

Wattletree Garden Tours
South Australia
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*Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Renmark Garden festival, Hahndorf,
Victor Harbour and Kangaroo Island.*

A little bit of something for everyone!

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Tour highlights

- Renmark Garden Festival
- Kangaroo Island
- Maggie Beer cooking experience
- Sophie's Patch
- Paddlesteamer on the Murray
- Adelaide tours
- Seal Bay
- Fully escorted and organised
- Barossa Valley wineries
- Anlaby Station
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Private tour with plenty of space

Brian Sams is a Toowoomba based horticulturist involved in running gardening workshops, consultation, leading garden based tours and presenting weekly gardening news for WIN TV. Brian has been leading garden tours overseas and within Australia since 2006. Why? He loves it!

Day 1 Wednesday 6th October arrive Adelaide and journey to Kangaroo Island D

Today we will travel to Adelaide - suggested flight times to be advised. On arrival we will meet our coach and drive to Cape Jervis to catch our ferry to Kangaroo Island where we will stay in the Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge at American River. We will have a welcome dinner in the hotel this evening.

Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge or similar for 3 nights

Day 2 Thursday 7th October Kangaroo Island B L

Today we will head to Parndana to see the community garden built in the aftermath of the fires to help provide some fresh produce. Next we hope to visit the Stokes Bay Bush Garden if they have been able to reopen after the garden was wiped out by the fires in 2020. We will then drive to Flinders Chase National Park with stops to see some great spots - Bunkers Hill, Admirals Arch and the seal colony, Remarkable Rocks and the Lighthouse. We will organise to have a boxed picnic lunch to have in the national park. Later drive back to our hotel.

Day 3 Friday 8th October – Kangaroo Island B

Today we have an excursion to Seal Bay to see the sea lion colony. We are booked in for the full experience with a walk with a ranger to head down on to the beach so we will be up close to the Sea Lions. We will also have full access to the boardwalk and lookout areas. We will head back to the hotel after a couple of stops to sample local produce and call in to Kingscote which is the main town for some free time, lunch and a chance to walk or shop.

Day 4 Saturday 9th October Kangaroo Island to Victor Harbour B D

Our first stop is a trip across the island to visit Cape Willoughby Lighthouse before some free time for lunch in Penneshaw. We plan on taking the 1.30pm ferry to Cape Jervis and then on to Victor Harbour. You may decide to either walk or take the horse drawn tram to Granite Island or some free time. Dinner is in the hotel tonight.

Hotel Victor or similar for 2 nights

Day 5 Sunday 10th October Victor Harbour B

This morning we will visit the South Australian Whale Centre in the heart of town with some free time to explore the area and have lunch. After lunch we plan to visit Boats End garden at Currency Creek which showcases tough plants for a Mediterranean climate overlooking the coast. Next stop is Bleasdale winery in Langhorne Creek. This original winery is interesting to visit just to see the hand built old wine press and pioneer photos on display. Not just another winery (although wine tastings are included). We will then head back to our hotel.

Day 6 Monday 11th October Victor Harbour to Adelaide B D

Depart for Adelaide at about 10am driving to stop for photo at HMAS Hobart Lookout and then to Maclaren Vale for lunch stop. On arrival to Adelaide we will undertake a brief City tour orientation on way to the hotel. Our hotel is located right in the heart of the city within very easy walking distance of Rundle Mall. We will have dinner in the hotel this evening.

Hotel Grand Chancellor or similar for 2 nights

Day 7 Tuesday 12th October Adelaide B

Today we will spend some time exploring Adelaide visiting the excellent Botanical gardens, the Himeji Japanese Garden and Veale Gardens before some free time in the Adelaide Central Markets for lunch and shopping. The plan is to be back to the hotel by mid afternoon to allow time for those wanting to visit the museum, Rundle Mall or the Adelaide oval the chance to explore.



Day 8 Wednesday 13th October Adelaide to Barossa Valley B, MT, L and D

Today we will depart Adelaide to head to the Barossa Valley. First stop on the way will be Ashgrove Iris Garden that should be in full flower when we visit. We will have a home made morning tea in the garden. Next stop will be in the Al-Ru Farm which is a large cottage style country garden. The garden owners will show us around before we have lunch in the garden or in the barn depending on weather. This is a lovely garden. We will then continue to Tanunda and our hotel.

