

3 NIGHT ARKABA WALK  
EX ARKABA 2021



THE ARKABA WALK  
Wild Bush Luxury





## ABOUT

The Arkaba Walk is a Wild Bush Luxury experience in an iconic outback South Australian setting. By joining this fully hosted all-inclusive experience you're not only witnessing an environment in recovery, you're actively participating in its revival. You'll see and hear the results of active conservation as you walk through the landscape and meet the wildlife in the company of passionate field guides. Explore 60,000 acres of privately-owned and carefully protected outback with a maximum of ten walkers.



From dry creek beds, isolated waterholes lined with 1,000 year-old River Red gums to craggy ridge lines and rolling hills covered in cypress pines to the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound, this is some of the most stunning walking country in Australia. While everyone loves to have a comfortable bed and great food, it is the time spent with people on the ground that leaves a lasting impact. Of course, a really good glass of wine at the end of the day always helps! The true value of a Wild Bush Luxury experience on the Arkaba Walk is the vastness of space, the feeling of exclusivity and the opportunity to retreat into nature.



YOUR FOUR DAY WILD BUSH LUXURY EXPERIENCE  
AT A GLANCE

DAY ONE	<p><b>ARKABA TO WILPENA POUND &amp; BLACK’S GAP CAMP</b></p> <p>Traverse the basin of Wilpena Pound before crossing onto Arkaba’s private wildlife conservancy and descend to Black’s Gap Signature Swag Camp. Glorious diversity meets big outback space and starry skies.</p>
DAY TWO	<p><b>BLACK’S GAP CAMP TO ELDER CAMP</b></p> <p>Stretch out in one of the world’s oldest landscapes, learn about Arkaba’s 500-million-year journey and how we are protecting and allowing natural processes to reassert themselves in this country.</p>
DAY THREE	<p><b>ELDER CAMP TO ARKABA HERITAGE HOMESTEAD</b></p> <p>Walk across varying terrain through Mallee and cypress forests before ascending the Red Range. Immerse yourself in our ancient Arkaba Creek line alive with glorious diversity enroute to Arkaba Homestead.</p>
DAY FOUR	<p><b>ARKABA AT LEISURE</b></p> <p>Morning at leisure to relax poolside, take an optional scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound or perhaps retreat into nature from Arkaba’s wildlife viewing hide or historic woolshed..</p>





## DAY ONE

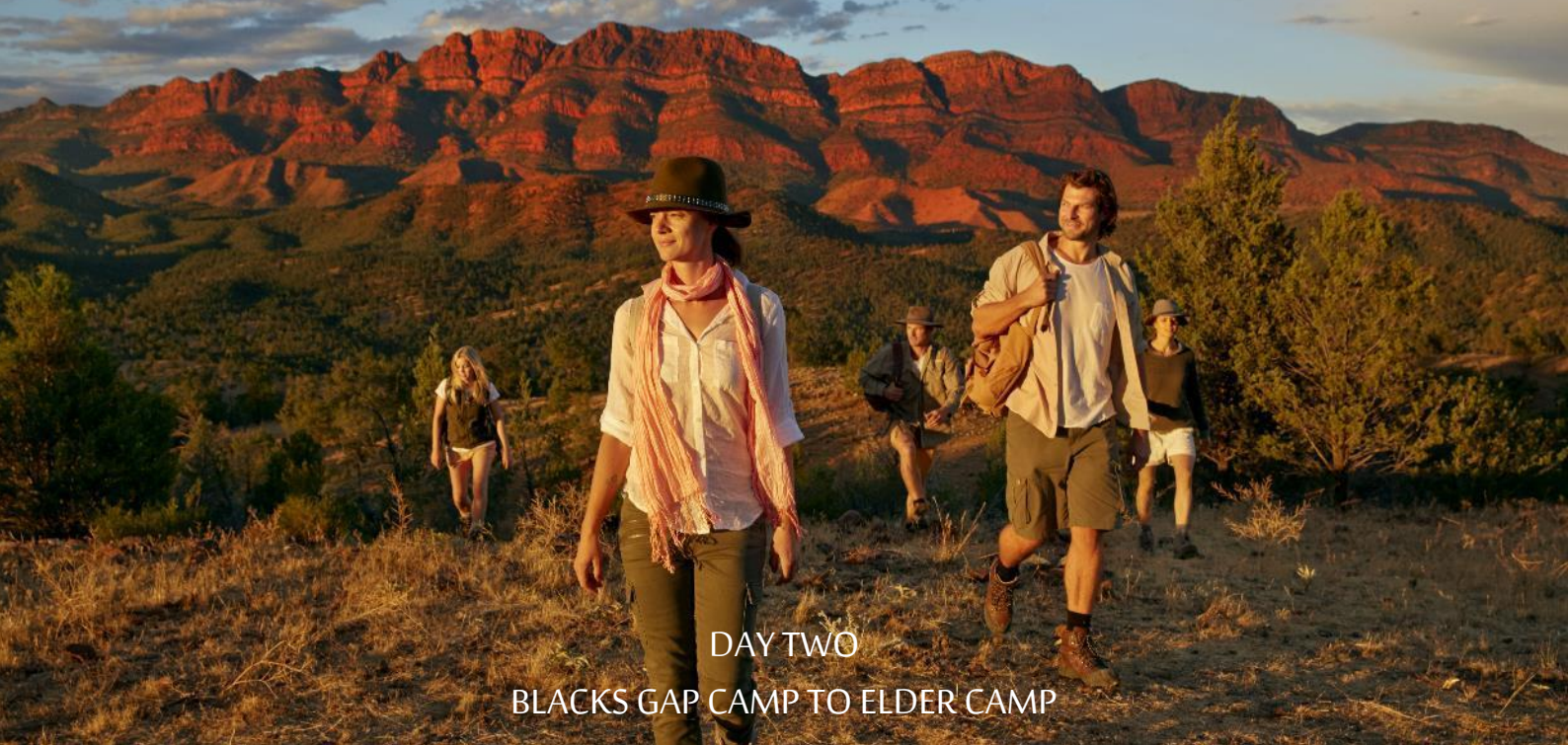
### ARKABA TO WILPENNA POUND & BLACK'S GAP CAMP

