



***Victor Tours presents South Australia's Eyre Peninsula which covers a vast area, stretching 1000kms from the Western Australia/South Australia border to the Iron Triangle City of Whyalla and 400kms from the Gawler Ranges to Port Lincoln in the south. It's an area covering over 2000kms of spectacular coastline ranging from towering limestone cliffs, sweeping surf beaches, sheltered coves and bays, changing to a hinterland of rolling hills, farmland, remarkable rocks and rugged ranges. Coastal drives that rival the Great Ocean Road, granite rock formations that are as dramatic as Western Australia's Wave Rock and a developing aquaculture industry that produces the best oysters and tuna this country has to offer, makes the Eyre Peninsula a special place.***

**Day 1: (D): Homeport to Wudinna**

**Thursday 20 September 2018**

Welcome to OUR 7 day tour to the Eyre Peninsula. Today is a travel day so sit back and relax as we make our way north through Adelaide, Port Pirie and Port Augusta. This afternoon we join the Eyre Highway and travel to **Wudinna** where we break for the night after our day on the road. *(Lunch own expense, dinner in the motel)*

*Gawler Ranges Motel Wudinna (08 86481883 )*

**Day 2: (BLD): Wudinna to Streaky Bay**

**Friday 21 September 2018**

After our hearty breakfast we make our way to a little settlement called **Minnipa**. On arrival we meet a local guide and visit **Pildappa Rock** – a large piece of granite that has been exposed over time by erosion. Pildappa Rock features long wave formations rivalling those of Western Australia's famous Wave Rock and, around the perimeter, an ingenious water catchment system, built in the early 1900s, to collect precious rainwater as it runs off the rock. So successful was this system that, at one time, an orchard was established. We then continue on to **Ceduna**, located on the shores of Murat Bay. The protected waters, sheltered bays and numerous sand coves ensure a plentiful supply of fresh seafood, including local oysters which, because of the bay's crystal clear water are some of the finest available anywhere in the country. We enjoy **lunch** before our stop at the **Visitors Centre**. It's here we are joined on the coach by our locally based guide for a tour of the town. We visit the **Old Schoolhouse Museum** which features historical displays covering the area's pioneering past. A unique feature of the museum is the Maralinga Room where visitors can view a number of radioactively inert objects souvenired from the British Government's atomic tests of the 1940s and 50s. These tests were carried out at Maralinga and Emu - north of present day Yalata. Sadly many of the traditional Anangu people were forced to vacate their traditional homelands for many years. This afternoon

we head for **Streaky Bay** on the eastern edge of the **Great Australian Bight**. We can then settle into to our accommodation for the next two nights. *(Breakfast and dinner in the motel, lunch Ceduna Bakery)*

*Streaky Bay Hotel Motel, Streaky Bay (08 86261008)*

### Day 3: (BD): Streaky Bay

Saturday 22 September 2018

After a leisurely start to the day we are going to take an interesting drive just south of here to **Point Labatt** – an isolated and beautiful place that is home to a colony of **Australian Sea Lions**. See these fascinating animals in their natural habitat from a clifftop viewing platform. The reefs provide a resting place for the sea-lions, which have often spent several weeks at sea catching fish. Point Labatt has exposed headlands, sheltered bays and is also known for bird life including the Osprey and the Whitebellied Sea-Eagle. The views along the coast and out into the **Great Australian Bight** are sensational. From Point Labatt we head back towards the Flinders Highway, stopping at **Murphy's Haystacks**. Murphy's Hay Stacks were weathered and sculpted into their present form about 100,000 years ago. Geologists say the Hay Stacks are composed of pink granite from the Hiltaba suite of rocks which were laid down some 1500 million years ago. Amazingly these beautiful pink granites were formed at a depth of 7 to 10 kilometres below the earth's surface. Today when we look at Murphy's Hay Stacks we see these Hiltaba granites exposed on the surface. Clearly a very great deal of erosion has occurred since the granite's formation. We then head back to Streaky Bay where after lunch ( own expense) we have some free time take a stroll down the main street, perhaps take a walk along the jetty or relax at the motel. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/lunch own arrangements & cost in Streaky Bay)*



*Streaky Bay Hotel Motel, Streaky Bay (08 86261008)*

### Day 4: (BLD): Streaky Bay to Port Lincoln

Sunday 23 September 2018

After check out we follow the Flinders Highway south this morning stopping in **Elliston** where a local guide will join us on the coach and tell us some of the history (and no doubt a few local stories?) about the area. This really is a stunning part of the Eyre Peninsula, particularly the appropriately named **Great Ocean View** – a section of cliff stop roadway with some remarkable views of the Great Australian Bight and Waterloo Bay. We will



enjoy a lunch with some of the locals before continuing to **Coffin Bay** – famous for its oysters. The town is located on the shores of one of the most beautiful estuaries in Australia and surrounded by National and Conservation Parks. We have time for a brief stop before making our way into **Port Lincoln** – our base for the next two nights. *(Breakfast and dinner in the motel, lunch at Elliston)*

*Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln (08 8621 2000)*

### Day 5: (BLD): Exploring Port Lincoln

Monday 24 September 2018

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the area with a local from Adventure Bay Charters. **Port Lincoln** is located on one of the world's largest protected natural harbours. **Boston Bay** stretches from the tip of the Port Lincoln National Park to Point Boston and covers an area more than 3½ times the size of Sydney Harbour. Port Lincoln was discovered by Matthew Flinders, under his commission by the British Admiralty to

chart Australia's unexplored coastline. He arrived in Boston Bay in February 1802 and named the spot Port Lincoln after his native Lincolnshire in England. This is also the home town of the family who own the mighty **Makybe Diva** – the only horse to ever win 3 Melbourne Cups!! On our tour, we will see a statue of the horse in the centre of the town. We also head to the Marina. We enjoy a short walk and learn about the history of the fishing industry in the region. We stop off for seafood tastings along the way before our cruise that will take us through the canals of the Lincoln Cove Marina and out into the Bay to look at king fish, tuna and mussels farms. **Lunch** today is at **Boston Bay Wines**. There aren't many wineries with a more spectacular setting. Set on a hill above the shores of **Boston Bay**, the winery enjoys good soils, a gentle climate and cooling breezes from the Southern Ocean. We have the rest of the afternoon at leisure and meet up for dinner back at the hotel before dinner. *(Breakfast and dinner at the motel, lunch at Boston Bay Wines)*

*Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln (08 8621 2000)*

### **Day 6 (BLD): Port Lincoln to Peterborough** **Tuesday 25 September 2018**



This morning we check out and farewell our hosts. Before we start our journey north we visit **Constantia Design** – an Arts Investment Furniture store developed by Bernard Koker. He is a famous Master Craftsman who produces his furniture from a small workshop and has a collection of unique woods from around the world. He built the table for the House of Representatives in Parliament House, which took two years to build and weighed two tonnes. Since then Constantia has secured numerous significant commissions from across Australia as well as from overseas. This is truly a bespoke operation. Leaving Port Lincoln we then make our way to **Cowell**. The pristine waters of the **Spencer Gulf** have enabled the Eyre Peninsula to produce some of the best oysters in Australia. We will visit **Turners Oysters & Seafood** to learn more about oyster farming and perhaps even sample an oyster or two. We continue on towards Whyalla and then pass through Port Augusta at the top of the Gulf. We arrive in **Peterborough** for our final night on tour. *(Breakfast and dinner at the motel, lunch at Franklin Harbour Hotel)*

*Roundhouse Motel, Peterborough (08 8651 2078)*

### **Day 7 (BL): Peterborough to Victor Harbor** **Wednesday 26 September 2018**

We take a brief look around Peterborough with a chance to stop in at the **Meldonfield exhibit** for a look at the handcrafted scale miniatures including the original Peterborough Railway Station that Mr Meldonfield spent years perfecting. We then travel to **Blyth** for a light lunch followed by a visit to **Medika Gallery**. Ian Roberts, the proprietor, (and artist) was born and raised on a farm at Blyth and is recognised as one of Australia's premier bird painters. We then head home to **Victor Harbor**, completing a sensational 7 day tour. *(Breakfast in motel, lunch in Blyth)*

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather.*

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