers in 1836 as a convict-free colony, has become a gateway to South Australia's burgeoning wine country. Dotted with historic buildings and lush parks, the "City of Churches" is recognizable for its multitude of spires that rise from downtown, representing diverse faiths within a city founded on a commitment to religious freedom and civil liberties. This evening, gather with our Expedition Leaders for a welcome dinner and introduction to our route through Kangaroo Island, Tasmania and Australia's most southerly coast.







Itinerary At A Glance

Days 8 & 9

Cradle Mountain–Lake St. Clair National Park / Private Tasmanian Devil Encounter

Day 10

Marakoopa Cave Private Tour / Central Plateau Conservation Area / Derwent Valley

Day 11

Private Paddling with Platypus / Mount Field National Park

Day 12

Bonorong Wildife Sanctuary Private Tour / Hobart

Day 13

Hobart / Depart

Day 2: Adelaide / Private Flight to Kangaroo Island

Transfer to the airport this morning for our short chartered flight to Kangaroo Island. With more than 300 miles of coastline surrounded by turquoise waters, Australia's third-largest island is renowned for its pristine beaches, local wines and abundant wildlife that the island's isolation has naturally protected. "KI," as it's known by locals, lies less than 10 miles off the mainland, but its offshore status helps sustain considerable numbers of native Australian species, including kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas, New Zealand fur seals, Australian sea lions and one of Australia's largest koala populations.

On arrival, we head to Cygnet Park Sanctuary, a haven for native island vegetation where we find significant populations of nationally threatened plant species. During an orientation over a cup of tea, get an overview of the park's habitat restoration program and glossy-black cockatoo recovery project. We'll also do some birdwatching and seek out koalas. Then it's off to Seal Bay Conservation Park for a private tour among Australian sea lions sprawled along a sandy beach—an endangered species nearly hunted to extinction in the 19th century. Today, about 800 of them thrive here, one of Australia's largest sea lion colonies. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf, see old bulls scarred by territorial disputes, and learn about their unique breeding biology.

After a seafood barbecue lunch, continue to Stokes Bay to explore a range of varied habitats from scrub to woodland to rocky shoreline and sandy beach. Within these varied environments, we may encounter tammar wallabies, koalas, glossy-black cockatoos, Australian pelicans, hooded plovers, and a unique subspecies of kangaroo found only on the island. Along the way, observe how native plants have adapted to bushfires. Exploring the Bay of Shoals and Reeves Point, look for more birds, including black swans, cormorants, crested and Caspian terns, and a suite of bush birds like superb fairy-wrens, crescent honeyeaters, rainbow and purple-crowned lorikeets.

Day 3: Pennington Bay / Baudin Conservation Park

At Pennington Bay, look for hooded plovers and other shorebirds on the beach, and climb the steps to the top of Prospect Hill for a vantage over the narrowest section of Kangaroo Island. Delving into the ecology of the island, take a walk with a researcher who is a world expert on the short-beaked echidna—an ancient egg-laying mammal that once roamed with dinosaurs. After a picnic lunch on Eastern Cove, visit Baudin Conservation Park to learn about the elusive glossy-black cockatoo. The park was a family farm from 1861 to 2002, comprised of she-oak woodland rolling hills with sweeping views across Backstairs Passage to the Fleurieu Peninsula. We may also see tammar wallabies, Kangaroo Island kangaroos, wedge-tailed eagles and small penguins that nest along the shoreline, and look offshore for dolphins and southern right whales. At Cape Willoughby, explore the exposed granite shoreline near the lighthouse, scouting for coastal raptors and oceanic seabirds from the exposed promontory.





Day 4: Pelican Lagoon / Flinders Chase National Park

Begin the day with a bush breakfast on Pelican Lagoon, one of the oldest marine conservation reserves in Australia. This is kangaroo terrain, and we're sure to be distracted from our eggs and bacon by the 'roos hopping around! The remote western reaches of Kangaroo Island offer a true sense of wilderness and solitude, with abundant birdlife and koalas dozing in the eucalyptus trees. Visit with field personnel from Land for Wildlife, observing their camera traps used to monitor wild animals and learning about how they are rewilding 700 acres (about the area of New York City's Central Park) of private land destroyed by the fires.

