

KANGAROO ISLAND MEMBERS TOUR 2022

An adventure to explore the amazing habitat restoration work and wildlife projects on Kangaroo Island!

GUEST INFORMATION

Guests should note that this trip includes:

- Road and ocean transfers
- Some lengthy drives and
- Requires a reasonable level of fitness.

The trip is subject to any COVID restrictions imposed on us by the government and health authorities.

Our trip is also subject to weather and road conditions and our itinerary may need to vary to allow for this.

Please note there are no tag along options for this tour.

When is the trip?

We will be leaving early Monday morning on the 21st of March and returning late afternoon on Saturday 26th of March 2022.

How do I secure a spot on the tour?

Places are strictly limited. We will consider all the applications and if there are more applications than places, we will put your name on our wait list.

Once your place is secured you will be notified and sent a payment form – payment can be made by credit card, cheque, EFT transfer by 4th February 2022.

Further information about the tour, collection points and arrangements will be provided closer to the departure date.

How will we be travelling?

Nature Foundation will be using a fleet of comfortable 4WDs for the trip and each vehicle will have a driver/leader being one of our Staff or experienced Rotational Managers and a maximum of three guests.

Who will I be travelling with?

All guests will be allocated to an initial vehicle for your collection at the start of the tour and for your drop off at the end of the tour. This is the vehicle your luggage will always be loaded into for collection, transfers and return from the tour (this ensures we can check our gear before departure).

We will be inviting guests to swap vehicles at our stops and each new day to ensure that everyone gets a chance to spend time with our leaders and other guests. Please take your day packs/handbags/cameras/water bottles with you when you change vehicles.



How many people are going?

Numbers are strictly limited. There will be a maximum of 15 guests, so including our leaders we will number a maximum of 20 people. At times we will be joined by our hosts on Kangaroo Island.

If I am travelling alone will I have to share a room?

Couples will share a room and we will do our best to provide private accommodation for solo travellers.

How long will the days be?

We aim to drive for a number of hours each day broken up with breaks, meals and activities for both our guests and our drivers to refresh. We will be leaving after breakfast each day and ensuring there is some down time before dinner each evening.

Along the way we will stop and explore some key 'sites' and 'sights' of the regions we pass through.

Please understand that we all have different interests so be patient at a spot or on an activity if it is not really your area of interest but there are others who are interested. We look forward to learning new things every day.

Where are we going?

Our plan is to leave Adelaide from a number of pick-up points and head to Cape Jervis. We will transfer to the ferry for our crossing to Kangaroo Island and head to our first accommodation for 3 nights at the Kangaroo Island Seafront Penneshaw. Our final 2 nights will be at the Seaside Inn Hotel in Kingscote.

Our days on Kangaroo Island will be spent visiting our partner conservation projects such as Cygnet Park Nature Reserve which we co-own, meet researchers and managers of the Glossy Black-cockatoo Recovery project, the KI Native Plant Nursery project, meet with our Seal Bay Sea Lion project team, explore Dudley Peninsula talking about the KI Feral Cat Eradication project, meet with the Echidna and Rosenberg Goanna researchers and more.

We will have breakfasts, picnic lunches and dinners at various cafes, hotels and restaurants.

Most of our mornings can be greeted by Yoga with Patrick, a walk or for those who prefer a little lie in before breakfast!

If time permits, we will also visit the Raptor Centre, climb Little Sahara dunes, take in Emu Beach and perhaps the lavender farm for a quick tour as well as Clifford's Honey Farm. Vivonne Bay, Dudley Peninsula lighthouse, Antechamber Bay, False Cape may also provide opportunities for us to explore. We will also be looking to see the recovery of areas from the devastating bushfires.

Our last day will see us wind our way back to Penneshaw to board the ferry as we head home for a well-deserved rest.

Do I have to do every drive and activity?

If you would like to have some down time and take a rest on any day you are welcome to do so. Please speak with the leaders. There will be options for walks or just to sit back and relax and take in the views. We will be catering to a variety of different abilities.

What is included?

- A 6-day, 5-night adventure on Kangaroo Island
- Small group 4WD travel with leaders
- Three nights at the Kangaroo Island Seafront Penneshaw
- Two nights at the Seaside Inn Hotel Kingscote
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday lunchtime to Saturday breakfast
- Accommodation will be shared for couples and where possible private for solo travellers

What is not included?

