



ARKABA

Wild Bush Luxury

Fact Sheet

Arkaba Address (postal)

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Location

Arkaba is located on the southern edge of South Australia's Flinders Ranges National Park and the remarkable bastions of Wilpena Pound. Arkaba is a 60,000 acre private wildlife conservancy, its craggy sandstone bluffs and dry creek beds lined with River Red Gums are a quintessential Australian scene, while the geological amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound lies on the northern boundary of the property. Arkaba is about 425km north of central Adelaide and about 130km from Port Augusta.

Access to the property

By Air: Flights to Adelaide from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cairns, Alice Springs, Darwin & Perth. There are international flights from Singapore, Fiji, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong & Bali.

Private charter flights to Arkaba can depart from Adelaide or Kangaroo Island. In Adelaide they leave from the General Aviation area of Adelaide Airport which is directly across from the Main Terminal. On Kangaroo Island flights can depart from Kingscote Airport or Vivonne Bay depending on where guests are staying. From Adelaide the flight is approximately 60 minutes. From Kangaroo Island the flight is approximately 90 minutes.

The charter flight takes you over the wine country of the Clare Valley and the Mid-North district before landing at Hawker Airstrip, it is then a 20 minute transfer by road to Arkaba (this road transfer is included our rates).



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Hawker Airstrip is a tarmac runway so most aircraft can access this site. The aircraft that we use is a Cirrus (single engine) which can carry up to 2 passengers or a PC12 which is a single engine turbine aircraft and has the capacity to carry 10.

By Road: Arkaba is a 5-6 hour direct drive from Adelaide via Port Augusta or the Clare Valley on a sealed tarmac road. The drive from Port Augusta is about 90 minutes.

When to go/Climate

The climate in the Southern Outback is generally dry and sunny year round. Over the summer months from December to February/March it can get very hot during the days and quite warm in the evenings. In winter months from June to August the days are pleasant with nights getting cold, often dropping below 0°C.

June to August

Nights are cold and the days are warm, dry and generally cloudless with some spectacular sunrises and sunsets. It can sometimes be wet and windy if we get good winter rains.

September to November

Both the days and nights start to warm up and again the days are generally cloudless. Wildflowers start to bloom and continue doing so until the end of October.

* Note in July/August temperatures at night will usually drop to below 0°C

March to May

This is the time of year where the evening temperatures begin cool but the days remain relatively warm.

December to February

This is the hottest time to be in the Southern Outback with temperatures reaching up to 40°C during the day.

We suggest that you check with the Bureau of Meteorology closer to your time of travel for current weather conditions <http://www.bom.gov.au/> Search for the town of Hawker which will give the most accurate conditions for our location.

Opening and closing

Arkaba is open year round

Check in and Check out

- Check in to your guestroom is from 2pm
- Check out from your guestroom is 11am

Accommodation - 'Wild Bush Luxury'

The Arkaba Homestead, dating back to 1856, is a classic Flinders Ranges building, with thick stone walls, deep shady verandahs and corrugated roofing all set against the backdrop of the rugged Elder Range. Four traditional style bedrooms are located in the homestead, each with an en suite bathroom and access to the verandah for relaxing in the heat of day.

The Coachman's Cottage in the corner of the garden provides a fifth guest room with en suite bathroom. The homestead looks out onto the geologically and culturally significant Elder Range, which glows pink with the first rays of sun every morning, and the Arkaba Creek lined with River Red Gums alive with the chatter of hundreds of Galahs each morning.

Rooms



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The rooms are air conditioned and have been designed with the homestead's heritage in mind, a mix of king and twin beds have premium mattresses, organic cotton sheets and a choice of pillows to ensure a great night's sleep. With no telephones, televisions, minibars or the typical features of a hotel room to distract, the focus is on the experience and one of the most beautiful properties in Australia. Hair dryers are available on request.