Arrive Arkaba Homestead by 8am to meet your field guides and walking group. A welcome breakfast will be accompanied with a briefing of the coming days and will ensure you are sufficiently fueled and ready to explore. There's time to arrange your provided backpack with daily essentials, hydration packs and walking poles before our 35 minute drive to the starting point. We traverse the flat basin of Wilpena Pound and gradually ascend 1.5km to the rim of the Pound, climbing 200 metres ahead of a steeper descent of about 1km into Arkaba wilderness and Black's Gap camp. Expect to arrive around 5:30pm in time to settle in, take a hot bush shower (with a view!) and enjoy a pre-dinner drink and canape service as the sun sinks behind the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound. Our signature camp is located between Bunbinyana Range and Wilpena Pound, on a site previously occupied by a shepherd in the late 1850s. His stone chimney place still exists and we camp overlooking the creek where he used to take his water. A three-course evening feast, taken al fresco under the evening sky is accompanied by local South Australian wine. Enjoy some interesting tales the camp fire and retire to your swag bed for an unforgettable night under a canopy of stars.

**Day 1 is approximately 13km, 5 – 6 hours**







DAY TWO  
BLACKS GAP CAMP TO ELDER CAMP

Today is arguably the most scenic, as we move out from Black's Gap into the rolling hills more suited to the sheep farming activities previously carried out across the property. The first 2km will follow the famous Heysen Trail through Black's Gap itself revealing a fascinating insight into the pastoral history of the region, pausing at old shepherds' camps and mustering yards, with Red and Grey Kangaroos and Emus all regular sightings. The last leg of the day will take us slightly west into rolling hills culminating in a sharp 1km climb of about 100m in elevation to the summit of the Red Range where we'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges before moving on to the foot of Elder Range passing through beautiful stands of native Cypress trees.

Your luggage will have been transported by vehicle to your next signature swag camp, our Elder Camp. A hot bush shower, dinner and another special night under the great Australian sky awaits.

**Day 2 is approximately 14 - 15km, 6 - 7 hours**







### DAY THREE

#### ELDER CAMP TO ARKABA HERITAGE HOMESTEAD

Wake to glorious morning light creeping up our very own Elder Range. As we move south east the first few kilometers will be amongst hill country at the foot of the Elder Range. Walking through Mallee and native pine forests, we cross Slaty Creek which can hold precious water well into the dry season, sometimes even offering the opportunity to drink from clear, ice cold springs. Ascending the Red Range and down onto the banks of the Arkaba Creek, shady and picturesque and lined with time-honoured and rejuvenating River Red Gums, with plenty of opportunities to spot birds that commune in the canopy, including galahs, parrots and honeyeater species. We pass reliable water points providing year-round life support for kangaroos, parrots and emus. The pace is unhurried with time to stop and breathe in the outback, view wildlife and take photographs. Arrive Arkaba Homestead mid afternoon and relax or perhaps partake in a massage or a scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound. This evening enjoy a hosted feast and guided viewing of the Southern Hemisphere's clearest skies silhouetted against mountains half a billion(!) years in the making.

