

4 NIGHT LODGE-BASED
ARKABA WALK 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 FIVE DAY WILD BUSH LUXURY EXPERIENCE
AT A GLANCE

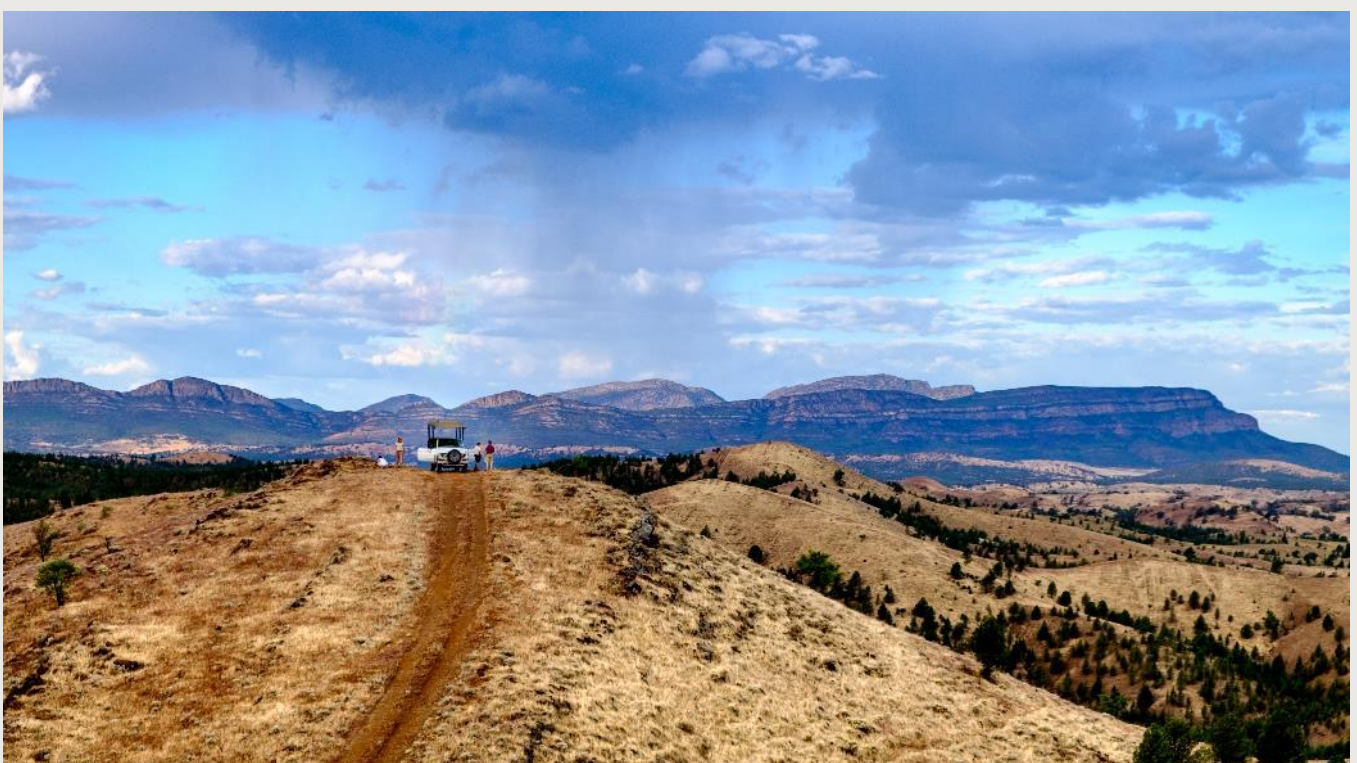
DAY ONE	<p>WELCOME TO ARKABA</p> <p>Make your way to Arkaba Homestead from 2pm for check-in to your Homestead Guestroom. There will be time to freshen up before your guided lay of the land safari experience.</p>
DAY TWO	<p>ARKBA CREEK</p> <p>Explore Arkaba Creek on foot and immerse yourself in ancient creek lines that carve their way through Arkaba's private wilderness alive with glorious diversity.</p>
DAY THREE	<p>THE STORY OF ARKABA</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 FOUR	<p>BUNYEROO GORGE</p> <p>Walk through geological millennia of history while discovering Bunyeroo Gorge, keeping your eyes peeled for the beautifully decorated and near-threatened Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby.</p>
DAY FIVE	<p>ARKABA AT LEISURE</p> <p>Morning at leisure to relax in the library or by the pool with a book, take an optional scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound or perhaps retreat into nature from Arkaba's wildlife viewing hide.</p>