Lodge Building

A comfortable library with deep armchairs and a large stone fireplace provides some seclusion for enjoying a quiet drink and a good book, while dinner is hosted on the terrace overlooking the garden and ranges beyond. A 10m pool overlooks the Arkaba Creek and provides areas for relaxing in the midday heat of the summer months. An open bar with a selection of beverages is available to guests and the resident chef provides traditional station cuisine with some contemporary and native elements to jazz it up. Before dinner, guests can choose their wines from a cellar of premium South Australian wines or allow the chef to match with the three-course dinner.

Dining

Breakfast times vary depending on whether there is an early morning activity in which case a continental breakfast is provided before heading out on safari. Snacks and drinks are also taken out on safaris. The evening starts with canapés followed by a three course dinner at approximately 7:30 every evening and dinner is hosted by the lodge manager or one of the guides. Food is based on contemporary Australian cuisine with a hint of native produce. A select open bar (wines, beers, selected spirits and soft drinks) is included in the tariff and this is generally accessed on a self-service basis.

Children

The property is suitable for children 8 years and up.

Communication

Please note that there is no mobile coverage available at Arkaba. In case of an emergency family or friends will be able to contact you on the Arkaba telephone number +61 (0)8 8648-4195. Please note that this phone is not attended 24 hours.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted at the Homestead, this includes the Coach House, undercover dining area and verandahs off the guest rooms, as they connect to other guest rooms and smoke may enter these rooms. Smoking is only permitted out the back of the homestead near the outdoor dining area, at the fire pit and on the verandah of the Coach House. Ashtrays are provided at these locations. Smoking is not allowed on any tour activities.

Dress Code

Smart casual dress code according to your wishes and very much in line with staying with friends in the country.

What to bring

- In summer months light clothing is more suitable in the day time. Long sleeves will offer better protection against the sun.
- Warm clothing for the winter months including a hat, scarf, gloves and thick coat (May – August). Note: in mid-winter, the nights and early mornings can be very cold.
- A wide brimmed hat
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent
- Light walking boots or trainers for bush walks

Homestead Facilities

- Swimming pool
- Reference library
- Homestead boutique
- Equipment (flip charts and overhead projector) for meetings. Seating and table space is available for meetings of up to 12 people.
- Bar.

Power

Whilst the hot water is solar powered, the rest of the property is on the local power grid. Australia operates on 240V and uses a 2 or 3-pin plug.



Activities

Activities focus on early morning and late afternoon when the wildlife and the light are at their best. During a 2 night stay at Arkaba a guest would expect to participate in a number of included activities such as: wildlife viewing, bushwalking, photography, safari drives, visiting ancient aboriginal sites or just soaking up the sights and sounds of the bush. Enjoy bush picnics underneath magnificent River Red gums, track native wildlife, learn the stories of early European settlement or take a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound.

Wilpena Pound

A short scenic flight is an easy trip from the property to see Wilpena Pound from the air. The scenic flight is approximately 30 minutes and flies over Arkaba, the Elder Range and Wilpena Pound. Bookings can be made prior to your arrival or during your stay.

Average length of stay

The inclusive activities on the property are designed around a three night stay. The minimum stay is two nights. A three night stay will allow time to sit back and relax in and around the homestead or explore further afield in the Flinders Ranges National Park.

Laundry

Please note that there is no laundry service available at Arkaba.

Deposits and Payments

Full payment must be made 60 days prior to guests' arrival. For bookings made within 60 days, payment must be made within 48 hours of booking.

Peak season deposit policy – ALL bookings over the Christmas / New Year (22 December – 6 January) and Easter periods (28 March – 02 April) must be secured with a non-refundable deposit of 1 night's accommodation within 7 days of reservation.



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Cancellation Policy

As a small property, our business depends on maximising occupancy and cancellations often result in empty rooms due to booking lead times. For cancellations the following penalties apply;

- Within 60 days prior to arrival will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee
- Within 30 days prior to arrival all monies will be forfeited
- No refunds will be given in the event of non-arrival, any unused services or unused nights due to flight / weather disruption
- We strongly recommend guests protect themselves with travel insurance.

Please Note: Cancellations must be advised in writing, facsimile or email and will take effect from the date they are received in our Sydney Reservations Office (see below).

Rates may be increased due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g. fuel costs and National Park Fees or increased rates by third party operators). You will be notified of this in writing.