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## DAY FOUR ARKABA AT LEISURE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Arkaba Homestead and a few options to make the most of your morning. You might like to head poolside or recline by the stone fireplace with a book, depending on the time of year. A self-guided stroll along Arkaba Creek to our historic Arkaba woolshed might pique your interest. Or you might retreat into nature from Arkaba's hide. Not only a place to see, but to watch wildlife and all the fascinating interactions that occur between species. We know you'll remember the beauty and scale of the outback Australian landscape; and then the knowledge and passion of Arkaba's field guides who immerse you in the stories that lie behind it. This is what really makes the Wild Bush Luxury experience at Arkaba so special. The Wild Bush Luxury team will bid farewell as you depart Arkaba by 11am check-out today.







## SLEEP AND DINE UNDER THE STARS AT OUR SIGNATURE SWAG CAMPS

Each signature walking camp has five permanent swag decks. The low timber decks are slightly elevated, and each have a ½ metre corrugated iron screen around three sides, to give privacy – the fourth side is left open to the views over the countryside, while above you is the night sky and a canopy of stars. There is also a sheltered section of your swag deck, in the event of wind or rain. Your bed is a ‘swag’ – the bedding of choice for generations of Australian pioneers, a canvas envelope that is comfortable and waterproof, protecting you from the elements. Inside each swag will be an all season’s sleeping bag with liner.

Each camp site has two waterless composting toilets – each in their own little ‘dunny’ shed and strategically located to enjoy the best of the views. Each camp has two bush showers – essentially buckets that are filled with water warmed on the fire, and equipped with taps to regulate the flow. Some special Wild Bush Luxury touches ensure these bush showers will be a feature of your trip!







THE ARKABA HOMESTEAD IS YOUR OASIS OF COMFORT  
AT THE FOOT OF THE ELDER RANGE

Your final evening will be spent in the comfort of Arkaba's restored homestead, a member of Luxury Lodges of Australia, and an exclusive outback Australian experience. As the layout of the original homestead has been retained, each of the five homestead guestrooms has a character of its own and has been named after early settlers, explorers or property owners. Each has a private bathroom and opens out on a shaded verandah with views of the surrounding ranges. The décor has been hand-fashioned by wildlife artist, Rosie Woodford-Ganf. Bedheads are from recycled fence posts and fleeces, curtains tied back by gumnut tassels, lights are perched on explorers' tripod theodolites. The Arkaba Homestead retains a real sense of history and place. We unapologetically spare your room from noisy televisions and internet connections. We'd much rather share expansive views, ever-growing species checklists and binoculars so you won't miss a thing.







## PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

**Expert field guides**

**One night Arkaba Homestead, member of  
Luxury Lodges of Australia**

**Two nights swag camping**

**All meals & beverages including trail snacks**

**Backpack with hydration reservoir & plenty of  
room for personal items**

**Sock protectors**

**Light Wild Rambler walking poles**

**Toiletries**

**Arkaba Conservation Levy**

### YOUR GUIDE WILL CARRY

Satellite phone and navigation aid for  
emergency use

Hand held UHF radio for communication  
First Aid kit

Flora and fauna identification guides



### WHAT TO BRING

- ☐ Hiking boots offering good ankle support and are well worn in
- ☐ Light long pants – eg zip-off leg types or shorts
- ☐ Light wicking shirts (with SPF recommended) or light cotton shirts, preferably long-sleeved
- ☐ Camera and spare batteries (no charging facility available until you reach Arkaba Homestead)
- ☐ Wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- ☐ Small personal first aid kit including blister protection and insect repellent
- ☐ Casual attire for your evening at Arkaba Homestead
- ☐ Warm clothing including a hat, thermals, scarf, gloves and fleece
- ☐ Wind cheater / waterproof jacket
- ☐ Binoculars optional for wildlife and bird viewing

**Take comfort in knowing we undertake robust cleaning practices after each walk. We encourage you to bring your own gear - water bottle, back pack, walking poles & gaiters - if you are not comfortable using ours.**





## RESERVATIONS

### **RATES**

AUD \$2,400 per person all-inclusive.