DAY ONE

GUIDED LAY OF THE LAND SAFARI EXPERIENCE

Arrive Arkaba Homestead between 2 – 3pm and enjoy a Wild Bush Luxury welcome and orientation in good time ahead of your guided safari experience taking you deep into Arkaba's conservancy. You'll explore high ranges, rolling hill country, gorges and valleys revealing a huge variety of habitat providing the opportunity to immerse yourself in the story of the bush - its ancient geology and all of its glorious diversity. Your guided lay of the land safari experience is usually capped off with a sundowner drink on top of the ranges with the scale and grandeur of outback South Australia laid out for miles around. Dinner is hosted by one of Arkaba's field guides and is shared with fellow guests providing an atmosphere more akin to staying with friends in the country, or a private safari lodge than a typical luxury hotel.



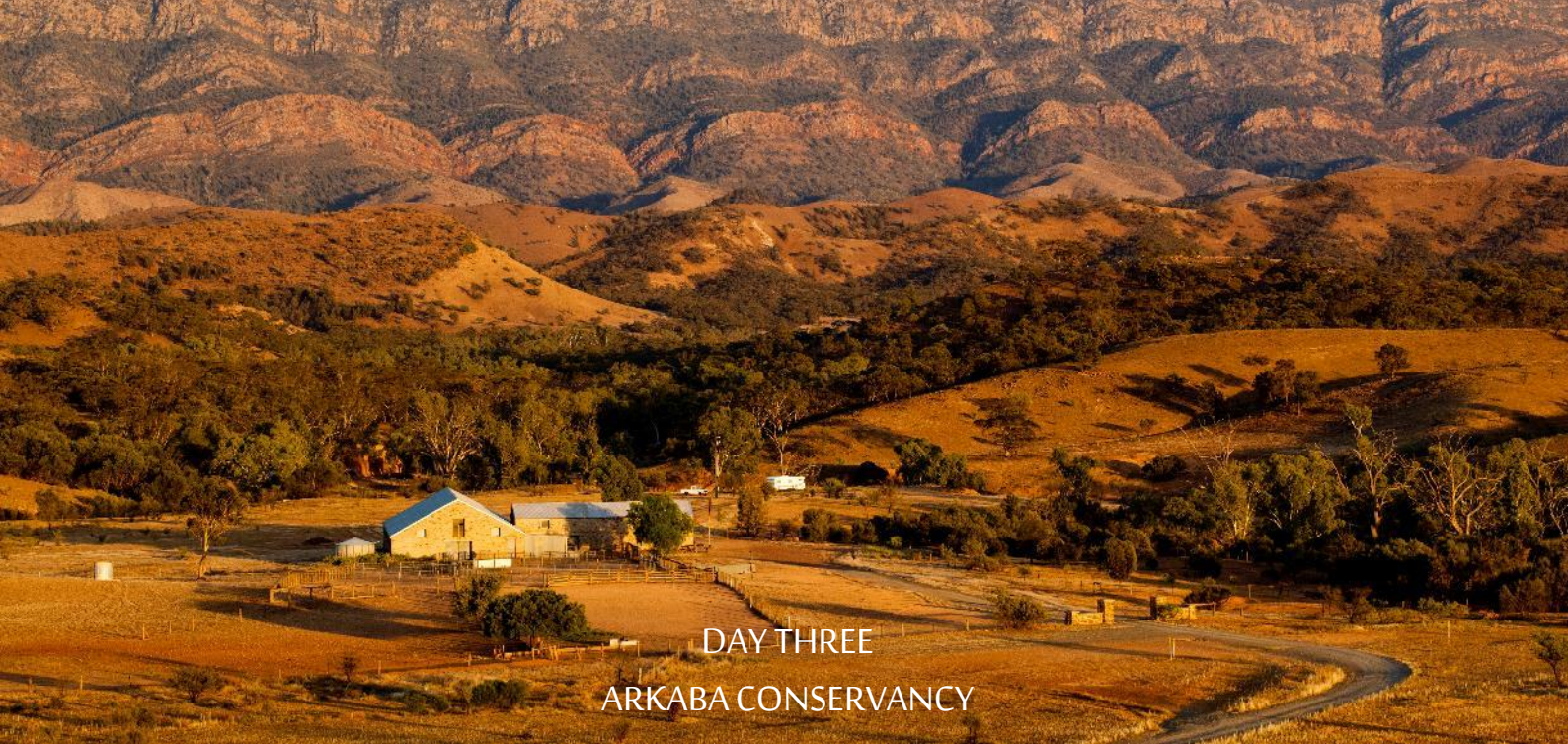


DAY TWO ARKABA CREEK

Breakfast will be accompanied with a briefing of the coming days highlights and will ensure you are sufficiently fueled and ready to explore on foot. There's time to arrange your provided backpack with daily essentials, hydration packs and walking poles (if needed), before heading out to the glorious Arkaba Creek. Shady and picturesque, the creek is lined with time-honoured and rejuvenating River Red Gums, with plenty of opportunities to spot birds that commune in the canopy, including healthy populations of galahs, parrots and honeyeater species. The afternoon section of today's walk will cross increasingly diverse acacia flats, undulating hills and ancient alluvial soils as you edge closer to our very own Elder range and along open ridge tops, enjoying spectacular views of the surrounding ranges. A perfect spot to keep an eye out for Emus, Red Kangaroos and raptors while enjoying afternoon tea with a dramatic backdrop. The day finishes with a calf warming 3km climb over Arkaba Hill, ascending 100 vertical metres before descending 200m to the comfort of the Arkaba Homestead and a well-deserved pre-dinner tippie poolside or recline by the stone fireplace depending on the time of year.

