FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

THE BEST DAY WALKS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA Wed 12 November – Sun 30 November 2025



19 days ex-Adelaide (including one rest day)

This tour offers a "slice" of South Australia incorporating the best walks in the most wellknown and popular national parks and conservation parks. Its focus is on the centre of the state rather than the far north, west or east, all of which involve big distances.

Leader: Phillip Donnell Estimated price: \$5750 (excluding airfares) (based on a minimum of 10 participants and subject to currency fluctuations) **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation shared rooms in self-contained hotels, cabins, motels.
- Transport in a comfortable minibus.
- Breakfasts (continental)
- Experienced Kiwi trip leader throughout.
- National Park entry fees.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to / from Adelaide.
- Airport transfer fees.
- Lunches and dinners.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal incidentals, excursions, and entry to attractions.



The Sugarloaf, Hallett Cove Conservation Park



Adelaide City and River Torrens

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POSSIBLE WALK(S) For further information, go to: <u>https://www.walkingsa.org.au/walk/find-a-place-to-walk/park</u> <u>https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/</u> ARRIVAL DAY	OVERNIGHT
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Transfer to the hotel in downtown.	
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	Sugarloaf Circuit Hike and Long Ridge Lookout (5.8km, 2-3h) Belair National Park: Waterfall Hike (6.5km, 3h) Wood Duck Walk (1km, 30min)	
	Lorikeet Loop Walk (3km, 1h30m) Valley Loop (3km, 1h) • Shepherds Hill Recreation Park Viaduct Loop Track (6km, 2-3h)	
	River Red Gum Loop (2.3km, 1h) • Mynton Reserve and Sleeps Hill Reserve Loop Walk (5.7km, 2h)	
	 Heysen Trail Mylor to Aldgate Loop (10.2km, 2-3h) Mount Lofty to Bridgewater (7.5km, 2-3h one way) Mount Lofty Botanic Garden Bank SA Nature Trail (1.7km, up to 2h) Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty Summit (7.8km, 3h return) Heysen Trail Mount Lofty Circuit (7.5km, 3-5h) 	
	 Woorabinda Bushland Reserve Loop (5.4km, 2-3h) Laratinga Wetlands (2km, 15-45min) Sturt Gorge Recreation Park Loop of Upper Sturt Gorge along River Trail (7.6km, 4h) River Trail (9.8km, 5h) Waite Conservation Reserve 	
	Waite Reserve and Brownhill Creek Loop/ Brownhill Creek Trig (9.5km,3-4h)	
	MOUNT REMARKABLE NATIONAL PARK	
Days 5 and 6 Sunday 16 November Monday 17 November	 Travel from Adelaide to Port Pirie via the coastal route (230km,2h30m). Immerse yourself in the dramatic beauty of Mount Remarkable National Park, its high ochre ridges, deep gorges and watercourses lined with river red gums are waiting for you to explore. There's lots of diverse wildlife and campgrounds with good facilities. The park is a popular destination for bushwalking, with trails for all ages and abilities. There are some incredible views to be had – the 960m high Mount Remarkable Summit presides over the Willochra Plain and the Spencer Gulf. 	Port Pirie
	Walks selected from: All Lookout Walk, Alligator Gorge (400m,15min) Gorge Lookout Walk (600m, 20min) Wirra Water Loop, Mambrey Creek (1.6km, 30min) Echidna Loop, Willowie Forest (1.7km, 30min) Possum Loop, Willowie Forest (4.2km, 1h30m) Monitor Loop, Willowie Forest (6.5km, 2h) Alligator Gorge Circuit (1.5km, 1h30m)	

