Kangaroo Island

4-day birding & wildlife tour

4 - 7 April 2017 &
30 Oct - 2 Nov. 2017

Just off the Adelaide, SA coast, Kangaroo Island harbours a unique, diverse wildlife, specialised birds, striking scenery (including remarkable granite formations) and vast tracts of wilderness, protected in many reserves. The dawn chorus at sunrise is something to behold, and walking through the bush is rewarded with a delight of sounds and images from a huge variety of different bird species. Spectacular coastlines harbor an amazing variety of birds and wildlife.

Well-known for its wildlife, Kangaroo Island is home to "Kangaroo Island Kangaroos", tammar wallabies, echidnas, brush-tailed possums, bottle-nosed dolphins, Australian sea-lions, Australian and New-Zealand Fur Seals and many of the 250 birds listed for the island can be seen year round in their natural habitats during our 4-day guided tour. Key birds include the endangered Glossy Black Cockatoo, colonies of Short-tailed Shearwaters, Hooded Plover, Cape Barren Goose, Rock Parrot, the elusive Western Whipbird and the cute Fairy Penguin as well as many sea and land birds.

During this all-inclusive guided tour you’ll be staying at some of the island’s exclusive accommodation located within its natural wonders. Departing from and returning to Adelaide, SA, the itinerary is flexible to allow for modifications as required.

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, South Australia

Scheduled departure & return dates:
• 4 - 7 April 2017
• 30 October - 2 November 2017
• Any other time as a private tour

Price: AU$2,299 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: Steve Potter

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:
http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports

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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, SA.

Scheduled departure and return dates:
Tour commences with a pick up from your hotel (own arrangements) in Adelaide after breakfast on 4 April/30 Oct 2017. Tour finishes with breakfast on 8 April/3 Nov 2017. Please depart on or after 8 April /3 Nov. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Steve Potter.

Difficulty: Low/Medium/High/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors if you're an international guest, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 3, maximum 8 participants.

Bookings: Online at http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings or please complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

Cost: AU$2,199 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of $275. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Early bird discount of $99 for bookings received up to 6 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply.
ITINERARY

Day 0:
Please arrive in Adelaide on 3 April or 29 October 2017, in preparation for an early departure tomorrow morning. Transport, meals and accommodation are your own responsibility today. We will pick you up from your accommodation in the city centre tomorrow morning. If you’re staying elsewhere, please meet us outside the North Terrace railway station (next to the casino) at 8am.

Day 1: 4 April / 30 Oct. After breakfast you’ll be picked up from your hotel and we will travel down the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula, stopping along the way to marvel at the spectacular coastal cliffs and dense eucalyptus forests. We’ll do some birding along the way and hope to pick up Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Adelaide Rosella and various waterbirds. At the end of the peninsula we reach the departure point for the Kangaroo Island ferry. The ferry takes about 45 minutes and we may see ocean birds such as Australian Gannet during the crossing. After arrival on the island we have lunch, check in at our accommodation and head out birding for the rest of the day. We’ll stay three nights in the small town of Kingscote at the oceanfront Aurora Ozone Hotel (named back in 1920s when ozone meant fresh air). In the ocean right across the street from the hotel, dolphins are sometimes seen cruising by. We’ll check Little (Fairy) Penguin nest burrows while at night, we’ll take a spotlighting tour to watch the cute Little (Fairy) Penguins come ashore from their day fishing out on the ocean.

Accommodation: Aurora Ozone Hotel (en-suite room, meals included: L, D).

Day 2: 5 April / 31 Oct. We’ll traverse the island as we head to Flinders Chase National Park, which covers the entire west end of the island. Flinders Chase contains a breeding site that may offer us a close approach to the rare Cape Barren Goose. The National Park is also famous for its abundant Koalas and Kangaroo Island Grey Kangaroos (the kangaroo from which the island gets its name). We have a good chance of seeing and photographing these animals. We also hope to spot the solitary Short-beaked Echidna as it forages for ants and termites. Walking the trails we hope to encounter Crescent and Purple-gaped Honeyeater, Scarlet Robin, Golden Whistler and Crimson Rosella. On the way back to our accommodation we check some of the beautiful coastline here for Hooded Plover (Dotterel) and we’ll have our first chance of seeing the endangered Glossy Black Cockatoo. Tonight or tomorrow night we’ll go for a spotlighting excursion in a quest to view the rare Fairy Penguins come ashore to return to their nest burrows after a day’s fishing.