In Flinders Chase National Park, view the massive shapes of the Remarkable Rocks, formed by 500 million years of wind, waves and rain that have left them impossibly perched on top a granite dome plunging into the ocean. Then it's on to Admirals Arch, a rock bridge and coastal grotto that provides a haul-out for a large colony of long-nosed fur seals. Seabirds flourish here, too, and we may see a range of terns, Australasian gannets, shearwaters, Pacific gulls, and possibly some southern emu-wrens.

Day 5: Private Flight to Warrnambool / Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve / Great Ocean Road—Port Campbell National Park

Fly from Kangaroo Island to Warrnambool by private chartered plane and continue by road to Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve. Formed by volcanic eruptions 30,000 years ago, Tower Hill lies within Dhauwurd Wurrung country and has a rich Indigenous culture. It is also home to some of Australia's best-loved wildlife living inside the large crater of this dormant volcano. On a guided hike, learn about the geologic history and ancient lava flows, wetlands, bushland, birdlife and Aboriginal heritage of the area. As we walk, look for koalas, emus, eastern gray kangaroos, swamp wallabies, echidnas, long-necked turtles, black swans and golden whistlers, all of which are plentiful here.

We then start our journey down the Great Ocean Road, stopping at a flying fox colony (flying foxes are actually giant fruit bats), the Bay of Islands Coastal Park with its dramatic rock stacks, and on to Port Campbell National Park to view London Bridge—now known as London Arch after the "bridge" connecting the rock formation to the mainland collapsed in 1990, leaving a stand-alone arch. After dinner in the seaside village of Port Campbell, we return to the limestone coast where a colony of thousands of short-tailed shearwaters nests atop a towering sea stack. On most summer nights, they return en masse to their nests at twilight, a phenomenon we witness with awe.





Day 6: Twelve Apostles / Great Otway National Park / Private Tour of Wildlife Wonders Sanctuary

Continuing along the Great Ocean Road, we stop to witness the many impressive geological features along this stunning stretch of coast. Early this morning, take in the Twelve Apostles, limestone sea stacks that rise from the Southern Ocean off Port Campbell National Park. Eroded from mainland cliffs in a process that began 10–20 million years ago, these structures were originally caves, then arches that collapsed to become isolated 150-foot-high rock towers. The marine park below harbors colorful sponge gardens, reef fish, soft corals and kelp forests. On a hike at Loch Ard Gorge, hear the vivid history of the many shipwrecks off these rugged shores.

Along our coastal drive, witness more dramatic limestone formations before entering coastal heathland and the towering eucalyptus forests of Great Otway National Park. Here in the homeland of the Gadubanud people, we take a walk in temperate rain forest among giant tree ferns and a blanket of moss while learning about the ancient Myrtle beech trees that date back to Gondwanaland. Along our path, we'll hope to spot the endemic carnivorous Otway black snail, eastern yellow robin, king parrot and crimson rosella, along with secretive long-nosed potoroos foraging in the leaf litter, ring-tailed possums, swamp wallabies and gray kangaroos. Returning to the coast, look for Australian fur seals that haul out on a small rocky island in a marine reserve. We sometimes see terns, cormorants and shorebirds on the beach or rock shelves, too.

A picnic lunch is in store at scenic Melba Gully, surrounded by temperate rainforest and plenty of wildlife. We then head into the forest for a guided walk at Mait's Rest, followed by a visit to Apollo Bay to explore the rock pools and beach. Continue to Wildlife Wonders Sanctuary, established by the Conservation Ecology Center in Cape Otway, to learn about regional species on a guided walk with a local conservationist. Exploring lush tree fern gullies and eucalypt woodland near the coast, look for bandicoots, potoroos, pademelons and other local fauna that are just waking up to start an active night of feeding and foraging. Back at our hotel, a sunset dinner overlooking the water is a special highlight.





Day 7: Great Ocean Road / Private Flight to Tasmania / Cradle Mountain

Rise early to drive the final scenic stretch of the Great Ocean Road to Geelong, where we board our private chartered flight to the island state of Tasmania, 150 miles south across the Bass Strait. After landing in Devonport, stop at a nearby arboretum to look for platypus, then continue to the interior of this island that covers more than 26,000 square miles, 42% of which is protected in national parks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. A legacy of wilderness appreciation is intrinsic to Tasmania, the birthplace of the world's first environmental political party. The island of Tasmania, or lutruwita, is home to the Aboriginal palawa peoples who have lived here for more than 60,000 years, before the British Empire arrived to form a penal colony in 1803. Continue to our lodge on the edge of Cradle Mountain National Park, where we settle in before an evening outing to seek out the abundant wildlife around the premises— we often spot wallabies, echidnas, pademelons and wombats that come out around dusk. And while we're extremely unlikely to see one, Tasmanian devils and quolls also inhabit the forest.

