**ITINERARY | 8 Days Adelaide/Tarntanya & Ikara-Flinders Ranges Road Trip**

*Experience Adelaide/Tarntanya’s vibrant culture, savour world-class wines in the Barossa Valley, and delve into the rich Aboriginal heritage at Wilpena Pound amidst the rugged beauty of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park where ancient landscapes tell timeless stories.*

**DAY 1**

Make your way to the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, approximately 20 mins south of Adelaide/Tarntanya’s city centre, and embark on a [**Southern Cultural Immersion Warriparinga Tour**](https://southernculturalimmersion.rezdy.com/505758/warriparinga-cultural-historical-tour).

Experience an interactive tour of the breathtaking Warriparinga grounds and wetlands with an

Aboriginal guide. Discover the rich history and cultural significance of this location firsthand.

Head over to Glenelg for beachside brunch at [**Fourth**](https://fourthglenelg.com/), then visit the shops on Jetty Road before catching the free tram back to Adelaide/Tarntanya.

In the early evening, proceed to the Adelaide Oval for a [**RoofClimb Twilight**](https://culturalattractionsofaustralia.com/experiences/roofclimb-twilight/) experience. Watch the sun set over Adelaide's/Tarntanya’s coastline and discover the city's unique stories from the icon's rooftop.

Grab a late dinner at [**Bespoke Wine Bar & Kitchen**](https://www.ovalhotel.com.au/dining/bespoke-wine-bar-kitchen/) located within the [**Oval Hotel**](https://www.ovalhotel.com.au/) – your accommodation for the next 2 nights.

Highlights:

* Take an immersive journey with an Aboriginal guide to uncover the deep cultural significance of Warriparinga's wetlands.
* Experience Glenelg's stunning beach and vibrant atmosphere while enjoying an alfresco brunch.
* Hear Adelaide’s/Tarntanya’s captivating tales from the Oval’s iconic rooftop, while the sun sets over the city.

**DAY 2**

Uncover the essence of McLaren Vale at three unique wineries on [**Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia’s Icons of McLaren Vale**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/icons-mclaren-vale/)**\***.

First up, explore the illustrious history of Thomas Hardy's wine empire on a [**Hardys Tintara Hidden Secrets Tour**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/hidden-secrets-hardys-wines-mclaren-vale/). Delve into captivating tales of the Hardy family's legacy and enjoy a tasting of four iconic Hardys wines paired with locally sourced delights.

Next, immerse yourself in the magic of [**Gemtree Wines’**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/wineries/gemtree-wines/) biodynamic wines on a [**Being Biodynamic**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/being-biodynamic-gemtree-wines-mclaren-vale/) experience. Tour the vineyards then indulge in a tutored tasting of certified organic wines with a regional platter, overlooking breathtaking vineyard views.

On [**D'Arenberg’s Dead Arm Distinction**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/darenberg-the-deadarm-distinction-mclaren-vale/), you’ll indulge in the surreal at d'Arenberg's Cube, where art and wine meet. Enjoy the acclaimed Dead Arm Shiraz and explore the Salvador Dalí exhibition with 25 sculptures and graphics valued at around $20 million.

Return to Adelaide/Tarntanya and dine at the [**Red Ochre Barrel and Grill**](https://redochrebarrelandgrill.com.au/), a floating pavilion on the River Torrens showcasing Indigenous Australian ingredients.

*\*This experience is self-driven. Transfers can be booked for those who prefer not to drive.*

Highlights:

* Explore the rich history of Thomas Hardy and his wine empire on an intimate guided tour.
* Enjoy an organic wine tasting with regional platter and Gemtree’s stunning vineyard views.
* Explore a surrealist exhibition of authentic Salvador Dali bronze sculptures and graphic artworks.

**DAY 3**

Depart Adelaide/Tarntanya and head to the stunning Barossa Valley, home to over 150 wineries, graceful heritage towns, century-old cellars, and some of the world's oldest Shiraz vineyards.