Accommodation: Aurora Ozone Hotel (en-suite room, meals included: B,L,D).
Day 3: 6 April / 1 Nov. A colony of New Zealand Fur Seals resides at Cape du Couedic where we’ll also find beautiful coastal landscapes, especially at Admiral’s Arch, a spectacular coastal grotto. This is also an excellent area to see Tammar Wallabies, which are now extinct on the adjacent Australian mainland. We’ll allow plenty of time to photograph the various rock formations at Remarkable Rocks and Admiral’s Arch while we’ll search the surrounding bush for the elusive Western Whipbird. Often heard but seldom seen, tracking this rare species down in the dense bushes will prove challenging but rewarding when successful. We’ll have a picnic lunch in the woods where we might observe Platypus in a stream (if we’re lucky!) and then we’ll enjoy waterbirds at Duck Lagoon and have a further search for the Kangaroo Island subspecies of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo. Biologists and local landholders have taken steps to expand the breeding opportunities of this endangered species. Nearby, the coast has a protected beach site for Australian Sea Lions to come ashore for rest, so a walk along the beach may put us in close proximity to these incredibly photogenic seals. Along the shore we may also see several species of cormorants including Black-fronted Cormorant and possibly Fairy Tern, Rock Parrot and Hooded Dotterels (Plovers). White-bellied Sea-eagle, Eastern Osprey and Bottlenose Dolphin are all quite possible while we’re birding the coastline, while at sunset, an amazing Pelican feeding ceremony takes place where you can witness hundreds of Australian Pelicans at close range.

Accommodation: Aurora Ozone Hotel (en-suite room, meals included: B,L, D).

Day 4: 7 April / 2 Nov: This morning we will take the ferry back to the mainland and continue to Adelaide, stopping on the way in the Adelaide Hills to look for the impressive Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, the elusive Nankeen Night-heron and a visit to the beautiful Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens where Eastern Brown Bandicoot may be seen as well as a variety of colourful parrots including the Adelaide Rosella, and many species of honeyeaters. We arrive back in Adelaide some time in the afternoon. After breakfast tomorrow (included) you’ll need to make your own onward transport arrangements.

Accommodation: Hotel in Adelaide (en-suite room, meals included: B,L, D).
Pre- and post-tour options:

This tour links with our Great Southern Tour commencing 3 November 2017 in Adelaide. This exciting tour specifically concentrates on the many specialties of the southern regions of Australia, parts of the outback and the great inland rivers. An optional extension to Tasmania is also available. During the main tour we are likely to find over 250 species and experience an amazing variety of landscapes and habitats, including outback mountains and deserts, vast expanses of eucalypt scrubland at Birds Australia’s Gluepot Reserve, wetlands and rivers including Australia’s greatest river, the Murray, spectacular coastal areas including the famous Great Ocean Road and tall, dense eucalypt forests. Read more about it here: www.bellbirdtours.com/kangaroo-island/

Price inclusions and exclusions:

**Included:** All meals commencing with lunch on Day 1 and finishing with breakfast on Day 5, morning tea/coffee, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms where available. Transport using comfortable and reliable vehicle, Expert guiding, any entry fees, taxes.

**Excluded:** Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before lunch on Day 1 and after breakfast on Day 5, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

