



## EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES FACT SHEET

Widely regarded as Australia's Galapagos and brimming with diverse wildlife and natural beauty, Kangaroo Island is a place of extraordinary contrasts. With a rich heritage and a world-class food and wine culture, Australia's third largest island offers endless opportunities for exploration and adventure. Southern Ocean Lodge delivers guests a complete Kangaroo Island experience in a minimum two night stay. With signature experiences included in the tariff, all guests enjoy a personalised experiential itinerary of the Island's unique natural attractions.

The Lodge activity program allows guests to experience Kangaroo Island in a stylish and relaxed manner. Southern Ocean Lodge is located at the heart of the Island's major natural attractions, bordered by two National Parks. To ensure an intimate and personal experience, excursions operate with usually no more than ten guests per group, in custom vehicles with private naturalist guides. Expeditions are scheduled during off-peak times so guests enjoy an exclusive safari feel to their guided encounters.

### A Destination for All Seasons

Kangaroo Island's temperate climate yields new life year round and spectacular landscape changes in each season. The warm island summer is a time of rebirth; golden pastures and enchanting wildflowers provide a nursery backdrop for the newly born young of koalas, wallabies, kangaroos, fur seals and sea lions. Kangaroo Island comes into its own during the cool season with flourishing countryside and flowing rivers encouraging wildlife to venture out by day. Daytime temperatures range from 25-35°C in summer to 14-18°C in winter.

**Typical 3 Night Experiences Program (KI Classic)** Recommended minimum stay to enjoy both wonders – the Island and the Lodge!

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<i>am</i> Arrive SOL	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Signature welcome	<i>9am</i> Wonders of KI	<i>9am</i> Guided Adventure Hike* or Spa Treatment*	<i>am</i> Depart SOL for onward travel
<i>12.30pm</i> Lunch	<i>12.30pm</i> Return to SOL for Lunch	<i>12.30pm</i> Return to SOL for lunch	<i>Or</i> Private Departure Experience*
<i>2.30pm</i> Coastal Clifftop Walk	<i>2.30pm</i> Optional Bespoke Experience* or Spa Treatment*	<i>2pm</i> Seal Bay	<i>Or</i> Optional Bespoke Experience*
<i>4pm</i> Discover Island Heritage	<i>4.30pm</i> Return to SOL	<i>5pm</i> Return to SOL	<i>12.30pm</i> Lunch
<i>6pm</i> Pre Dinner Drinks & Canapés	<i>6pm</i> Pre Dinner Drinks & Canapés	<i>5.30pm</i> Kangas & Kanapés	Enjoy the Southern Spa*
<i>7pm</i> Dinner at leisure	<i>7pm</i> Dinner at leisure	<i>7pm</i> Dinner at leisure	<i>pm</i> Depart SOL

\*Additional charges apply

Times may vary slightly with the seasons

### Signature Lodge Experiences *(Included)*

These experiences are provided on an intimate shared basis with fellow guests at scheduled times. Private touring can be arranged at additional cost subject to availability.

#### Wonders of KI

This half day experience is a spectacular introduction to Kangaroo Island's wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes and takes full advantage of the Lodge's unique location. Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and a fur seal colony are just some of the trip highlights. Wander amongst the rare Cape Barren Geese and search the leafy eucalypts for a sleepy koala.

#### Seal Bay

Seal Bay is home to Australia's third largest colony of Australian sea lions. Join our naturalist guide on the shores of the Southern Ocean for an exclusive tour on the beach with these wild animals. Learn about their unique breeding cycle and the ongoing research programs implemented on site. It's just one of the many privileges of Kangaroo Island.

#### Coastal Clifftop Walk

Take a scenic walk starting right on the Lodge's doorstep atop the limestone cliffs of Hanson Bay. This easy walk affords a bird's eye view of thundering waves crashing along the coastline. Stand on top of the cliff with the wind blowing, look out to sea and realise there is nothing but ocean between here and Antarctica. Experience and learn about local flora, fauna and coastline ecosystems. *Tip: A photographer's dream!*

#### Kangas & Kanapés

Soak up the history of the early island settlers at Grassdale, a historic island property reached by a short drive from the Lodge and where local wildlife including kangaroos and wallabies congregate to graze. Observe these creatures in their natural environment, sip premium South Australian beverages and enjoy a 'Kanapé' whilst the sun goes down on another magical day.

#### Discover Island Heritage

Discover the intriguing natural heritage of this wild island in the Baudin Lounge. This informative visual presentation hosted by resident naturalist staff provides insight into the Island's discovery and natural history and gives an overview of its many spectacular attractions.

*Included experiences may be enjoyed on a private basis for an additional fee, subject to availability.*



## Bespoke Experiences *(Additional Charges Apply)*

An additional menu of bespoke KI experiences offers the chance to tailor a special interest itinerary. Activities operate on a limited share basis for an exclusive safari feel.