Days 8 & 9: Cradle Mountain–Lake St. Clair National Park / Private Tasmanian Devil Encounter

The day launches early as we enter Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. This UNESCO-protected realm covers 3.7 million acres, one-fifth of Tasmania's landmass. The park's imposing peaks, lakes and glacier-sculpted valleys comprise some of Australia's most stunning landscapes. 5,069-foot Cradle Mountain is surrounded by diverse habitats of grassland, temperate rain forest and ancient plants that date to the supercontinent of Gondwana, including the King Billy pine, deciduous beech and pandani, the world's tallest heath plant. Choose among varied hike options, depending upon how long or how far you'd like to explore—options may include waterfalls, walks at Ronny Creek, or a hike to Dove Lake, gleaming sapphire-blue beneath Cradle Mountain's jagged profile. Wildlife abounds in the park, and we seek it out on walks at dawn and dusk. Wombats, a cuddly cousin to the koala, are prevalent here, although no koalas exist in the wild in Tasmania.

This afternoon, tour a nearby conservation sanctuary working to protect and sustain the Tasmanian devil. Our visit offers a rare opportunity to see and learn about these mysterious, hard-to-find nocturnal species that are endangered in the wild. The sanctuary is involved with breeding, release and re-introduction of Tasmanian devils, in addition to field monitoring of wild populations and orphan rehabilitation. It also houses the closely related spotted-tail and eastern quolls, offering a trifecta of Tasmania's three largest carnivorous marsupials. If our timing is right, we may even witness a feeding.





Day 10: Marakoopa Cave Private Tour / Central Plateau Conservation Area / Derwent Valley

After a dawn wildlife walk followed by breakfast, head to Marakoopa Cave in Mole Creek Karst National Park for a private tour of this dramatic limestone cavern. This immense structure contains two underground streams, large vaulted chambers, expanses of glittering flowstone and dramatic stalagmites, plus a sparkling display of bioluminescent glowworms. From here, it's a half-day's drive to southern Tasmania. En route, we stop at the Central Plateau Conservation Area, a wild realm of subalpine moorlands and countless tarns. In the isolated heart of Tasmania away from major roads, the region is known for its wilderness hiking and world-class trout fishing. We stop to admire the view of Great Lake and look for echidnas, plus yellow-tailed black cockatoos and Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles, among other birdlife.

Continue to Truffle Lodge, a luxury camping outpost in a remote part of the Derwent Valley that is our own private accommodation for the next two nights. Once dusk falls, look for echidna, wallabies and pademelon, then enjoy dinner and stargazing from camp, if skies are clear.

Day 11: Private Paddling with Platypus / Mount Field National Park

Wake early and wander the environs of our private camp, looking for wildlife. After breakfast, take a private kayaking tour on the Derwent River, paddling in search of wild platypus that are often spotted just below our tents perched on the bank. This 100-million-year-old semi-aquatic mammal has a duck-like bill, webbed feet and fur, and along with the echidna, it is one of just two egg-laying mammal species on the planet.

This afternoon, we head to Mount Field National Park, Tasmania's oldest, along with Freycinet, established in 1916. Yet the park has been a nature reserve since 1885, when early European settlers were awestruck by its waterfalls and natural beauty. The region had already been occupied for millennia, however, as the homelands of the Big River nation of Tasmanian Aboriginal peoples. They knew this place when it was buried in glacial ice, and later as rainforests and eucalypt forests flourished. Cave sites, ochre mines, handstenciled art, rock engravings and stone tool quarries provide a glimpse of their extraordinary lives here. We spend the day walking in their ancient footsteps among the tallest flowering trees in the world, and exploring the coastal rainforest. In summer, the high country can be a blaze of color with blooming waratahs, boronias and heath. Weather will determine our activities in the park, but we're sure to conclude the day with a sense of wonder at the many treasures it holds. Back at camp, more wildlife watching awaits this evening, as well as time around the fire under the stars.