	Mambrey Creek (3km, 1h) Mount Cavern Trek (11.3km, 6h) Gorge Circuit Hike (3.3km, 2h) Baroota Hike, Mambrey Creek (6km,2h) Daveys Gully (2.4km, 1h) Sugar Gum Lookout (8km,3h) Melrose via Southern Summit Trail (6.5km, 2h) Northern Summit Trail (6.5km, 2h) Heysen Trail (Grays Hut section) (4km, 1h) Melrose Nature Hike (2.6km, 2h) Alligator Gorge Ring Route (with The Terraces and The Narrows) (9km, 4h) Mount Remarkable Summit Loop (Northern and Southern Summit Traisl (12km, 5h) Mambrey Creek to Alligator Gorge (13.8km, 5h) Hidden Gorge, Mambray Creek (18km, 7h)	
	QUORN AREA	
Day 7 Tuesday 18 November	 Travel from Port Pirie to Quorn (120km, 1h20m). A main attraction in Quorn is Flinders Gin Distillery and the Pichi Richi Railway. There are also self-guided walking tours in the town, including several based around the town's historic old buildings, the railway yards and other historic locations. There are a number of hotels, takeaways and cafés in town. Walks selected from: Mount Brown Conservation Park: Heysen Trail Summit Loop (15km, 4-7h) The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park: Heysen Trail: Dutchman's Stern Loop (10.5km, 5h) Dutchman's Valley (10km, 5h) Summit Viewpoint and back (8.2km, 4h) Heysen Trail (Quorn to Dutchman's Stern) (15km ,4h) Dutchmans Valley to Middle Lookout (12km, 3h30m) <i>Central Flinders Range:</i> Warren Gorge (5.2km, 1h30m-3h) Yulunna hike (8km,4h) Mount Ohlssen Bagge (6.4km, 4h) 	Quorn
	FLINDERS RANGES NATIONAL PARK	
Days 8 and 9 Wednesday 19 November Thursday 20 November	 Drive from Quorn to Wilpena (125km, 1h30m). Ancient and rugged mountain landscapes, peaceful tree-lined gorges and a seasonal wealth of wildlife. The sense of space unique to the semi-arid zone combine to make Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park one of South Australia's iconic destinations. The park comprises approximately 95,000 hectares. It includes the Heysen Range, Brachina and Bunyeroo gorges. Most notably, this 	Wilpena

	<pre>park features the majestic natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, a lost world located inside a giant stone crater.</pre> Walks selected from: Yuluna Loop (8km, 4h) Sacred Canyon Walk (800m,30min) Living with Land Walk (1km, 30m) Trezona Hike (8km, 4h) Boom and Bust Hike (2km, 1h) Arkaroo Rock (3km, 2h) Bunyeroo Gorge (7.5km,3h30m) Bunyeroo Gorge and Wilcolo Creek (7.5km, 2h30m) Red Hill (9km,4h) Wangara Homestead (Lower Lookout 7.2km,3h; Upper Lookout 7.8km, 3h30m) Wilkawillina Gorge (11.4km, 6h) Heysen Trail: St Mary Peak and Tanderra Saddle (20km, 9h return)	
Day 10	Rest Day in Wilpena.	Wilpena
Friday 21 November		
ZINOVCINDEI	RED BANKS CONSERVATION PARK	
Day 11 Saturday 22 November	 Travel from Wilpena Pound to Burra (285km,3h10m). Palaeontologists have called this area one of the richest megafauna sites in Australia. Thanks to the fascinating 'Landscapes of Change' interpretive walking trail, visitors can walk the path of the diprotodons, who lived here until about 65,000 years ago. The park conserves numerous threatened ecological communities including scented mat-rush tussock grassland and mallee box woodland, as well as the rohrlack's bluebush. Short-beaked echidnas, southern hairy-nosed wombats, birds and reptiles are among the park's wildlife, as well as present day descendants of megafauna, such as western grey and red kangaroos. Landscapes of Change Walk (5km, 2h) 	Burra
	CLARE AND BAROSSA VALLEYS	
Day 12	Travel from Burra to Mannum (184km, 2h).	Mannum
Sunday 23 November	Today we pass through the Clare and Barossa Valleys, famous for	
	 their wine, pausing periodically to undertake a few short walks. Walks selected from: Bundaleer Forest Conservation Area Maple Walk (1.4km, 45min) Conservator's Trail (4.6km, 1h30m) Spring Gully Conservation Park 	

