

Wattletree Garden Tours
South Australia
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*Flinders Ranges, Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Hahndorf,
Renmark Garden festival 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
- Adelaide Hills gardens
- Paddlesteamer on the Murray
- Adelaide tours
- Arid Lands Botanical garden at Port Augusta
- Flinders Ranges staying at Wilpena Pound
- Barossa Valley wineries
- Rushton's Roses
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Fully escorted and organised

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 Saturday 12th October Fly Adelaide to Port Pirie D

Today we will depart for Adelaide. Upon arrival head to Port Pirie via "Little Cornwall" (Moonta and Wallaroo) if time permits and then our hotel. Welcome dinner in the hotel.

John Pirie Motor Inn or similar for 1 night

Day 2 Sunday 13th October Pirie - Arid lands garden – Flinders Ranges B D

This morning we will have a brief photo stop at the jetty at Point Germein before passing the huge Sundrop Farms hydroponic farms and arriving in Port Augusta. We will visit the Wadlata Centre where we will view the Tunnel of Time exhibit showcasing the Australian outback of the area. We will then visit the renowned Arid Lands Botanical Gardens for a guided walk to see some of Australia's most interesting arid land plants. You may also decide to have lunch in the on site café. After lunch we will drive to Wilpena Pound. We have a 3 night stay in Wilpena Pound Resort in the heart of the Flinders Ranges.

Wilpena Pound Resort or similar for 3 nights

Day 3 Monday 14th October Explore the Flinders Ranges B D

Today we will explore the local area firstly with a visit to the Wilpena Pound Solar Panel lookout before visiting the Cazneau Tree, then the rather remarkable rock formation dubbed "The Great Wall" before arriving in Blinman which will be our lunch stop. After lunch we will visit a number of the scenic gorges as well as the Bunyerroo Valley. Expect to see magnificent scenery, Hans Heysen style river red gums and wildflowers.

Day 4 Tuesday 15th October Wilpena pound resort B D

This morning will be a free morning which will allow those keen to take the scenic flight over the Ranges to do so. If you are keen to do the scenic flight you will need to prebook at the time of tour booking to make sure you can fly. It is also a chance to explore the resort and the walking tracks in the local area. Meet after lunch to go on the Yura Udyu guided walk with a local Adnyamathanha Aboriginal guide to get an appreciation of a little of the cultural history of the area. Later meet for the Sunset Spectacular where a guide will join us for magnificent sunset views over the Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges while also having included canapes and libations.

Day 5 Wednesday 16th October Wilpena pound resort to Tanunda B, AT, D

Today we depart the resort driving through Wilmington and Melrose where the scenery will include magnificent river red gums before arriving in the Clare Valley with a lunch stop in Clare. After lunch (own expense) we will visit 2 gardens in the area the beautiful Martindale Hall and garden and the Heritage Garden at Seven Hill renowned for its' roses and afternoon tea! After our garden visits we will continue to Tanunda in the Barossa Valley.

Barossa Weintal Hotel or similar for 2 nights

Day 6 Thursday 17th October Barossa Valley B T

A later start today before a 12noon booking 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. After this we will visit Seppeltsfield where we will have a guided Heritage tour of this interesting estate including some of the old stone buildings and a wine tasting.

Day 7 Friday 18th October Tanunda to Renmark B L

We depart Tanunda this morning with our first stop being in the river town of Morgan to visit their interesting museum that explores the early days of life on the Murray River. We will then have lunch in the historic Terminus hotel before continuing to Remark. On the way into town we will stop at Rushton's Roses. This garden has an important and beautiful collection of roses many developed by local man, David Rushton.



Next we will check into our hotel located on the banks of the Murray River.

Renmark Hotel or similar for 3 nights

Day 8 Saturday 19th October Renmark B

Slightly later start this morning to allow those keen to wander down to the local market on the banks of the Murray River. Meet at 10am to explore the Renmark garden festival held every year at this time. We will visit a selection of private gardens and also plan on doing a short cruise on the Murray River this afternoon.

Day 9 Sunday 20th October Renmark area B

This morning we will visit some more gardens a little out of Renmark in Paringa and Berri and explore the local area. This 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 on the banks of the Murray. Those not keen to visit will be dropped back to the hotel.

Day 10th Monday 21st October Renmark to Hahndorf B D

This morning we will drive to Hahndorf via Murray Bridge and the interesting town of Karoonda for a coffee stop. Hahndorf was settled in the 19th century by Lutheran immigrants and maintains its German feel through its architecture and shops. Upon arrival some free time for Meet later for a German dinner.

Manna by Haus or similar for 2 nights

Day 11 Tuesday 22nd Hahndorf B AT

This morning we will visit The Cedars – home of Hans Heysen where we will tour the house and garden. We will then have a little time in the village of Hahndorf for lunch. Later meet to 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 afternoon tea in the house and garden and get to hear the story of how it all came about. Next stop is another Adelaide Hills garden, the garden of Christine McCabe, a very well known local gardener and garden author. (to be confirmed)

Day 12 Wednesday 23rd October Adelaide - Kangaroo Isl. B D

Today we will travel to Victor Harbor for a coffee stop and chance to explore the town centre before heading to Cape Jervis to catch our ferry to Kangaroo Island. On arrival head to our hotel located in Kingscote.

Kangaroo Island Seaside Inn or similar for 3 nights

Day 13 Thursday 24th 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 14 Friday 25th October – Kangaroo Island B L

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. Next stop is the Raptor Park to see the birds of prey show before a simple picnic style lunch. We will head back to the hotel for some free time and a chance to shop.

Day 15 Saturday 26th October Kangaroo Isl. to Adelaide B AT

We will make our way to Penneshaw before boarding the ferry to head into Adelaide. We will have a few stops along the way including Maclaren vale. On the way into Adelaide we will stop at Carrick Hill for an afternoon tea and self guided tour of the interesting and historic garden. Later head into the CBD to our well located hotel.

Mantra Hindmarsh Square or similar for 2 nights

Day 16 Sunday 27th October Home to 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 17 Monday 28th October Adelaide B MT L

Today we head out of town to visit a couple of special gardens - first stop 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 a farewell lunch in the garden or in the barn depending on weather. Next stop is the Adelaide airport for our flight to home ports.

Quality matters!

- ⇒ Good well located hotels with mostly 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	\$6495.00
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.	\$2100.00

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) - 30 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. Please discuss if you need help to organize.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.

Flinders Ranges Optional Scenic Flights

If you are keen to fly over the Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound on a scenic flight you will need to indicate this on your booking form. There are 2 optional flights for you to choose from

1. Flight 1—30 minutes over Wilpena Pound and many of the Gorges. Price not yet available but around \$250pp.
2. Flight 2— 60 minutes over Wilpena Pound, over the outback plains, over the full length of the Flinders Ranges and many of the Gorges. Price not yet available but around \$377pp.



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