Day 12: Bonorong Wildife Sanctuary Private Tour / Hobart

Depart this morning for Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary for a last chance to spend time with more of Australia's unique creatures. On a private tour of this conservation-focused facility dedicated to wildlife rescue, come face to face with animals that became extinct long ago in other parts of Australia. Get a peek at rarely seen species such as the eastern quoll and Tasmanian bettong, and many more. Over the last 200 years, Australia has recorded the world's fastest rate of mammal extinctions, and other species are increasingly at risk of joining this trend. For the creatures that are now making their last stand in Tasmania, Bonorong is determined to do all it can to prevent them from disappearing.

After a private lunch with our hosts at the sanctuary, continue a short distance to Hobart, Tasmania's capital at the mouth of the Derwent River. Once we check into our hotel on the historic waterfront, the rest of the afternoon is free to do some exploring on your own. Home of the Muwinina people for centuries before Dutch explorer Abel Tasman arrived in 1642, Hobart is one of Australia's oldest European-settled cities. Reconvene this evening for a farewell dinner.

Day 13: Hobart / Depart

Our southern Australia nature safari comes to a close in Hobart this morning. A transfer to the airport is included for flights to the mainland and beyond, including the option to extend your time down under by joining Nat Hab's **New Zealand Nature Explorer** (select departures match up; check dates for details).



Accommodation Details:

Mayfair Hotel

The River Suites

Daysy Hill Country Cottages

Chris's Beacon Point

Cradle Mountain Lodge

Truffle Lodge Tented Camp

MACq 01 Hotel

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/southern-australia-tasmania-nature-tour/accommodations

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Mayfair Hotel

Offering 5-star elegance and a rooftop lounge in the heart of Adelaide, this heritage-listed boutique hotel has been impeccably renovated in a style that's both classic and contemporary.



The River Suites

Situated high on a wooded ridge overlooking the ocean and surrounded by lush bird habitat, this nine-room boutique hotel offers expansive views from each guest room's private balcony.



Daysy Hill Country Cottages

With views of Port Campbell Bay and bucolic farmland, these modern cottages have spacious living areas with private decks that overlook landscaped gardens home to abundant birdlife.







Chris's Beacon Point

Set high in the Otway Ranges above the Great Ocean Road, each private villa has a 180-degree view through expansive floor-to-ceiling windows over Skenes Creek and the Bass Strait.



Cradle Mountain Lodge

This lakeside lodge on the edge of Tasmania's Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park features private cabins, a cozy fireside lounge, and acclaimed local food and wine.



Truffle Lodge Tented Camp

Featuring spacious tent-cabin suites, Truffle Lodge offers a peaceful deluxe camping experience in nature, where you may see platypus swimming in the river from your private veranda.



MACq 01 Hotel

Located in the heart of the historic Hobart waterfront, this unique hotel offers contemporary luxury and cutting-edge design accented with stories of the remarkable people of Tasmania.





An Exclusive Encounter with Wild Australia

Australia is hardly an unknown destination. Its unique wildlife, dramatic coastlines and diverse landscapes are high on travelers' must-see lists. When you explore Australia with Nat Hab, however, you'll have anything but a standard approach. Learn about what sets our trips apart:

1 A Distinctive Focus on Nature & Conservation

Australia's impressive landscapes and unique wildlife are front and center on our one-of-a-kind itinerary. From the remote edge of Kangaroo Island to the rugged mountains of Tasmania, we explore World Heritage Sites, wildlife sanctuaries, internationally protected wetlands and more, learning about efforts to protect these wild habitats and native animals.

2 Chartered Flights Maximize Your Time in Nature

Australia is a huge country. That's why we fly between many of our itinerary highlights, rather than waste days on long drives. But adhering to commercial air schedules and logistics can also eat up precious safari time. So we exclusively charter planes for our flight legs, avoiding complicated itineraries that would otherwise require several full travel days, including connections and layovers. You don't want to come this far to spend excessive time sitting in airports or driving (although the drives we do include are integral for an immersive experience in nature!).