### **RESERVATIONS, SALES & MARKETING**

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### **YOUR HOLIDAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

By joining us on your outback adventure you are actively contributing to our conservation mission to help save the biodiversity of Australia's wildlife. Over five million native animals (and counting!) thank you from the bottom of their fluffy, feathery and scaly reptilian hearts.

### **GROUP SIZE**

Our Wild Bush Luxury experience on the Arkaba Walk operates with a minimum 4 and maximum of 10.

### **LOCAL ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUR PRE-WALK EVENING**

If you are not staying at Arkaba Homestead, you will need to spend the night prior to your walk within driving distance. Rawnsley Park Station is 15 minutes' drive away. We recommend the Eco-Villas and can make a booking on your behalf. About 25 minutes' drive from Arkaba is Wilpena Pound Resort.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

We recommend all guests obtain travel insurance including cancellation and emergency medical care.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you cancel outside of 30 days your deposit will be refunded, less a \$50 administration fee. If you cancel within 30 days all monies will be forfeited. If we do not meet minimum numbers for your walk departure to operate, we will be in touch at least 35 days prior to your scheduled departure to work through possible alternatives. We care about your holiday and value your decision to travel with us. Thoughtful consideration will be taken to give you the option of an inspirational Wild Bush Luxury alternative and a full refund on monies received will be issued on rare occasions when a suitable alternative is not available.





## STAY, EAT & EXPLORE ADELAIDE

### WHERE TO STAY IN ADELAIDE

#### Mayfair Hotel

Located in the heart of Adelaide and overlooking Rundle Mall, the luxurious Mayfair Hotel is set within a heritage-listed, renovated building. <https://www.mayfairhotel.com.au/>

#### The Playford Adelaide

The Playford Adelaide is an award winning boutique hotel which offers the perfect blend of classical style and contemporary luxury, exuding a warm Art Nouveau feel. <https://www.theplayford.com.au>

#### Adina Treasury

Located on Victoria Square, in the heart of the city. The spacious, fully self-contained 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and open-plan studio rooms offer a kitchenette. <https://www.adinahotels.com/en/apartments/adelaide-treasury/>

### WHAT TO DO IN ADELAIDE

#### Adelaide Central Market

Established in 1869, the Adelaide Central Market has been a thriving hub of food and culture for over 145 years. With over 80 traders under one roof, the Adelaide Central Market is one of the largest under cover market in the Southern Hemisphere, buzzing with life and colour all year round.

#### North Terrace Attractions

Few cities have a concentration of cultural and historical highlights like Adelaide's North Terrace. A free tram, connector bus or a 1.4 km stroll takes visitors to and from Parliament and Government Houses, a colonial railway station, War Memorials, State Library, Museums, Art Galleries, Botanical Gardens and the National Wine Centre finishing with a short walk through the botanical gardens.

#### Wine Regions

South Australia is home to 18 wine regions and has been officially named as a Great Wine Capital of the World. Many of these stunning wine regions can be experienced when based in Adelaide, being less than an hour away from the city.

### WHERE TO EAT IN ADELAIDE

#### Leigh Street Wine Room

Leigh Street Wine presents Adelaide with a bar devoted to natural and minimal-intervention, with dishes that are designed to sit comfortably with wine wines. <https://leighstreetwinerom.com/>

#### Press

With a long, interesting and very eclectic menu and ever evolving wine list, Press has separate levels which offer a different degree of service – downstairs is communal-style, and upstairs offers a more exclusive, upmarket setting with private booths and tables for bookings. <https://www.pressfoodandwine.com.au/>

#### Africola

Setting an upbeat tone for diners, Africola is a celebration of the food from northern Africa with dishes and banquets prepared in a vibrant dining room with woven straw lampshades. <https://www.africola.com.au/>

#### Peel St

The pioneer of cool laneway dining in Adelaide, Peel St fuse flavours from the Middle East, Asia and the Mediterranean in a vibrant and casual spread with very generous servings. <http://www.peelst.com.au/>

#### Orana

Winner of countless awards, Orana offers diners a view of wild and native Australian cuisine. It's an unforgettable experience, taking in the appearance, aroma, taste, texture, and even sound of ingredients. <https://restaurantorana.com/>

#### Magill Estate Restaurant

Situated at the spiritual home of Penfolds, experience a tasting menu with matching wines with the restaurant cellar boasting the finest collection of Penfolds wine, dating back to a 51 Grange. <https://www.magillestaterestaurant.com/>