



THE ARKABA WALK
Wild Bush Luxury

Three Night Itinerary

Day One

Wilpena Pound to Black's Gap bush camp

Today, traverse the basin of Wilpena Pound before crossing into Arkaba's private wildlife conservancy. Descend to our exclusive Black's Gap bush camp for tonight's accommodation in signature swags.

Arrive at Arkaba Homestead by 8am. Our team will greet you, and transfer you via vehicle to The Arkaba Walk starting point.

This morning we will cross over the majestic landmark that is Wilpena Pound, walking across the largely flat interior, followed by a gradual 1.5km ascent to the rim of the Pound.

By the afternoon, we will arrive at tonight's bush camp to settle in, take a rinse shower and enjoy an evening aperitivo as the sun sets behind the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound.

Our field guide and camp assistant will prepare an Australian Style inspired BBQ, accompanied by local South Australian wines. Retire to your swag bed for an unforgettable night under a canopy of outback stars.

Walk length: approximately 13km, allowing 5 - 6 hours

Day Two

To Elder Camp we go

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.

Today is arguably the most scenic, as we head out into the rolling hills. The morning is spent following the famous Heysen Trail revealing a fascinating insight into the pastoral history of the region, pausing at old shepherds' camps and mustering yards, with kangaroos and emus roaming the land.

The last leg of the day will take us slightly west, ending with a steep 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. Continue on to the foot of the Elder Range passing through postcard-pretty native Cypress trees, before making our way into the second night's signature swag camp, the Elder Camp. A hot bush rinse shower awaits, with another memorable night sleeping under the stars.

Walk length: approximately 14 - 15km, 6 - 7 hours

Day Three

A return to Arkaba Homestead

Walk across varying terrain through mallee and cypress forests before ascending the Red Range, en route to Arkaba Homestead. Return for a luxurious night back at the lodge, with a glass of wine by the firepit, followed by a dinner to savour prepared by our in-house chef team.

Wake to the glorious morning light creeping across the Elder Range, lighting it up in red and orange hues.

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, before ascending the Red Range and down onto the shady banks of the Arkaba Creek, lined with river red gum trees. There are plenty of opportunities to spot birds that commune in the canopy, including galahs, parrots and honeyeater species.

The pace is unhurried with time to stop and breathe in the outback, view wildlife and take photographs.

Arrive at Arkaba Homestead mid-afternoon, with time to relax. Or, perhaps you'd like to take a pre-booked sunset scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound.

This evening enjoy a 3-course dinner at Arkaba Homestead, your last memorable night at Arkaba.

Walk length: approximately 14 - 15km, 6 - 7 hours

Day Four

Time at leisure

Enjoy a relaxing morning at leisure to relax poolside, take an optional scenic flight over the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound. Check out from 11am.

Enjoy your last meal with your fellow hikers at Arkaba Homestead, with a morning of leisure. You might like to head poolside or recline by the stone fireplace with a book. If still feeling active, enjoy a self-guided stroll along Arkaba Creek.

Scenic flights are available, if you would like to pre-book to enjoy an experience from the air this morning.

The Arkaba team will bid farewell as you depart Arkaba by 11am for check out.

We hope you have enjoyed a memorable few days getting to know Arkaba Conservancy.