### Adventure

#### Quad Bike Safari

Departing from the Lodge, this fun, interpretive quad bike adventure tour heads into the neighbouring natural bushland at Hanson Bay Sanctuary. 'In-helmet' commentary is provided by a Southern Ocean Lodge naturalist guide leading the expedition, providing an insight to the local wildlife and landscape seen along the way. The Sanctuary is home to kangaroos, koalas, possums, wallabies, echidnas, goannas and birdlife in abundance, so bring a camera and sense of adventure. This adventure is available to guests 16 years and over.

#### Kayak Adventure

Take a kayak from the Lodge and glide with a guide along the calm and meandering waters on the South West River, beginning at nearby Hanson Bay. Enjoy the scenery and a variety of birdlife, flora and fauna that inhabit this diverse ecosystem.

#### Beach Fishing

Beachcombe to a nearby secluded beach, reel and tackle in hand. Cast off and enjoy some peaceful solitude whilst dolphins crest the waves in welcome. Return to the Lodge where the chef will transform fresh catches into an epicurean delight for lunch or dinner. The beaches and coves are also a great spot for an early morning or afternoon walk.

#### Nocturnal Tour

A visit to Hanson Bay Sanctuary to discover a world that comes alive while you are asleep. Spot the local koalas at their most active, encounter kangaroos, wallabies and possums up close whilst searching for other wildlife such as owls, bats and echidnas. A fun and educational discovery walk.

### Guided Adventure Hikes

Each morning there is a scheduled hike. Options include:

#### Explore Cape Youngusband

Take an awe inspiring journey of exploration along the edge of the cliff tops to Cape Youngusband. Experience the wonder of sheer limestone cliffs and hardy flora growing along this rugged coastline, spot the Osprey hovering above, the fur seals frolicking in the Southern Ocean waters below and the intriguing formations of the Remarkable Rocks in the distance.

#### Kelly Hill to Hanson Bay

Explore the back country of Kelly Hill Conservation Park through the historic Grassdale property and onto Hanson Bay Beach. A fascinating variety of vegetation types from eucalypt woodlands through mallee and coastal heath can be experienced on this medium grade walk. The views over Grassdale lagoons also provide the opportunity for sighting water birds and the meandering trail hosts a number of terrestrial orchids and wildflowers.

#### West Bay Wilderness Trek

For the avid bushwalker, this 'off track' experience is one of both dramatic scenic beauty and fascinating local history. The journey starts with a drive from the Lodge to West Bay through dense bushland and open plains where local wildlife including kangaroos and Tamar wallabies graze. The isolated western coastline is simply spectacular with many interesting geological features. Lending historical perspective to the trek is discovery of the story and resting place of the Loch Vennachar shipwreck and other maritime tales of the perilous Kangaroo Island coast.

#### Platypus Waterholes

This scenic hike through Flinders Chase National Park allows time to observe the varied bird life and native bush surrounds at a relaxed pace. The trail weaves through areas featuring diverse plant species and the opportunity to view the habitat of the elusive platypus and learn more about this intriguing aquatic mammal.

#### Snake Lagoon Walk

Take an enchanting walk starting at the sinister-sounding Snake Lagoon and trek along a section of the Rocky River to its mouth at the Southern Ocean. This is a popular trail that winds through forests of sugar gums and mallee before descending into the Rocky River Valley. The area's regeneration after devastating bushfires in 2007 is inspiring to see. The trail crosses Rocky River and meanders along its bank, offering an easy trek to the river's mouth and spectacular views through the valley and across the wild Southern Ocean.



## Half Day Special Interest Tours

Southern Ocean Lodge offers a diverse range of private experiences from the epicurean to the artistic, water based or family fun.

### Art Lovers

The untouched wilderness of Kangaroo Island provides inspiration for artists working across an amazing range of mediums. This half day tour follows a journey that takes in both the Rustic Blue and Kangaroo Fine Art Gallery. Learn the stories and see the works of renowned artists including Janine Mackintosh, ceramist Mark Capon and Indiana James with his incredible sculptures created from recycled and found objects.

### Birds of Prey

The Raptor Domain near Seal Bay offers a hands-on, up close experience with some of Australia's most impressive birds of prey. Watch these magnificent birds in a free-flight demonstration and meet the well-trained stars of the show, a Wedge-tailed eagle and a pair of laughing kookaburras. *Tip: Tour can be combined with Private Seal Bay.*

### A Taste of KI

Perfect for those with a keen interest in food and wine, and its journey from paddock to plate: a short one at Southern Ocean Lodge! This half day tour takes in some of Kangaroo Island's finest producers, whose products are each showcased on the menu; sample wines at Two Wheeler Creek Vineyard, view freshwater crayfish at the adjacent Andermel Marron Farm, see the sheep milking and taste heavenly haloumi at Island Pure Sheep Dairy and meet the Ligurian bees and their precious honey at Island Beehive.

### Heart of Flinders Chase

This half day tour further explores the 34,000 hectare wilderness of Flinders Chase National Park, and is an ideal complement to the Wonders of KI tour. A nine kilometre hike meanders through the various habitats along the Black Swamp Hike and parts of the Platypus Waterholes Walk. It's a chance to take stock surrounded by pristine native bushland, to listen for forest birds and look for wildflowers and delicate bush orchids.