In Angaston, head to [**Yalumba**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/wineries/yalumba/)for an [**Yalumba Estate Picnic**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/estate-picnic-yalumba/) experience. Join a Wine Ambassador for a private Best of Barossa tasting to discover Yalumba’s Distinguished Sites wines, then select your lunch wine and enjoy a picnic with lawn games and local produce.

Head on over to [**Jacob’s Creek**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/wineries/jacobs-creek-visitor-centre/) for a [**Double Barrel Experience**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/jacobs-creek-double-barrel-experience/) where you’ll discover the uniqueness of Jacob's Creek Double Barrel wines, matured in traditional wine barrels and finished in second-use spirits barrels like whiskey, cognac, rum, and tequila.

Stop in at [**Maggie Beer’s Farm Shop**](https://www.maggiebeer.com.au/visit-us) and take the opportunity to taste Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products, before continuing to [**The Louise**](https://thelouise.com.au/), your luxury hotel for the next 2 nights.

Enjoy the elegant atmosphere of at [**Appellation**](https://thelouise.com.au/dine/appellation/), The Louise’s fine dining restaurant.

Highlights:

* Savour a gourmet produce picnic and wine amidst the picturesque Yalumba grounds.
* Taste the exclusive limited release Jacob’s Creek Double Barrel Rare 50YO Shiraz.
* Discover the ultimate in luxury, relaxation and fine dining at The Louise.

**DAY 4**

It’s an early start this morning for The Louise’s [**Breakfast with the Kangaroos**](https://thelouise.com.au/experience/breakfast-with-the-roos/)experience. Explore Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park's Stringy Bark Loop trail with a conservation guide where you’ll encounter kangaroos in their natural habitat and enjoy a gourmet picnic breakfast.

Today explore nature trails by bike or join the full day Butcher Baker Winemaker Trail for a gourmet tour of Barossa's producers - bookable via The Louise.

This evening, enjoy an Australian pub style dinner at The Louise’s Contour restaurant.

Highlights:

* Get up close and personal with kangaroos in their natural environment.
* Explore the Barossa by bike and sample delicacies from the very best of Barossa's food and wine producers.

**DAY 5**

Check out of The Louise and drive to the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park where Wilpena Pound nestles amidst its scenic beauty. Wilpena Pound is an extraordinary 800-million-year-old natural amphitheatre that is part of the homeland of the Adnyamathanha, or Yura, people.

The only accommodation within the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, Wilpena Pound Resort, is owned and operated by the Adnyamathanha people, which makes it a great place to explore Adnyamathanha culture.

En route to the Flinders Ranges, make a stop at Lake Bumbunga in Lochiel, known for its changing colours from pink to white to blue, due to the water's salinity throughout the year.

Continue to Crystal Brook for a selfie with the Big Goanna Tree, then onto Port Pirie – an ideal spot for lunch and a refreshing dip at Solomontown Beach.

Next stop is the Quandong Café at Quorn, for a slice of Quandong (wild peach) pie and a cuppa before the final stretch to [Wilpena Pound Resort](https://www.wilpenapound.com.au/).

Check in to your glamping tent or resort room and refresh before embarking on a [Sunset Spectacular Tour](https://wilpenapound.rezdy.com/113232/sunset-spectacular?_ga=2.225193498.1069459470.1706766486-1900246031.1704238943). Join a guide to witness the sunset over Wilpena Pound from one of the best vantage points in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges. Savour local-inspired sunset drinks and canapés while marvelling at the changing colours.

Relax over dinner at Wilpena Pound Resort’s restaurant.

Highlights:

* Explore Lake Bumbunga when its waters shimmer in pink, blue, or white hues.
* Taste Australia’s ‘native peach’, with a Quandong cheesecake, pie, or milkshake.
* Witness Wilpena Pound’ stunning sunset at a prime vantage point with canapés and drinks.