	Casaadaa Malk (1 Akm naturna AQuata)	
	Cascades Walk (1.4km return, 40min)	
	Reisling Trail	
	Clare to Sevenhill (7km one way, 3h)	
	Clare to Penwortham (11km one way, 3h)	
	Martindale Hall Conservation Park	
	Mintaro to Martindale Hall (9.6km one way, 2h30m)	
	Neagles Rock Short Walk (1km loop,45min)	
	Sandy Creek Conservation Park	
	Wren Walk (4km, 1h)	
	Boundary Walk (4.9km, 1h30m)	
	Para Wirra Conservation Park	
	Lake Discovery Walk (1km,30m)	
	Devils Nose (4.4km return,1h30m)	
	Victoria Hill Loop (1.4km, 45min)	
	Lizard Rock (1.5km, 1-2h)	
	Scenic Loop (3.2km, 3h15m)	
	Phoenix Circuit (4.2km, 2h)	
	Tree Creeper Loop (5km, 2h)	
	Hale Conservation Park	
	Hale Bush Hike Loop (4km, 2h)	
	 Mannum Waterfalls (2.5km, 1-2h) 	
	COORONG NATIONAL PARK	
Day 13	Travel from Mannum to Goolwa (102km,1h15m).	Victor
Monday		Harbour
24 November	Option of undertaking an afternoon cruise in Coorong National	Harboar
211000011001	Park, or <i>local walks selected from</i> :	
	Goolwa Barrage (4km return)	
	Goolwa Beach Dune Walks (360m, 20min)	
	Encounter Bikeway/Walkway: Goolwa Wharf to Middleton	
	(11km, 2h30m) or to Port Elliot (15km, 3-4h)	
	Currency Creek Winery: Black Swamp Walk (3km, 1h)	
	Travel from Goolwa to Port Elliot (11km, 10min).	
	VICTOR HARBOUR AREA	
Day 14	Walks selected from:	Victor
Tuesday	Granite Island Recreation Park	Harbour
25 November	Kaiki Loop (1.5km, 45min)	
	Heysen Trail	
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	Waitpinga Cliffs Lookout to Kings Beach (11.5km, 4-5h one	
	way) Desette Treil to The Bluff Leekout (0.8km, 1h)	
	Rosetta Trail to The Bluff Lookout (0.8km, 1h)	
	Kings Head Hike (Kent Reserve-the Bluff-Whalers Way-	
	Petrel Cove-Victor Harbour Heritage Trail-Kings Beach-	
	Kings Head (6.5km, 2h)	

	DEEP CREEK CONSERVATION PARK		
Day 15	Drive from Victor Harbour to Port Jervis (60km,45m) and catch	Kingscote	
Wednesday	the ferry (45mins) to Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island, thence to	0	
26 November	Kingscote (60km, 40m).		
	Visit Deep Creek Conservation Park en route.		
	Walks selected from:		
	Deep Creek Cove (6.4km, 2h30m)		
	Goondooloo Ridge (4.5km, 2h)		
	Stringybark Loop (1km, 30min)		
	Forest Circuit (2.6km, 1h)		
	Spring Wildflower Walk (5km, 2h30m)		
	Deep Creek Waterfall (3.5km, 2h)		
	Boat Harbour Hike (7.8km, 4h return) or Circuit Hike (8.7km, 4h)		
	Heysen Trail: Aaron Creek Circuit (6.7km, 3h)		
	Heysen Trail: Blowhole Beach-Cobbler Hill-Marrano Creek (6.7km,		
	2-3h)		
	Blowhole Beach (3km, 2h30m)		
	Marrano Creek (5.5km, 3h30m)		
	Talisker Silver Lead Mine (6.4km, 2h30m)		
	Deep Creek Circuit (12km, 4-7h) comprising Deep Creek		
	Waterfall Hike from Tent Rock Road, Deep Creek Cove Hike		
	from Trig Picnic Area, Deep Creek Cove Hike from Tapanappa		
	Lookout, Deep Creek Waterfall Hike from Tapanappa Lookout		
	along Heysen Trail.		
	Talisker Conservation Park		
	Silver Lead Mine Hike (3km, 1h30m)		
FLINDE	FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK AND RAVINE DES CASOARS WILDERNESS AREA		
Days 16 and 17	Flinders Chase National Park is essential for any Kangaroo Island	Kingscote	
Thursday	adventure. This expansive wilderness features iconic Remarkable		
27 November	Rocks, Admirals Arch and a long-nosed fur seal colony.		
Friday	Perched on ancient rocky platforms above the sea, Remarkable		
28 November	Rocks' surreal shapes and golden orange hues offer extraordinary		
	photo opportunities. Admirals Arch at Cape du Couedic is not only		
	an impressive rock arch, weathered over thousands of years, but		
	also home to a colony of long-nosed fur seals.		
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	Walks selected from:		
	Lighthouse Heritage Walk (600m, 10min)		
	Snake Lagoon (3km, 1h30m)		
	Weirs Cove (3km, 1h)		
	Cape du Couedic (1.9km, 40min)		
	Waterfall Creek (Billy Goat Falls) (4.2km, 2h)		
	Platypus Waterhole (4.7km, 2h)		
	Ravine des Casoars (7.4km, 3h)		

