Kangaroo Island
4-day birding & wildlife tour

5 - 8 Nov, 2019

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.

This all-inclusive guided tour departs from and returns to Adelaide, SA. You will stay on the island and take daily trips out exploring its natural wonders, fascinating habitats, prolific birds and varied wildlife.

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, South Australia

Scheduled departure & return dates:
• 5 - 8 November 2019
• Any other time as a private tour

Price: AU$2,599 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: David Kowalick

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

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• Freecall 1800-BIRDING
• email birds@bellbirdtours.com

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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 5 Nov 2019. Tour finishes with breakfast on 9 Nov 2019. Please depart on or after 9 Nov. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: David Kowalick.

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$2,599 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of $475. 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 Mon 4 November 2019, 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 contact us to arrange a central meeting location.

Day 1: Tue 5 Nov 2019. After breakfast you’ll be picked up from your hotel and we will travel down the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula, stopping along the way to look at some of the mainland birds such as Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Adelaide Rosella and various waterbirds. At the end of the peninsula we will reach Cape Jervis, the departure point for the Kangaroo Island ferry. The ferry takes about 45 minutes to cross and we may see ocean birds such as Australian Gannet and up to three species of Shearwater during the crossing. After arrival on the island we will have lunch as we travel to our accommodation at the far end of the Island where will be staying for two nights in quality ensuite cabins at the Western Caravan Park just outside the boundary of the Flinders Chase National Park. Once settled in we can head out birding for the rest of the day. The park itself has a brilliant wetland which often has Black-tailed Native Hens, Latham’s Snipe and a host of other bush birds. In the evening spotlighting in and around the park can be very rewarding with an amazing range of nocturnal animals such as Tamar Wallabies, Koalas and Brown Bandicoots which can all be commonly encountered here. 
Accommodation: Western Park (en-suite room, meals included: L, D).

Day 2: Wed 6 Nov 2019. Today we’ll head into Flinders Chase National Park, which covers the entire western end of the island. Flinders Chase offers easy viewing of 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 may also see the Short-beaked Echidna as it forages for ants and termites. First thing in the morning we’ll head down to the far southwestern corner of the park in the hope of spying the hard-to-see White-bellied Whipbird and Southern Emu-wren. The coastal scenery here is spectacular and is home to a colony of New Zealand Fur Seals at Cape du Couedic where we’ll also find the magnificent Admiral’s Arch, a spectacular coastal grotto. We’ll allow plenty of time to photograph the various rock formations at Remarkable Rocks and Admiral’s Arch while we search the surrounding bush for Crescent, Tawny-crowned and Purple-gaped Honeyeaters. We’ll head back to the visitor centre for lunch and then look for Scarlet Robin, Golden Whistler, Spotted Pardelote, three species of Cuckoo and the sub-species of the Crimson Rosella unique to K.I. 
Accommodation: Western Park (en-suite room, meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3: Thur 7 Nov 2019. If required, we’ll have another search for the White-
bellied Whipbird before checking out of our accommodation and heading back toward Kingscote. We’ll travel on the north coast where we hope to see breeding Hooded Plovers on the beach and have our first chance to see the endangered Glossy Black-Cockatoo. Biologists and local landholders have taken steps to expand the breeding opportunities of this species and its population is slowly growing. Lunch will be in Kingscote, the largest town on K.I. After lunch we’ll check in to our accommodation on the foreshore before heading east for another chance of seeing the Glossy Black Cockatoo along with waders, waterbirds and bush birds such as the Beautiful Firetail near American River. We’ll have dinner in Penneshaw before visiting the Penguin Centre after sunset for the chance of seeing breeding Little Penguins on a guided tour of their colony.

Accommodation: Seaview Motel (en-suite room, meals included: B, L, D).

Day 4: Fri 8 Nov 2019: This morning we’ll head down to the South Coast to see breeding Ospreys and visit the largest wetland on the island before heading back to Penneshaw to take the ferry back to the mainland and continue on to Adelaide, stopping on the way in the Adelaide Hills to look for 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 9 November 2019 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: http://www.bellbirdtours.com/tours/great-southern-tour/

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 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.
Possible species list

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 Crane
Spotless Crane
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-gapped Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
White-naped Honeyeater
Crested 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 Cuckoo-shrike
Masked Woodswallow
White-browed Woodswallow
Black-faced 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
Bassian Thrush
Common Blackbird
Common Starling
Tour Booking Form

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.

Tour details:

Name of tour______________________________________________________________

Starting and Ending dates___________________________________________________

Your details:

Name and address of the registrant(s) (only 1 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)________________________

Email______________________________________________________________

☐ 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 (please tick):

☐ Single Room (surcharge applies)

☐ Double Room (2 people, 1 bed, usually queen-size, but this cannot always be guaranteed)

☐ Twin Share (2 people, 2 beds) (If you are a solo traveller and want to share a room: we will try to team you up with another solo traveller, however this cannot be guaranteed. Single surcharge applies for single occupancy)

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 us to arrange any of the following (we’ll contact you to discuss):

☐ Domestic flights
☐ International flights
☐ Travel insurance
☐ Pre and/or post tour hotel bookings

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Terms and Conditions:
Please read the terms and conditions and the release of liability waiver (both can be found on http://www.bellbirdtours.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: _______________________________

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 (eg due to changing fuel prices).

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

☐ Domestic electronic funds transfer: please send funds to the following bank account:
  - 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.

☐ Visa, Mastercard & Amex: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of 2.95%, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you a link to a secure payment page.

☐ PayPal & other credit cards through PayPal: They charge us a fee of between 2.6-3.6% to receive your money, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you a secure PayPal invoice.

☐ International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:
  - international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
  - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
  - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
  - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140   Account No. 206136528
    - If possible, please use your surname as the booking reference.
    - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is:  101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
    - Please specify AU$ as the recipient’s currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at both ends; if no such option exists, please add AU$20 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.