**DAY 6**

This morning, embark on a [**Time Travel & Gorgeous Gorges Tour**](https://wilpenapound.rezdy.com/catalog/102600/4wd-tours?_ga=2.233506334.1069459470.1706766486-1900246031.1704238943). Discover the gorges, hear stories from a guide, and explore 800 million years of geological history. Enjoy Bunyeroo Valley views, ancient fossils, and spot yellow-footed rock wallabies.

After lunch at the resort, embark on a [**1-hour scenic flight**](https://wilpenapound.rezdy.com/112428/1-hour-scenic-flight) over the Flinders Ranges, taking you beyond Wilpena Pound to explore Parachilna Township, Blinman Township, and more. Marvel at the diverse colours and textures of this ancient landscape from above.

In the early evening, gather on the lawn near reception for [**Adnyamathanha Yarta**](https://www.wilpenapound.com.au/experiences/aboriginal-cultural-tours/) (Welcome to Country), where a Yura guide offers a welcome in the traditional Yura Ngawarla language, while sharing insights into the Adnyamathanha flag and traditional Yura Muda (Dreaming) stories.

Enjoy dinner at Wilpena Pound Resort’s restaurant.

Highlights:

* Witness 800 million years of geological history with a visit to some of the oldest fossils on Earth.
* Explore the diverse colours and textures of this ancient landscape from the air.
* Experience a Welcome to Country led by a Yura guide, featuring captivating Dreaming stories.

**DAY 7**

This morning you will join a Yura guide for an insightful walk into Sacred Canyon on a [**Yura Malka Sacred Canyon tour**](https://wilpenapound.rezdy.com/114751/sacred-canyon-yura-mulka-cultural-walk?_ga=2.161541820.1069459470.1706766486-1900246031.1704238943). Discover its cultural significance, Creation stories, and ancient rock engravings from the perspective of the Yura people, as access to the site is exclusively available through Adnyamathanha-guided tours.

In the afternoon, [**hire a mountain bike**](https://wilpenapound.rezdy.com/catalog/424550/bike-hire?_ga=2.196161068.1069459470.1706766486-1900246031.1704238943) from Reception. Discover the splendour of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, soaking in the beauty of the surrounding bushland, mountains, and gorges. Explore mountain biking trails around Wilpena Pound Resort for an unforgettable journey through Adnyamathanha Country. Cycle along the leisurely trail to Old Wilpena Station, winding through native bushland to reach the historical site, then explore the settlement on foot from there.

Reflect on your day over dinner at the Wilpena Pound Resort restaurant.

Highlights:

* Gain exclusive access to the engraving sites of Sacred Canyon with an Adnyamathanha guide.
* Uncover the rich history of Old Wilpena Station following a bike ride along a scenic native bushland trail.

**DAY 8**

Today, return to Adelaide/Tarntanya via the beautiful Clare Valley.

Make your first stop at the [**Flinders Food Co**](https://www.flindersfoodco.com.au/). in Hawker where you'll find city-quality dining in the heart of the Flinders Ranges, with native ingredients infused into the menu.

Discover the Clare Valley, where you can delve into the vibrant wine scene with 50 cellar doors scattered between Auburn and Clare. Renowned for its exceptional Riesling, the region boasts some of the state's oldest wineries and cellar doors.

Make a pit stop for lunch at the award-winning [**Watervale Hotel**](https://watervalehotel.com.au/) before the final leg to Adelaide/Tarntanya to conclude your journey.

Highlights:

* Savour a glass of Riesling in the Clare Valley, renowned for its exceptional expression of this varietal.
* Discover the farm-to-plate philosophy at Watervale Hotel with locally sourced produce.

*Please note that Aboriginal guides are only available on the following tours and experiences: Welcome to Country - Ikara, Yura Undyu - Our Culture - Your Culture, Sacred Canyon - tura Mulka - Cultural Walk and Akarroo Adnya Adnyamathanha Rock Art Tour.*

*Please be aware that some tours, restaurants, and attractions are seasonal and may not operate daily. For the most up-to-date information, kindly refer to each operator's website.*