	Admirals Arch (0.8km,15m)	
	Harveys Return (1km, 30min)	
	Cape Borda Clifftop and Lighthouse (1km, 30min)	
	Remarkable Rocks (1km, 15min)	
	ONKAPARINGA RIVER RECREATION PARK / NATIONAL PARK	
Day 18	Travel from Kingscote to Penneshaw (60km,40mins) to catch ferry	Christies
Saturday	(45mins) across to Port Jervis, then on to Christies Beach (78km,	Beach
29 November	1h10m). Visit Onkaparinga Parks en route.	
	In Onkaparinga River Recreation Park, the river spills onto the	
	plains, creating wetland ponds and flood plains. The area con-	
	serves important fish breeding habitat and hundreds of native	
	plant and animal species, many of which are rare. The Onka-	
	paringa River estuary also provides habitat for endangered migra-	
	tory birds.	
	In Onkaparinga River National Park, diverse hiking trails take you	
	to cliff tops with magnificent views, or down to permanent rock	
	pools teeming with life. You'll see rugged ridge tops and the nar-	
	row river valley of the spectacular Onkaparinga Gorge. This park	
	protects some of the finest remaining pockets of remnant vegeta-	
	tion in the Southern Adelaide region. Wherever you go, you'll be	
	among native wildlife such as birds, koalas, kangaroos and pos-	
	sums — you may even spot an echidna. Areas of the park were	
	used as farmland for many years, so you can also discover her-	
	itage-listed huts and the ruins of houses built in the 1880s.	
	Onkaparinga Recreation Park:	
	Walks selected from:	
	Pringle Farm Trail (4.5km, 2h)	
	Noarlunga Downs Wetland Trail (1.2km return, 30min)	
	Wetlands Loop Trail (Short loop = 3km, 1h / Long loop = 4.5km,	
	1h30m)	
	Onkaparinga National Park:	
	Walks selected from:	
	Sundews Ridge (3.5km, 2h)	
	Onkapringa River Gorge Lookout: Tatendi Hike (easy 1.5km, 1h;	
	moderate 4.7km, 2h30m)	
	Nature Hike (3.5km, 3h)	
	Hardys Scrub (5.9km, 3h)	
	Sundews Lookout (via Ridge Hike 5km, 1h30m; via River Hike 5.8km, 2-4h)	
	Wetlands Loop (4.5km, 2h)	
	Punchbowl Link (6km, 3h)	
	Chapel Hill Lookout (1.6km, 45min)	
	Old Coach Link (2km,1h30m)	
	Punchbowl Lookout (2km, 1h)	

	 Pringle Farm via Estuary (3.3km, 1h30m) Gorge Link Trail (3.4km, 2h) Old Noarlunga ((3.5km, 2h) Echidna Hike ((3.5km, 2h)) Witton Bluff Base Trail Boardwalk (1.1km, 20mins) <i>Farewell Celebration Dinner</i> 	
Day 19 Sunday 30 November	Travel from Christies Beach to Adelaide Airport (28km, 40m), Trip concludes. Fly home to New Zealand (p.m.)	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 12-30 November, 2025: Booking Conditions

- 1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
- 2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, pandemic, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
- 3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for this trip is ten.
- 4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
- 5. The trip fee includes subsidisation of the leader/driver administrative and travel expenses, as well as a gift of appreciation/gratuity.
- 6. Registrations close on **1 August 2025**, or earlier if all the spaces are filled.
- Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration form, Waiver form and passport scan. A deposit of \$500 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance of the trip fee is due to be paid by 1 October 2025.
- 8. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Footsteps, Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip ("SouthAust") in the reference box.
- 9. Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
- 10. Personal travel insurance is compulsory. It is recommended that this includes Covid cover.

Registration and waiver forms are below. Complete these and send them to us, with a copy of your passport, to secure your place. Then pay your deposit.

Footsteps Walking & Travel Club of Aotearoa New Zealand South Australia 2025: Trip Registration Form

Complete and send this (along with a passport scan and the waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$500 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s):

Postal Address:

Day/Night phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Date(s) of birth:

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions:

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$500pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date.

(signed and dated by each person registering):

Send (with passport scan and waiver form) to : Footsteps, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112. Email: <u>footstepsanz@gmail.com</u>

FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

PROVIDER: Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

PARTICIPANT:

("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

Date: _____