- Visit Six National Parks
 - Diversity is the appeal on our southern Australia adventure, which includes six spectacular national parks: Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island, Twelve Apostles & Port Campbell National Park on Cape Otway, and three national parks in Tasmania: Mole Creek Karst, Cradle Mountain–Lake St. Clair, and Mount Field.
- Search for Unique Wildlife When Viewing is Best

 Since most Australian species are nocturnal, we devote our days to exploring scenic landscapes and maximize our wildlife viewing opportunities around sunrise and sunset, when low light draws out the marsupials, echidnas and other species that stir to activity during the night. Typical Australia tours don't generally adapt to this important consideration.
- Explore with Just 12 Travelers

 In a small group, we can seek out more remote places in nature and stay in intimate lodges (sometimes with exclusive occupancy), close to wildlife and conservation sanctuaries. With fewer people, you get a deeper nature experience. And with your Expedition Leader and two local guides, you're assured flexibility in activities and personal attention.





The World's Finest Naturalist Guides

2007.

Natural Habitat Adventures has a well-deserved global reputation for employing the highest-quality guides in the industry. Our Expedition Leaders have years of experience and training, including resources from WWF's top scientists. You won't find more knowledgeable—or more personable—guides than those who work with us. Our philosophy is simple: a nature adventure is only as good as the guide who leads it, so we provide the very best! **Read our Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Australia Adventure

Natural Habitat Adventures is proud to offer our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

- Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

 We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home.

 Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since
- Natural Habitat Adventures Is WWF's Travel Partner

 Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Australia adventure on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Australia South Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 6 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.







Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$16495 (+Air)

Group Size: Limited to 12 Travelers

Physical Requirements:Easy to Moderate

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2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 10, 2025	Oct 22, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Oct 13, 2025	Oct 25, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 5, 2025	Nov 17, 2025	Women-Only Departure
Nov 8, 2025	Nov 20, 2025	
Nov 11, 2025	Nov 23, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 22, 2025	Dec 4, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 25, 2025	Dec 7, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 28, 2025	Dec 10, 2025	Pair with our New Zealand trip

2026 Departures





Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$16495 (+Air)

Group Size:Limited to 12
Travelers

Physical Requirements: Easy to Moderate

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 9, 2026	Jan 21, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 12, 2026	Jan 24, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 22, 2026	Feb 3, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 25, 2026	Feb 6, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 4, 2026	Feb 16, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 7, 2026	Feb 19, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 10, 2026	Feb 22, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 13, 2026	Feb 25, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Mar 5, 2026	Mar 17, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Oct 19, 2026	Oct 31, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 5, 2026	Nov 17, 2026	Women-Only Departure Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 13, 2026	Nov 25, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 24, 2026	Dec 6, 2026	Pair with our New Zealand trip

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 9, 2027	Jan 21, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 12, 2027	Jan 24, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 22, 2027	Feb 3, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Jan 25, 2027	Feb 6, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 4, 2027	Feb 16, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 7, 2027	Feb 19, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 10, 2027	Feb 22, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Feb 13, 2027	Feb 25, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Mar 5, 2027	Mar 17, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip





Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 13, 2027	Oct 25, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Oct 16, 2027	Oct 28, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Oct 19, 2027	Oct 31, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 13, 2027	Nov 25, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip
Nov 24, 2027	Dec 6, 2027	Pair with our New Zealand trip





Pricing

2025 Prices

> Trip Price \$16495 - \$16995 (+internal air)



Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. Contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917. **Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.**



2026 Prices

Mouse over or tap dates above to view prices for specific departure dates.

> Trip Price \$16795 - \$16995 (+internal air)

Internal Air Cost: \$2992 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing). **Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$3995. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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Included

- ➤ Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader, local guides and lodge staff, private kayaking excursion and kayaking gear, wildlife and cultural presentations and excursions, private sanctuary tours, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfers for those arriving by air on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- Internal air fee includes: Private charter flight from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island, private charter flight from Kangaroo Island to Warrnambool, and private charter flight from Geelong to Devonport, Tasmania, plus any additional taxes and fees on these flights (these will be listed separately on our invoicing).





Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, most alcoholic beverages, gratuities for Expedition Leaders, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), international airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

This adventure does not require a particularly high degree of physical fitness, however, walks can range from one to four miles in fluctuating weather and varied environments. Although these walks are easy to moderate in terms of physical exertion, they sometimes include fairly steep, uneven or slippery terrain. A variety of early morning and night walks, often in dim light, are offered throughout the itinerary. In order to fully enjoy the entire trip experience, travelers should be able to walk unassisted for at least two miles over sometimes-rough terrain and inclines. A few of the walks and hikes include long sets of stairs, sometimes without a handrail. On our kayaking activity in Tasmania, guests must be able to get into and out of a kayak without any type of boat ramp, and without the kayaks being perfectly still. Paddling participants must also be under 242 pounds, which is the weight restriction of the kayaks. Our days often start early and/or finish late and are full with activities, which can be tiring.

Having an Expedition Leader and local guides on each departure allows us, at times, to divide our groups according to varying physical abilities. This advantage ensures that our guests can move at the pace, and travel the distance, that suits their preference. Please note that all walks and activities are optional, and travelers should only participate in those activities in which they feel comfortable. While travelers are not required to participate in all activities, should you opt out of a scheduled activity, we cannot always guarantee alternatives will be available. Travelers who would like to take longer or more strenuous hikes may have limited opportunities to do so at their leisure. Many days involve long drives on winding roads, including over mountain passes at altitudes as high as 6,000 feet.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.





Important Information About This Trip

Our journey is designed to explore elements of southern Australia that are least populated, most wild, and replete with wildlife and rugged beauty. These are destinations that are difficult to see and interpret on your own, where the expertise of our Expedition Leaders and local guides adds exceptional value to your experience. Steering away from crowds, we explore during quiet hours that allow for seclusion and intimate encounters with nature.

A Note About Travel within Australia

In addition, because towns and populated areas are often far away from the remote destinations we visit, and the nature highlights on our itinerary are often at substantial distances from one another due to the vastness of the country, drive times between activities can be long. We have done our best to minimize long drives, but we want to make sure you get the fullest experience, too. For example, Kangaroo Island is 90 miles long and 35 miles across, with fantastic wildlife viewing and landscapes on the east and south. Many roads are narrow or unpaved, and wildlife is often found near the road, which means we must drive slower than you'd typically expect. Roads in Tasmania are very winding and narrow as well. Please expect some long, taxing drives, and understand that they are a part of nature travel in Australia—while knowing that we have arranged activities and flights to minimize these challenges wherever possible. Many people visit Australia, but only an intrepid few Nat Hab travelers will experience Australia in such a rare and exclusive way.

A Note About Our Accommodations

It is important to understand that Australia is a huge yet sparsely populated country, a remote and isolated continent filled with wildlife and landscapes that are truly unique. Australia is also an English-speaking country, which, aside from some left-side driving and happy accents, feels pretty familiar to life in North America. Yet while it may seem similar to the U.S. and Canada in many ways, the culture around travel is a bit different. Many Australians travel via camper or caravan (trailer) to remote destinations. Those who do stay at ecolodges don't expect the same level of accoutrements, service or maintenance that most North American travelers are accustomed to, even when such lodges are designated as 4- or 5-star accommodations. And since the Covid-19 pandemic, staff turnover at many lodges has been very high, making regular upkeep more difficult. So, please expect a wide range of accommodations, from simple ecolodges to a private tented camp to luxury hotels.

However: There are important reasons we stay where we do! We choose our hotels and ecolodges based on their proximity to nature and wildlife, and the experiences we are able to have from these more remotely located bases far exceed what we could expect if our primary intent was finding the most luxurious accommodation. On this trip, the luxury is in the experience, including access to nature and wildlife, which is why we will choose an ecolodge that's just minutes away from a wild reserve, for example, rather than a luxury hotel that requires a 2-hour drive.

A Note About Our Private Chartered Flights

We have included these not for an extra element of exclusivity, but because they markedly improve our itinerary. Chartered flights allow us to provide you much more time in nature, rather than being beholden to the timetables and locations of commercial flights. By chartering our own planes, we can get where we need to go when we *want* to go. No big city connections, no layovers...just more time with wildlife, in the peace of nature, for you. You've come this far to experience the wild wonders of Australia...and we want to make sure you spend as much of your precious time doing that as possible!





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Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Adelaide, South Australia and ends in Hobart, Tasmania. You must arrive in Adelaide by 4 pm on Day 1 in order to join your group for your orientation dinner. We recommend that you arrive at least one day prior to Day 1 of your trip to adjust to the time difference. You may depart Hobart at any time on your final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as our staff is intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find better fares online.



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