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'THREE PORTS AND A CHRISTMAS DINNER'

Departing Saturday 23rd – Wed 27th December 2017
All-inclusive price is \$1695.00pp & \$295.00ss

DAY 1 (LD): HOME TO PORT AUGUSTA: Saturday 23 December 2017

Welcome to our 5 day tour including three towns that are also Ports – **Port Augusta**, **Port Lincoln** and **Port Pirie**. This morning we can sit back and relax as we travel north arriving in **Sevenhill** where we take time to enjoy lunch at the **Sevenhill Hotel**. We also take the time to visit **Martindale Hall** in Mintaro. This Georgian styled mansion with



Italianate influenced sandstone has significant heritage value in South Australia. Built in 1879 – 1880 for Edmund Bowman Jr. at a cost of £30,000 it has some 32 rooms and boasts a large cellar of 7 rooms. Edmund surrounded the home with a polo ground, a racecourse, a boating lake and a cricket pitch where the English 11 played at least once. To visit Martindale Hall today is a unique experience of a living museum, a step back in time to the days of gracious living on a large pastoral estate late in the 1800's to early 1900's. Where a rumoured 14 servants 4 of which lived in the hall and on call 24 hrs a day looked after the needs of two people, such was the extravagant upper class lifestyle of the wealthy pastoralist. Continuing north this afternoon we travel all the way to our first 'port' stop in **Port Augusta**. Once we arrive at our motel we check in and freshen up for dinner. (*lunch Sevenhill Hotel, dinner in the motel*).

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta (08 8642 4033)

DAY 2 (BLD): PORT AUGUSTA TO PORT LINCOLN: Sunday 24 December 2017

After a hearty breakfast to start our day we head south with our first stop in **Whyalla**.

The **Onesteel Whyalla Steelworks** is an important part of this community and this morning we meet our locally based guide at the **Visitors Centre** for our **guided tour**. Spread over a 1000 hectare site we will see the Blast Furnace, Coke Ovens Steel Making Plant, and the one kilometre long Rolling Mills and how the iron ore is converted to steel. This is sure to be an interesting visit. Back on the coach we make our way directly to **Cowell** where the **Franklin Harbour Hotel** is expecting us for lunch with fish and chips on the menu! This afternoon we arrive at our destination and our next 'port' in Port Lincoln. We take a look around the town centre before we unpack our bags at the lovely Port Lincoln Hotel. Situated in a prime position on the foreshore of Boston Bay our hotel will be our base for the next two nights making for a relaxed seaside Christmas. *(Breakfast and dinner in motel, lunch Franklin Harbour Hotel)*

Port Lincoln Hotel – (08 8621 2000)

DAY 3 (BXLD): CHRISTMAS DAY IN PORT LINCOLN: Monday 25 December 2017



Merry Christmas! What a magical outlook we have this Christmas where we can take a wander across the road from our hotel, marvelling at the sea and the wonderful environment we find ourselves in today. The day has been left free with the exception of our **festive luncheon** in the hotel. With the table laden with traditional Christmas fare we are sure to enjoy the atmosphere and meal amongst friends. *(Breakfast, Christmas lunch and supper at hotel)*

Port Lincoln Hotel – (08 8621 2000)

DAY 4 (BLD): PORT LINCOLN TO PORT PIRIE: Tuesday 26 December 2017

Packing our bags this morning they are loaded on the coach but we spend the first part of the day



with **Adventure Bay Charters**. First up we head to the Marina and embark on a short walk where we will learn about the history of the fishing industry in the region. This walk covers no more than 900m on a round trip and can be done from the comfort of the coach if you wish. We visit the Adventure Bay office – within Boston Bay there are aquaculture sites for king fish, tuna and muscles which will be our seafood tastings. We now cruise

the canals of the **Lincoln Cove Marina**, Porter Bay, Boston Bay, Port Lincoln National Park and Port Lincoln itself. Guides will have the opportunity to share personal accounts of fishing tales and insight into the rich fishing culture and heritage of the area. All this sea air will make us hungry so we stay at the Marina for **lunch** in the local Tavern. We have an afternoon of travelling so we farewell Port Lincoln and express to our final 'port' arriving late afternoon in **Port Pirie** for our final night on tour. *(Breakfast and dinner in hotel, lunch Marina Bay Hotel)*

John Pirie Hotel, Port Pirie – (08 8632 4200)

DAY 5 (BL): PORT PIRIE TO ADELAIDE: Wednesday 27 December 2017

Today we travel home, making convenience stops along the way. We enjoy a roast lunch at the Vine Inn in Barossa Valley this afternoon so we don't need to cook tonight – toast and tea should just about do it! Arriving home late afternoon completes a fantastic 5 day Christmas tour. *(Breakfast in hotel, lunch Vine Inn)*

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc