

# EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES FACT SHEET

Renowned 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 nearby to the island's major landmarks, 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

A year-round destination, Kangaroo Island's climate is as dynamic as the scenery and the spectacular landscape changes from season to season. Summer is a time of rebirth and golden fields and natural ocean pools provide a nursery backdrop for the newly born young of koalas, wallabies, kangaroos, fur seals and sea lions. The 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
am Arrive Southern Ocean Lodge	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Signature welcome	9am Wonders of KI	9am Guided Adventure Hike* or Spa Treatment*	am Depart the Lodge for onward travel
12.30pm Lunch	12.30pm Return to the Lodge for lunch	12.30pm Return to the Lodge for lunch	Or Private Departure Experience*
2.30pm Coastal Clifftop Walk	2.30pm Optional Bespoke Experience* or Spa Treatment*	2pm Seal Bay	Or Optional Bespoke Experience*
4pm Discover Island Heritage	4.30pm Return to the Lodge	5pm Return to the Lodge	12.30pm Lunch
6pm Pre Dinner Drinks & Canapés	6pm Pre Dinner Drinks & Canapés	5.30pm Kangas & Kanapés	Enjoy the Southern Spa*
7pm Dinner at leisure	7pm Dinner at leisure	7pm Dinner at leisure	pm Depart Southern Ocean Lodge

<sup>\*</sup>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!* 

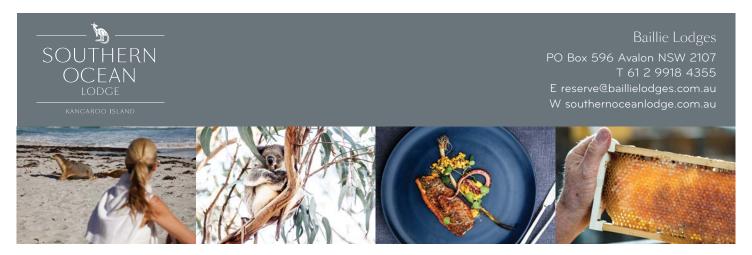
# Kangas & Kanapés

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 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

Combining the natural beauty of Kangaroo Island with an action-based adventure activity, this educational quad bike tour is operated by local company Bush Getaway Adventures. Ride through native bush, open paddocks and lagoon marshland while keeping an eye out for wildlife and stop to check the marron pots in the river - prepare to get wet!

#### Kayak Adventure

Glide with a guide along the calm and meandering waters of the South West River to encounter a diverse ecosystem home to a range of native flora and fauna.

### Beach Fishing

Walk to the nearby secluded beach at Hanson Bay, reel and tackle in hand. Cast off and enjoy the peaceful solitude keeping an eye out for the local pod of dolphins. Back at the lodge the chef will happily transform fresh catches into lunch or dinner.

#### 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 Hikes**

Hikes may be undertaken on a self guided basis or with a private guide subject to availability (additional charges apply). Options include:

### Cape Younghusband Circuit

Take an awe inspiring journey along the clifftops to Cape Younghusband and experience the wonder of sheer limestone cliffs and hardy flora growing along this rugged coastline. Admire the awesome view of the Remarkable Rocks in the distance, spot the magnificent osprey hovering above and the fur seals frolicking in the waters below.

#### Kelly Hill to Southern Ocean Lodge

Explore the backcountry of Kelly Hill Conservation Park and the historic property of Grassdale. Pass through an array of vegetation and spectacular freshwater lagoons providing habitat for woodland and wading birds and a valuable water source for wildlife. Step onto the pristine cove of Hanson Bay Beach, the perfect place to absorb the utter beauty and isolation of the surroundings.

#### 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.

### Remarkable Rocks to Southern Ocean Lodge

Experience a true sense of walking the wild isle with massive swells, towering cliffs and sweeping views all the way from the Remarkable Rocks to Cape Younghusband. Inland, observe a dramatic change in environment from low coastal heath to dense mallee. Return along the spectacular clifftop, the reward of the lodge beyond. This is coastal trekking at its best!



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# Half Day Special Interest Tours

Southern Ocean Lodge offers a diverse range of private experiences from the epicurean themed, to marine fun or local wildlife encounters.

### Seal Bay Sunrise Exclusive

An exclusive sunrise excursion to Seal Bay Conservation Park, where a walk among the 'locals' offers an experience reminiscent of the Galapagos. Join the lodge guide on the beach to observe the colony of Australian sea lions in their natural habitat with no-one else in sight. After the personal-meets-nature encounter, enjoy a gourmet breakfast at Bales Beach.

### 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

Kangaroo Island has rapidly become known for its fine food producers, developing a reputation for passionate growers and premium produce. Taste some of the finest ingredients and beverages the island has to offer along the Cygnet River gourmet trail, from Ligurian honey to fine wines and wild Australian gin.

# Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park

Enjoy an up-close and personal encounter of the Australian wildlife kind! Roam the park and discover over 600 animals from penguins and wombats to snakes and reptiles. Learn about endangered species while hand-feeding kangaroos and cuddling a koala!

## Marine Tour

Take in the Kangaroo Island coastline with KI Marine Adventures onboard a zodiac and encounter a variety of seabirds and marine life, plus the thrilling option to suit up with snorkel gear and swim with a pod of wild dolphins.

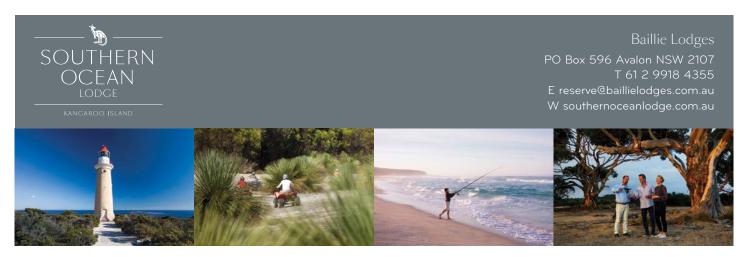
# Private Charters with Language Guide Charges Apply

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, yoga mats 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: Discover the island's must-see sights including the Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and Seal Bay, pausing the journey for a barbecue lunch in a secluded bush setting.

Exclusively Flinders Chase: Explore the island's west end encountering fur seals at Admirals Arch, the windswept shapes of the Remarkable Rocks and the historically significant Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, a reminder of the region's tumultous past.

North West Wilderness: Travel deep into Flinders Chase National Park following some of the original tracks used by early settlers to access stations and haul supplies from sailing vessels. Admire the stunningly isolated Cape Borda Lighthouse, see the towering cliffs of Scotts Cove and visit Western River Cove. Take up some more challenging hiking if desired.

Epicurean Adventure: Sample some of the island's best produce including fine wines and spirits, honey, oysters and the famed freshwater marron – experience the journey of produce to plate.

Art of Nature: From award-winning artists to rising stars, Kangaroo Island is emerging as a top arts destination. Wander through some of the island's creative studios and galleries and on occasion meet the artists.

Island Life: Catch a glimpse of local life while traversing a network of off-road tracks through native forest and farm-land to reach the open sea, encountering kangaroos, wallabies and sea lions along the way.

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: Become acquainted with the wild beauty of Kangaroo Island – its diverse landscapes, native wildlife and easy lifestyle - before arriving at the Lodge. From the Kohinoor Range in the centre of the island, visit the must-see sights of the south coast including Seal Bay Conservation Park, Vivonne Bay and Little Sahara.

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 before the tour concludes at the airport in time to connect with departure flights.

Welcome and Departure Experiences include morning/afternoon tea and gourmet lunch in the wild including beverages.

## 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 the coastal and marine environments 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 the Kohinoor Hills for a stroll among the vines and wine tasting straight from the oak barrels.