



FLINDERS RANGES HEYSEN TRAIL ADVENTURE

Last 5 Days of the Heysen Trail

7 days | 6 nights

OVERVIEW

Join Big Heart Adventures as we capture the artful beauty and challenge of the Heysen Trail in Adnyamathanha Country.

In recognition of Sir Hans Heysen this adventure showcases walking and art. Experience why the Flinders Ranges inspired Hans and why modern day landscape artists continue to paint these stunning landscapes.

You will walk pack-free (daypacks only) along the final 5 sections of the iconic Heysen Trail. These sections are remote, so you will be walking through spectacular landscapes less visited. End to End Heysen Trail walkers comment these sections are some of the most rewarding, so here is your chance to experience that feeling.

Included is guaranteed connections to nature, stunning scenery, freshly cooked meals and small group style accommodation.

The campfires and glowing outback skies await on this 7 day adventure.

Professionally led by our qualified and experienced adventure leaders.

DETAILS

- Type: Challenge Trek Guided
- Adventure: Flinders Ranges Heysen Trail Adventure
- Destination: Flinders Ranges, South Australia
- Traditional Country: Adnyamathanha
- Group Size: Max 12 plus leaders

ITINERARY

Day 1 | Depart Adelaide

Leaving Adelaide this morning, we head north in our comfortable minibus, ready for adventure in the stunning Flinders Ranges. After a stop for coffee and a stretch at Port Wakefield, we will notice the landscape change as the Flinders Ranges gradually rises on our eastern side.

Next stop is at Quorn, a pretty outback town and popular filming location. Here, you can grab some supplies prior to lunch.

Continuing further north, we arrive at The Jeff Morgan Gallery. A chance to stretch your legs and connect with this gorgeous country through huge panoramic paintings. Then we continue north to our peaceful accommodation at Willow Springs.

Meals Included: Lunch, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: n/a

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Day 2 | Heysen Trail (Black Gap to Wilpena)

After breakfast, its a scenic drive to our starting point at Black Gap. We will follow the Heysen Trail up and over Bridle Gap into the

spectacular Wilpena Pound. The views are amazing. Lunch will be enjoyed along the way and we have a chance to visit the Wilpena resort café and store.

Dinner during sunset will be provided when we return to our accommodation.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Trail Snacks, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: 15km

Day 3 | Heysen Trail (Wilpena to Bunyeroo)

Returning to Wilpena Pound, we continue on the trail following the ABC Range on a gentle descent. Before crossing the range and down into Bunyeroo Valley. The final climb sees us reach our days destination at Yanyanna Hut.

We return to our quarters to enjoy dinner and a night gazing up at the sky.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Trail Snacks, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: 23km

Day 4 | Heysen Trail (Bunyeroo to Trezona)

This morning you can sleep-in as we will start our walk a little later. Returning to Yanyanna Hut we continue northwards on the Heysen Trail to the Trezona Range. Passing the old Elatina Hut and mine ruins.

This afternoon we return to our new accommodation further north at Gum Creek Station to relax and unwind at sunset with a delicious nibbles platter and sumptuous dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Trail Snacks, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: 12km

Day 5 | Heysen Trail (Trezona to Aroona)

The trail starts by passing the Ediacaran Golden Spike geological site (the only Golden Spike in the southern hemisphere) then runs between the Trezona Range to the east, and the ABC Range on our left. Its a steady ascent towards the top of the range before reaching Aroona Hut ruin. This hut was used by Hans Heysen when he visited this area to paint.

We return to our accommodation where a delicious sumptuous meal awaits.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Trail Snacks, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: 16km

Day 6 | Heysen Trail (Aroona to Parachilna)

Today is our final hike on the Heysen Trail in the Flinders Ranges.

Beginning at Aroona Hut, we follow the valley between the Heysen Range and the ABC Range. Crossing the Taringa Saddle we make our way down to Parachilna Creek. This creek marks the end point of the Heysen Trail. Our vehicle will be waiting here at the trail-head for us.

Returning to our accommodation to freshen up, its then off to the historic Blinman Hotel to celebrate over dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Trail Snacks, 2 Course Dinner
Walking Distance: 18km

Day 7 | Drive to Adelaide

Today we farewell the northern landscapes as we head south.