### Family Fun

Enjoy some good old-fashioned family fun with sand boards, fishing gear and a 'cuppa' packed to go. This active morning or afternoon activity heads to the heights of the pure white sand dunes at Little Sahara for thrill-seeking antics for all on sand boards and toboggans. There is also time for a fish in the pristine waters (a great test for anglers) and tea-break enjoyed among the elements.

### Marine Tour

In association with the excellent island marine adventure operators, KI Marine Adventures, this excursion offers the chance to get wet and wild and meet the Southern Ocean locals from a zodiac. Take in the Kangaroo Island coastline from a different perspective, encounter dolphins and a variety of seabirds including penguins, sea eagles, albatross and pelicans.

### Private Charters with Language Guide *Charges Apply*

A variety of private itineraries are available with naturalist guides fluent in French, German, Italian or Spanish. Other languages available on request.

### Additional Activities

**Complimentary:** Mountain bikes, walking trails and a DVD, book and board game library.

**External Operators:** For the more adventurous deep sea fishing and scuba diving is also available. *Charges Apply*



## Exceptional Kangaroo Island (EKI)

A range of excellent private itineraries are available from renowned island operator Exceptional Kangaroo Island. Explore Australia's spectacular wildlife haven from the comfort of a customised four wheel drive, in the hands of enthusiastic guides promising good food, good wine and wildlife in the wild.

### EKI Full Day Private Charters

*Charges Apply*

**Kangaroo Island Icons:** A full day tour exploring the Island's key landscape and wildlife icons includes Remarkable Rocks, the coastal grotto of Admirals Arch, home to a fur seal colony and the loveable sea lions at Seal Bay. This private safari includes a delicious lunch at an idyllic bush setting.

**Exclusively Flinders Chase:** Flinders Chase National Park is a vast wilderness covering the entire west end of the island. Visit a fur seal colony, Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and the endless bush which provides habitat for a host of Australian wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies, possums, goannas, echidnas, koalas and platypus.

**North West Wilderness:** A historical trip taking in some original tracks used by early settlers to access lighthouses and haul supplies from sailing vessels. Visit Cape Borda Lighthouse Station, Scotts Cove (the second highest cliffs in Australia) and Western River Cove. Take up some more challenging hiking if desired.

**Epicurean Adventure:** A full day tour to the Island's best produce farms. This tour encompasses wineries, a sheep dairy and seafood farms – experience the journey of produce to plate.

**Art of Nature:** The nature and beauty of Kangaroo Island attracts and inspires creativity. Take a journey through a selection of the Island's studios, galleries and workshops and on occasion meet the artists.

**Island Life:** Blending a range of wildlife experiences with an elegant barbeque, this tour travels through diverse landscapes, from native bush to rich farmland and Seal Bay, offering a glimpse of life on KI.

*Full Day Private Charters include morning/afternoon tea and gourmet lunch in the wild including beverages.*

### EKI Welcome and Departure Experiences

*Charges Apply (includes one way airport transfer)*

**Southern Ocean Welcome:** A wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with Kangaroo Island via a journey through the centre of the island and along the south coast – Kohinoor Range, Seal Bay Conservation Park, Little Sahara, Vivonne Bay. Receive an introduction to the landscape, the wildlife habitat and the local lifestyle before arriving at the Lodge.

**North Coast Departure:** Get your final fix of Kangaroo Island by experiencing the protected north coast – large headlands bracketing sweeping beaches and hills rolling down to Investigator Strait make for spectacular coastal vistas. Explore sheltered coves, protected valleys and open farmland. This tour ends at the Airport in time to connect with departure flights.

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### EKI Private Touring Additional Activities

*Charges Apply*

#### Island Adventure

The following options are available combined with one of the Full Day Private Charters above.

**Kangaroo Island Marine Tour:** Explore KI's coast and marine environment while ocean rafting and swimming with wild dolphins. All equipment provided, subject to weather conditions.

**KI Outdoor Action Quad Biking:** Jump on a quad bike and explore private bushland tracks down to the coast at Vivonne Bay for an adrenalin pumping adventure!

**A Day in the Life of a Wildlife Researcher:** Join Peggy Rismiller a world expert on echidnas for an hour or two over lunch in the bush and chat about her intriguing career researching this amazing Australian mammal.

**Islander Estate Wine Tasting:** Visit the picturesque Islander Estate Vineyards located on the gentle slopes of Kohinoor Hills for a stroll among the vines and wine tasting straight from the oak barrels.

#### Kangaroo Island After Dark

**Nocturnal Tour:** Depart the Lodge after dinner for a guided exploration of KI's active nightlife. Complete with wallabies and kangaroos, night birds, possums and perhaps a wild colony of little penguins, you'll get a great feel for the abundance of native animals on the island. On a clear night, the southern sky provides breathtaking stargazing opportunities.