Day 2 is approximately 13 – 15km, 5 – 6 hours





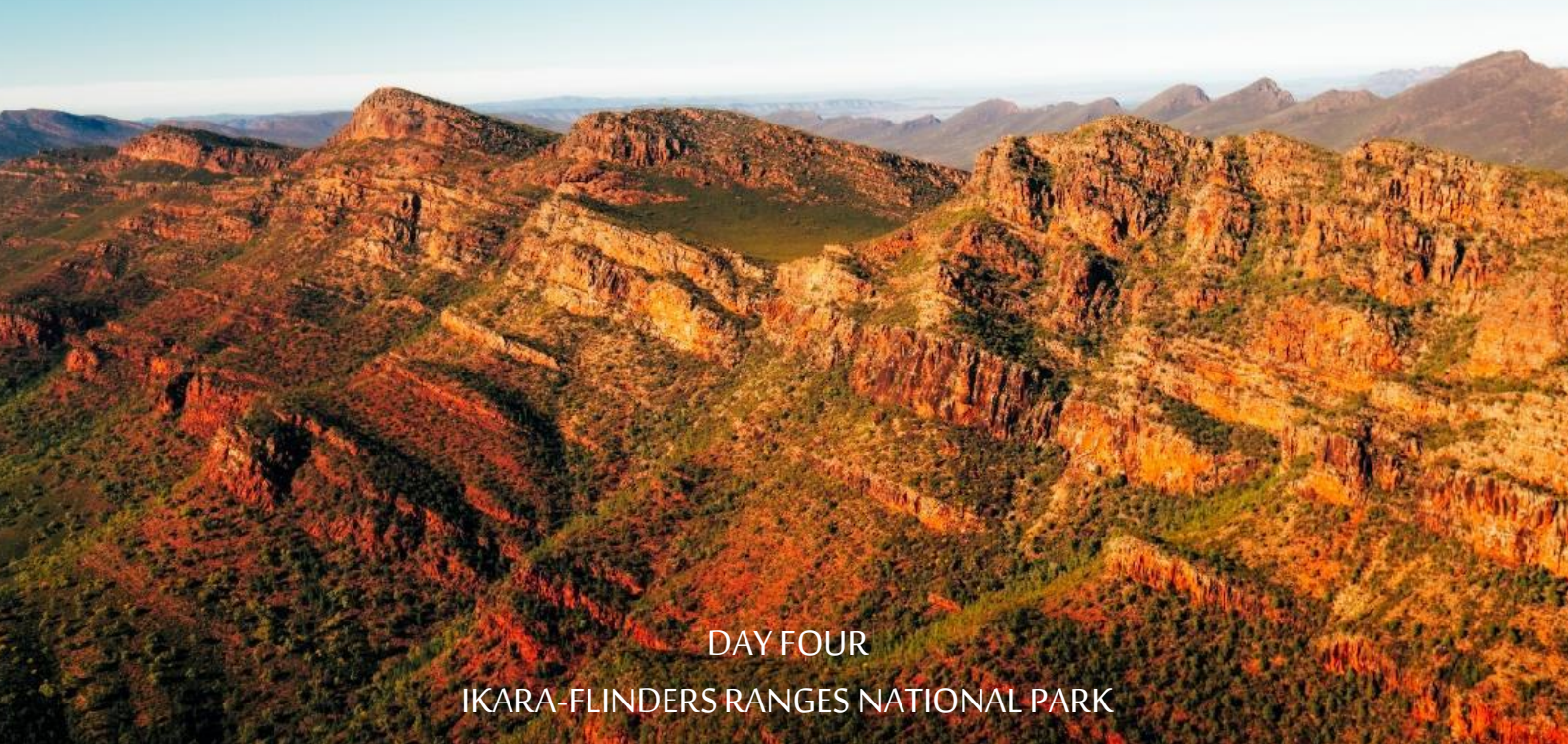
DAY THREE ARKABA CONSERVANCY

After breakfast you will begin walking to our historic Arkaba shearing shed before crossing undulating plains dotted with recovering acacia species, bullock bush and she-oak groves. Learn how Arkaba's conservation programs have benefited and encouraged a growing web of ecological networks that are essential to native recovery in the South Australia's Flinders Ranges. Look up and you'll see the diversity of the outback's wildlife in full view, with babblers, native pigeons, thornbills and Wedge-tailed Eagles all common sightings. The trail will pass some of the most reliable and permanent water points on the property providing year-round life support for kangaroos, parrots and emus.