**Bookings:** Please book online: [http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings](http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings) or complete the booking form in the back of this brochure. We can also arrange your flights, accommodation and insurance – please contact us for details.
Emu
Australian Brush-turkey
Stubble Quail
Brown Quail
Indian Peafowl
Blue-billed Duck
Musk Duck
Freckled Duck
Black Swan
Cape Barren Goose
Australian Shelduck
Australian Wood Duck
Pacific Black Duck
Australasian Shoveler
Grey Teal
Chestnut Teal
Pink-eared Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe
Hoary-headed Grebe
Great Crested Grebe
Little Penguin
Flesh-footed Shearwater
Short-tailed Shearwater
Wandering Albatross
Royal Albatross
Black-browed Albatross
Shy Albatross
Grey-headed Albatross
Yellow-nosed Albatross
Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Australasian Gannet
Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Black-faced Cormorant
Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Australian Pelican
White-faced Heron
Little Egret
Eastern Reef Egret
White-necked Heron
Great Egret
Cattle Egret
Nankeen Night Heron
Australasian Bittern
Glossy Ibis
Australian White Ibis
Straw-necked Ibis
Royal Spoonbill
Yellow-billed Spoonbill
Osprey
Black-shouldered Kite
Black Kite
Whistling Kite
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Spotted Harrier
Swamp Harrier
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Little Eagle
Brown Falcon
Australian Hobby
Black Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Nankeen Kestrel
Buff-banded Rail
Baillon's Crane
Australian Spotted Crake
Spotless Crake
Purple Swamphen
Dusky Moorhen
Black-tailed Native-hen
Eurasian Coot
Painted Button-quail
Latham's Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Whimbrel
Eastern Curlew
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Greenshank
Wood Sandpiper
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Red-necked Stint
Pectoral Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Bush Stone-curlew
Pied Oystercatcher
Sooty Oystercatcher
Black-winged Stilt
Banded Stilt
Red-necked Avocet
Pacific Golden Plover
Grey Plover
Red-capped Plover
Double-banded Plover
Lesser Sand Plover
Greater Sand Plover
Black-fronted Dotterel
Hooded Plover
Red-kneed Dotterel
Banded Lapwing
Masked Lapwing
Great Skua
Pomarine Jaeger
Arctic Jaeger
Pacific Gull
Kelp Gull
Silver Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Crested Tern
White-fronted Tern
Fairy Tern
Whiskered Tern
Rock Dove
Spotted Turtle Dove
Common Bronzewing
Brush Bronzewing
Crested Pigeon
Glossy Black-Cockatoo
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Gang-gang Cockatoo
Galah
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Rainbow Lorikeet
Purple-crowned Lorikeet
Crimson Rosella
Elegant Parrot
Rock Parrot
Pallid Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Southern Boobook Owl
Barn Owl
Tawny Frogmouth
Spotted Nightjar
Australian Owlet-nightjar
White-throated Needletail
Fork-tailed Swift
Laughing Kookaburra
Sacred Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Superb Fairy-wren
Southern Emu-wren
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
White-browed Scrubwren
Shy Heathwren
Brown Thornbill
Yellow Thornbill
Striated Thornbill
Red Wattlebird
Little Wattlebird
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
Singing Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater
Purple-gaped Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
White-naped Honeyeater
Crescent Honeyeater
New Holland Honeyeater
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
White-fronted Chat
Scarlet Robin
Flame Robin
Western Whipbird
Golden Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush
Satin Flycatcher
Restless Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Black-faced Cuckooshrike
Masked Woodswallow
White-browed Woodswallow
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Grey Currawong
Australian Raven
Little Raven
Singing Bushlark
Skylark
Richard's Pipit
House Sparrow
Red-browed Finch
Beautiful Firetail
European Goldfinch
Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Fairy Martin
Australian Reed-Warbler
Little Grassbird
Brown Songlark
Silvereye
This form contains 3 pages. Please print out and complete each page, and sign where indicated. Scan and email, or send by postal mail, with payment (see last page) to the address above. You can also complete an on-line version of this form at http://www.bellbirdtours.com/booking

Tour details:

Name of tour:  Kangaroo Island Escape

Starting and Ending dates:

Your details:

Name and address of the registrant(s) (only one form is needed for people residing at the same address)

Name(s)____________________________________________________________________

Date of birth____________________________________________________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________

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Identification document and number (passport for international visitors)__________________

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Telephone (Home)______________________________________________________________

(Work)__________________________________(Mobile)______________________________

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☐ tick if you do not want to receive future updates, news and special offers from Bellbird Tours by email

Emergency Contact Name, relationship and telephone number (required field)

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Accommodation requirements:

Single Room / Double Room (1 room, 1 bed, 2 people) / Twin Share (1 room, 2 beds, 2 people) (please circle) (single occupancy will attract a surcharge)

Medical conditions and dietary requirements:

Do you have any medical conditions (eg. disabilities, illnesses or allergies) that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the tour? No / Yes

If Yes, please provide details: _____________________________________________________
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If you have other special requirements (eg dietary requirements), please advise. While we cannot guarantee to accommodate them, we will make every attempt to do so.
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Optional extras:

Please indicate if you would like any of the following:

☐ $25 e-Voucher for the Australian Birding on-line store: price only $20
☐ $50 e-Voucher for our Australian Birding on-line store: price only $40
☐ Pre and/or post tour hotel bookings (we’ll contact you to discuss)

Terms and Conditions:

Please read the terms and conditions and the release of liability waiver (both can be found on http://www.bellbirghtours.com/terms-and-conditions), then sign below.

I/we agree to book this tour. I/we have read and understood, and accept the terms and conditions. I/we accept the release and waiver from liability.

Signature 1: _______________________________ Signature 2: _______________________________
Print Name 1: ______________________________ Name 2: _______________________________
Date: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

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Payment:

To secure a seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (e.g., due to changing fuel prices).

Please tick which of the following payment options you will be using to pay the deposit:

- **Electronic funds transfer**: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ AU$20 bank transaction fee for international transactions) to the following bank account:
  - international swift code: anzbau3m
  - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
  - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
  - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140
  - Account No. 206136528
  - Please use your surname as the booking reference.

Please specify AU$ as the recipient’s currency, and the correct amount (plus AU$20 for international transfers to cover the bank fee at the recipient’s end). Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

- **Credit card**: only available through PayPal (you don’t need to be a member). They charge us a service fee to receive your money. Do not send money without notice: please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you an electronic PayPal invoice. Please use your surname as the booking reference.

- **PayPal**: They charge us a service fee to receive your money. Do not send money without notice: please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you an electronic PayPal invoice. Please use your surname as the booking reference.

*Please note: we no longer accept paper forms of payment such as money orders, Australian cheques, or international bank drafts/cheques. If this poses a problem, please contact us to discuss.*