Barossa Weintal Hotel or similar for 2 nights

Day 9 Thursday 14th October Barossa Valley B T

First stop this morning is to Seppeltsfield where we will have a guided Heritage tour of this interesting estate and village. This will no doubt cover the history of the area, tours of some of the old stone buildings and a wine tasting. We have a 12noon booking for our group at Maggie Beers Farm Shop for the "Executive experience" that includes produce tasting, a cooking demonstration, meal tasting and a chance to learn a little more of the Maggie Beer method! Next we will head back to Tanunda where those keen for more wine tasting could join an optional visit to the rather impressive Chateau Tanunda or some free time in Tanunda or return to the hotel.

Day 10 Friday 15th October Barossa Valley to Renmark B, MT, L

Today we leave the Barossa with a visit to Anlaby Station. This property is a real treat with the original homestead and farm buildings which formed part of the first sheep station in SA. The 10 acre gardens been restored in the original style with a very significant number of heritage listed trees and some fabulous features including a mushroom house, a camellia house, a cucumber house and heaps of roses. A tour of the homestead is also included. We will have morning tea and lunch at Anlaby. After lunch we will drive to Renmark and on arrival will call in at the Ruston Rose garden to see their roses and perhaps have afternoon tea in the on site café (own expense). Next we will check into our hotel located on the banks of the Murray River right in the heart of town.

Renmark Hotel or similar for 2 nights

Day 11 Saturday 16th October Renmark B

Today we will explore the Renmark garden festival held every year at this time. We will visit a selection of private gardens in the area and also plan on doing a short cruise on the Murray River. Later in the afternoon you have the option of travelling about 20 minutes out of town to visit the Woolshed Brewery. The historic buildings on the property have been converted to a microbrewery located right on the banks of the Murray. Those not so keen to visit will be dropped back to the hotel.

Day 12 Sunday 17th October Renmark to Hahndorf B

This morning we will visit a few more of the open gardens before we drive to Hahndorf via Murray Bridge and the interesting town of Karoonda. Hahndorf was settled in the nineteenth century by Lutheran immigrants and it maintains its German feel through its architecture and artisan shops. Upon arrival we will check into our hotel located right in the heart of the main street. For those keen we will provide a transfer to visit The Cedars – home of Hans Heyesen where you can tour the house and the garden.

Manna by Haus or similar for 2 nights

Day 13 Monday 18th October Hahndorf area MT D

Today we head to Mount Barker to visit 2 very interesting gardens. First up is Tickle tank garden. This is a wonderful small garden full of artistic treasures on a 450 square metre block. The house has been constructed from a few water tanks and is a treasure. We will have morning tea in the house and garden and get to hear the story of how it all came about. Next stop is Sophie's Patch – the garden of ABC's Gardening Australia presenter Sophie Thompson. Sophie will show us around her highly productive garden and talk all things gardening. We will then head back to Hahndorf for some free time to explore the village. Later meet for our farewell dinner.

Please note that the hotel does not offer breakfast on weekdays. However there are numerous lovely cafes and bakeries that serve all kinds of interesting meals right at the hotels doorstep

Day 14 Tuesday 19th October Hahndorf to Airport to home

Today we will depart the hotel at 10am for the airport. Please do not book flights for before 12.30pm.



Quality matters!

- ⇒ Good well located hotels with all 2 or 3 night stops
- ⇒ Experienced tour guide and specialist local coach company
- ⇒ The food will showcase some of the local culture and cuisine.
- ⇒ We always seem to have a wonderful, friendly & fun group to travel with!



Pricing Details

Full tour price including all land	\$4395.00
Tour deposit—deductible from final tour price	\$ 500.00
Single supplement - if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put you in contact with others who are keen to share.	\$1275.00

Important dates

1. Deposit – Payable asap to secure a place as seats are limited, please complete booking form.
2. Final payment 60 days before departure

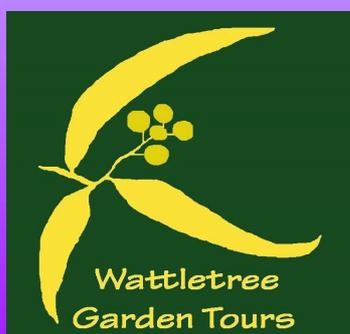
The tour prices includes:

- Good hotel accommodation
- Internal exclusive coach travel
- Travel to and from Kangaroo Island
- Entry to all sightseeing, national parks and gardens as detailed in itinerary
- Quality meals listed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner MT = morning tea) - 23 in total
- Accompanied all the way with garden guide – Brian Sams
- Taxes where appropriate (but subject to change based on prevailing rates)
- Airport transfers (for whole group only—other arrangements to be made as required)

The tour price excludes:

- Air fares to and from Adelaide
- All items not stated as included
- Travel insurance—recommended for all travelers. Please discuss if you need help to organize.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.



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