

WILD ISLANDS & WALKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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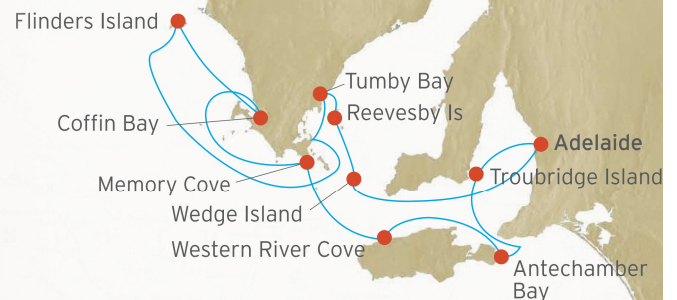
Expedition Highlights

- › Spend time at Antechamber Bay and Western River Cove to explore Kangaroo Island's north coast, and the wonderful beaches, history and wildlife
- › Learn to shuck your own fresh oysters at Coffin Bay
- › Be rewarded with striking views and peaceful native forest environs on the South Australian walking trails
- › Spot multitudes of seabirds at Troubridge Island
- › Visit Eyrewoolf Abalone on Flinders Island to taste freshly caught abalone and seafood, and learn the history of this island from the Woolford family
- › Enjoy sunset cruises past the stunning coastal formations of Cape Jervis, Kangaroo Island, Neptune Island, and Whaler's Way

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DAY 1: DEPART ADELAIDE

Board *Coral Geographer* at 4:00pm for 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-10:

Your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expedition experience. Below are the key destinations we visit.

TROUBRIDGE ISLAND (not included on all departures)

Troubridge Island Conservation Park is an important breeding area for birds and is home to a large colony of little penguins, black-faced cormorants, and crested terns – an ideal environment for bird enthusiasts. Spend the morning relaxing on the white-sand beaches, or visit the site of the lighthouse, built in 1856. This evening, watch the sunset light up the rocky coast as we cruise past Cape Jervis.

ANTECHAMBER BAY, KANGAROO ISLAND

Antechamber Bay is one of Kangaroo Island's finest coastal havens. Here, enjoy beach walks along the bay or swim in the turquoise water. Spend time hiking the rocky headland to the Cape Willoughby Light Station, circled by crashing waves, and also tour the Lighthouse Keeper's cottage.

AMERICAN RIVER, KANGAROO ISLAND

Go ashore at American River, named after Amercian sealers who were hear as early as 1803, on the north coast of Kangaroo Island. Here, enjoy relaxing beach swimming, and coastal walks through the beautiful forested environs. Later, discover the fascinating sealing and whaling past of the schooner *Independence*, the first vessel consstruced in South Australia, which is being restored.

WESTERN RIVER COVE, KANGAROO ISLAND

Today, land at isolated Western River Cove to visit the beautiful historic homestead, and observe the effects of the recent bushfires and subsequent recovery. There may be an opportunity to meet the homestead owners and hear their stories. A walk along the ridge reveals spectacular views of the valley, and the beach offers excellent snorkelling or swimming. Weather permitting, visit beautiful Kangaroo Beach. Later, cruise past the sea cliffs at Cape Borda for wonderful views.

LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK & MEMORY COVE

The Lincoln National Park is cloaked in windswept eucalypt and she-oak forests, home to many bird species, including the rare western whipbird. At Memory Cove, stroll through dense bushland and emerge atop the cliffs to enjoy spectacular views of the Southern Ocean and the islands scattered throughout the Spencer Gulf. This evening, cruise past Cape Catastrophe and

along Whaler's Way, hearing the fascinating stories of this rugged coastline and observing the sunset light up the spectacular cliffs.

COFFIN BAY NATIONAL PARK

The pristine waters of Coffin Bay are home to numerous pods of dolphins, sea lions, and seals. Emus and kangaroos roam and the natural beauty of this area is the backdrop to your day's adventures.

Here, enjoy an unforgettable food experience – hop into some waterproof waders and take a seat at the Saltwater Pavilion to shuck and taste your own delicious Coffin Bay Oysters. Some voyages will instead include a small boat cruise along the oyster beds to collect and enjoy them fresh from the sea.

Later, hike through the Coffin Bay National Park and enjoy interpretation of the landscape, and snorkel or kayak with the chance to spot some of the marine life. We may visit 7 Mile Beach to wander through the beautiful dunes.

FLINDERS ISLAND

Located around 35kms from the Eyre Peninsula Coast, Flinders Island has a long history of sealing, whaling, and farming. Owned by the Woolford family since 1979, they run an established sheep farm, abalone harvesting business and are working to establish a Safe Haven for vulnerable native species. Meet the Woolford family to learn about the history and conservation projects on the island. Visit the *Kapara* shipwreck at Bryant's Bay, and stroll through the shearing sheds at the farm. Taste fresh abalone and other local seafood at Eyrewoolf Abalone. This evening, cruise past protected Pearson Island in the light of the setting sun.

TUMBY BAY

At Tumby Bay, explore the quaint farming town on a walk to take in the many murals that have been painted here. Enjoy a mangrove walk also to experience the natural environment.

CAPE DONINGTON & REEVESBY ISLAND

Start your day with a visit to Reevesby Island that reveals the history of this remote region. Visit an important seabird breeding site and hike to the historic homestead. This chain of islands offers sheltered bays, golden sand beaches and reefs teeming with marine life. Later, enjoy a refreshing dip at Cape Donington before hiking to Stamford Hill and the Flinders Monument. Spot western grey kangaroos, emus or goannas, or see long-nosed fur seals or Australian sea lions on the rocks.

DAY 11: ARRIVE ADELAIDE

This morning, we arrive in Adelaide at 7:30am to disembark at 8:00am. A post cruise transfer is included to the CBD or airport.

TRIP LOG

"We took to the Vista Deck for our pre-dinner drinks just as the Pearson Islands loomed off the starboard bow. From the ship's rail, we enjoyed the marvels of these imposing island peaks – home to an endemic rock wallaby species, plus significant reptile, and bird fauna. The Baudin Expedition named the islands *Les Enfants perdus* – the lost children. Even in silhouette against the setting sun, with gauzy ocean spray rising from their flanks, these islands were captivating. Studded with sculptural granite forms and thick casuarina woodland, it's little wonder that they have attracted such keen scientific scrutiny. As dinner was being served, a gaudy sunset with every fiery hue possible straddled the western horizon, prompting many diners – including the Master – to abandon their meals for a photo."

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Quentin is a writer, photographer and outdoor guide who has led treks from the Himalayas to the Flinders Ranges. A resident of Kangaroo Island, Quentin's deep knowledge of the region is shared through conservation projects and guiding roles. Together with Alasdair McGregor he's the co-author of *Australia's Wild Islands*, as well as their acclaimed *The Kimberley: Horizons of Stone*.