Leaving the Flinders Ranges, we journey back to Adelaide with a lunch stop at an iconic Australian bakery known for unique gourmet pies and quandong tarts. The drive this afternoon is scenic and will include opportunities to stretch your legs and grab a refreshment. We plan to arrive back in Adelaide at around 5pm.

We provide multiple drop off points including most CBD hotels dependent on traffic.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Trail Snacks
Walking Distance: n/a

INCLUSIONS

Travel

Comfortable private vehicle transport

Meals

All meals and snacks as per the itinerary

2 course dinners

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Accommodation

Willow Springs Station

Gum Creek Station

6 nights twin share rooms (2 single rooms)

Activities

Professionally guided walks

Jeff Morgan art gallery showcasing painted Flinders panoramas

Heysen Trail (final 5 sections)



Safety

Each trip has 3 Guides/Leaders

Group First Aid kit and emergency communication device

Leaders certified in Remote Area/Wilderness First Aid

Qualified Bushwalking Leaders

Environmental

Small group guided experience

Leave No Trace principles

Invitations to connect with nature

Reduce waste through recycling, reusing and composting

National Park entry fees

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Guided pre-departure training walks and or program (trip specific)

Discount card for pre-departure purchases at Exurbia

A charity contribution to our Give Back program

- Itinerary and price subject to change at any time
- Travel Insurance is recommended. Get a quote from Covermore or Go Insurance
- Note weather, group member welfare and a range of circumstances outside our control can mean last minute changes to our itinerary are necessary once on tour
- A limited number of single rooms are available on a first-come basis
- Please contact us before booking any flights. Depending on flight arrival and departure times extra nights accommodation may be required at own expense
- A minimum number of travellers are required for this trip to depart so ask someone to join you. If minimum numbers aren't reached, we may decide to still go or we will provide a full refund
- If this trip departs during Fire Ban Season – last minute changes to our itinerary or walking days may be required for safety reasons
- Rooming is twin share dorm style with shared bathroom
- Private transport to and from the Flinders Ranges is included from Adelaide, with multiple pick up points available in transit between Adelaide and Hawker
- Private transport in the Flinders Ranges plus daily trail transfers is included. Unsealed roads in this region can close to all vehicles after heavy rain. At times, these roads may also be restricted to certain vehicle type use only. If restrictions are enforced on the unsealed roads needed for access, we will endeavour to arrange alternative transport so the planned walk can still proceed
- If you have additional needs please connect with us, we're committed to being inclusive and accessible

EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- Meals and drinks not stated on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Linen (towel, single sheet, pillow, warm sleeping bag or doona)

FITNESS REQUIREMENT

- A good level of fitness is required to walk the trails on this trip
- You will be walking pack free (day packs only)
- You will walk on a variety of surfaces including undulating trails, steep sections, rock scrambling, and loose ground
- Our longest walking day is 23km and we walk 5 consecutive days on this adventure
- Trail rating: Moderate-hard

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Eligible Past Traveller Discount applies if you've travelled with us on any of our guided tours which were 5 days duration or longer
- Read terms and conditions before booking

ADVENTURE LEADERS

Our team is qualified, experienced and super friendly. We will ensure you have a fun and connecting adventure. Leaders are certified in Remote or Wilderness First-Aid. All leaders carry a group first-aid kit, emergency communications device, emergency documentation and equipment.

PACKING LIST

A detailed packing list is provided prior to travel

- Gear you will need:
- *Bed and bathroom linen – towel, single sheet, pillow and warm sleeping bag or doona*
- *Rainproof jacket and pants*
- *Daypack (35 litre approx.)*
- *Water bottles/hydration kit (min 2Ltrs)*

- *Personal medications*
- *Clothing suitable for walking that is quick drying and breathable – consider merino/synthetic clothing*
- *Sun protection such as hat, sunglasses and suncream, insect repellent*
- *Sleeping attire*

ACCESSIBILITY

There are stairs, uneven surfaces and moving luggage to and from accommodation, plus walking bush trails on this trip. Please talk to us about your accessibility needs before booking