Return to the Arkaba Homestead for a bush-inspired late lunch. Spend your afternoon relaxing, or perhaps partake in some of our optional activities such as 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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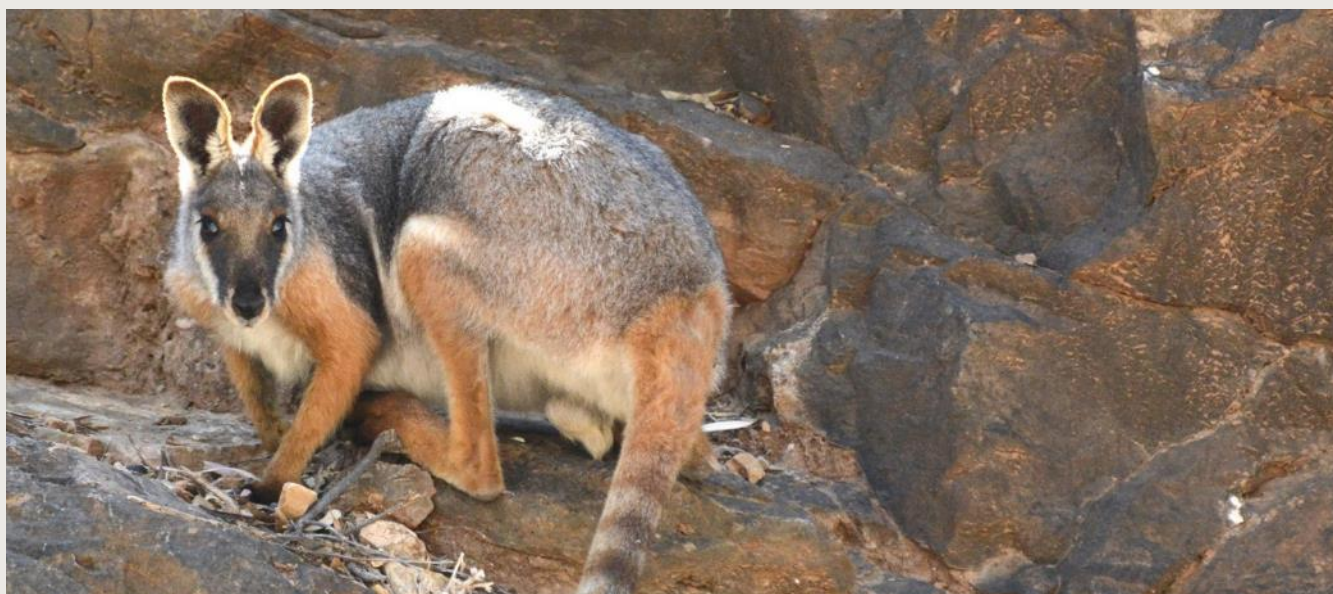




DAY FOUR IKARA-FLINDERS RANGES NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast you will head out for a drive into the breathtaking ranges and valleys of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. Along the way you will pass the natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, the jewel in the crown of the Flinders Ranges. Upon reaching Bunyeroo Valley we'll walk the Wilcolo track through remote parts of the National Park with the incredible backdrop of Wilpena Pound, the ABC and Heysen Ranges along the way. See and learn about a millennia of history in the beautiful shale and sedimentary rock bands. Lunch will be packed from the Homestead to enjoy out in great South Australian nature today. A steady ascent leads you up onto the ABC range with the surrounding vistas and peaks being the inspiration for many a passing artist, including the famous Hans Heysen. Wildlife opportunities are diverse today and may include the Grey-fronted Honeyeater, Black Kites, shinglebacks and other small semi-arid dragon species. As you exit Bunyeroo Gorge, keep an eye out for arguably one of Australia's most beautiful Kangaroo species, the endemic Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby which is bouncing back from the brink of extinction.

Day 4 is approximately 10 – 12kms, 4 – 5 hours





DAY FIVE ARKABA AT LEISURE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Arkaba Homestead and a few options to make the most of your morning. There is time for an optional scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound (we do recommend pre-booking this). Or you might like to 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.





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

Your four nights 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

Four nights Arkaba Homestead accommodation, member of Luxury Lodges of Australia

Guided lay of the land safari experience

All meals & beverages including trail snacks

Backpack with hydration reservoir & plenty of room for personal items

Sock protectors

Light Wild Rambler walking poles

Toiletries

National Park entry fees

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
- ☐ Wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- ☐ Small personal first aid kit including blister protection and insect repellent
- ☐ Casual attire for evenings 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 \$2,770 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 lodge-based Arkaba Walk experience operates with a minimum 2 and maximum of 10 people. We would rather not run into loads of people when out and about on safari and so we dial up on wide open space and keep numbers to a privileged few.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend all guests obtain travel insurance including a cancellation policy and emergency medical care. Travel insurance is available from travel agents, general insurance companies and some medical funds. We can point you in the right direction if needed.

ITINERARY

Please use the schedule listed in this itinerary as a good(!) guide only. The day and time of specific walks may vary according to our recommendation and local conditions for utmost enjoyment and wildlife viewing on the day.

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.