

Flinders Ranges

The Flinders Ranges, classic Australian outback scenery in a range with some of the oldest geology in the world. The setting for many outback movies with breathtaking scenery and myriad wildlife. This tour covers around 1,500km.

Day 1. Today our plan is to get to Quorn, a service town in the central Flinders. On the way we'll stop at the Wadlata Outback Centre in Port Augusta, an award winning interpretive centre.

Day 2 takes you right into the centre of the Flinders. The road from Quorn to Parachilna has some interesting detours and abandoned settlements to visit. The evening meal will be at Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, where you can partake of kangaroo tail soup, emu egg frittata, camel sausages, goat chops and assorted bush tucker.

Day 3 and we head north, via Leigh Creek Coalfields to Lyndhurst, the end of the sealed road, and the start of the *Strzelecki* track. We go on to Farani, an interesting abandoned town. This evening we will be camped back towards Wilpena Pound ready to explore the other side of the range.

Day 4 takes us through the range to Blinman, an opportunity to do some walking and a day of some quite magnificent scenery. Today also is an opportunity to take a flight over Wilpena Pound and maybe do a 4wd tour.

Day 5 and we head back south, albeit quite slowly. We'll visit the unique settlement of Terowie, stop in at the historic mining town of Burra, then proceed on to Clare where we will park for the night.

Day 6 and the first visit will be the Seven Hills Monastery Winery and church before heading on to Mintaro, a fascinating slate mining town and location of Martindale Hall, the majestic building used as the school in the movie, Picnic at hanging Rock. From there we catch a couple of wineries in the Barossa Valley before arriving in Adelaide late in the afternoon.