- Personal items
- Purchases
- Accommodation in house room charges (eg mini bar)
- Alcohol purchases
- Food snacks and drink items beyond our meal provisions
- Medical treatments that may be required
- Expenses incurred for withdrawing from the tour

What steps are in place to manage COVID recommendations and health precautions?

We will ask all guests to assist us with our need to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for all participants.

Hand gel and sanitising wipes will be in each vehicle for your use. Vehicle frequently touched areas will be sanitised regularly.

Please do not join the tour if you are showing any signs of illness.

If you become ill during the trip please advise the leaders immediately and we will seek medical advice to assist us with ensuring your wellbeing and that of the other guests.

We ask that all participants on the tour be double vaccinated and provide evidence of this.

Please follow coughing and sneezing etiquette at all times.

What is the Cancellation Policy?

We recommend guests consider their own personal needs and travel insurance options.

If we are required to cancel the trip Nature Foundation will try to reschedule the tour or, if this is not possible, refund the full payment.

If a guest cancels their place on the tour 10 days or more from departure and we can replace them with someone from the wait list, we will refund 100% of the fee. If this is not possible 50% only of the fee paid will be refunded. With less than 10 days' notice no refund will be possible unless we can replace the guest with someone on the wait list.

What should I bring?

- Your sense of adventure, curiosity, patience, humour and enthusiasm
- One suitcase (we will have plenty of space)
- Clothing that allows for a layered dressing so you can be warm for the chilly mornings and evenings and peel off during the warmer days
- Sensible walking shoes/hiking boots, hat, coat, waterproof clothing
- Personal items, toiletries, sunscreen, insect repellent, fly net and any medications
- Daypack for keeping your essentials with you in the vehicle and on our outings
- Camera if you enjoy photography
- Flashlight or head torch
- Walking poles if required

What is Nature Foundation involved in on Kangaroo Island?

Cygnets Park Sanctuary

Cygnets Park Sanctuary on Kangaroo Island is owned in equal one third shares by the Paton Family, the May-Johnson family and Nature Foundation.

In 2010 David and Penny Paton and Nature Foundation agreed to each purchase one third shares in Cygnets Park Sanctuary on Kangaroo Island.

The proprietors US couple Jack May and Hilary Johnson wished to sell two thirds of the property.

Cygnets Park is an outstanding example of revegetation, community involvement and creation of a refuge of an internationally iconic species, the Glossy Black-cockatoo. Nature Foundation has also managed the Glossy Black-cockatoo Recovery fund since the mid-1990s.

Cygnets Park was the subject of a very significant and cutting-edge revegetation effort. Seedlings were grown on-site, and community planting festivals established them. Survival was excellent.

- 500,000 direct seedlings
- 213 different species
- Significant commonwealth funds, and strong involvement from the then NRM Board.
- Hundreds of volunteer planters.
- The Kangaroo Island Planting Festival has been held annually since 2007, with thousands of seedlings representing 125 different species planted across more than 150 hectares of land (some of it Nature Foundation Land). In 2011, over 600 volunteers planted 120,000 seedlings on 53 hectares of land in under three days.
- The Cygnets Park property is now the largest stronghold for *Olearia microdisca*, boosting the local sub-population of this threatened species.

Property: 200 hectares

Location: 20km west of Kingscote, KI

Activities: Revegetation of threatened native species

Acquired: 2009



The Glossy Black-cockatoo Recovery Fund



Nature Foundation collects donations for the South Australian sub-species of the Glossy Black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus Lathamii halmaturinus*) which is now found only on Kangaroo Island where it is regarded as Endangered.

The loss of habitat, particularly of their primary food source – the cones of the Drooping Sheoak tree – has been the main factor in their decline. Also, feral bees, expanding populations of Brush tailed possums and other cockatoos such as galahs have taken over favoured nesting hollows.

On Kangaroo Island, the community along with Nature Foundation and the National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia, are working together in an effort to build up the population to a sustainable level by protecting remaining

habitat and by providing nest boxes.

Glossy Black-cockatoo pair at Cygnet Park, Eleanor Sobey

The Kangaroo Island Native Plant Nursery Fund

Nature Foundation accepts donations to assist the KI Native Plant Nursery to respond to the demand for habitat restoration and seedlings of KI provenance to be planted in fire-affected areas.

KI is home to many endemic plant species that are found nowhere else and native vegetation provides many important benefits. It provides habitat and food for native animals such as the KI kangaroo, koalas, Pygmy possums and Southern emu-wrens as well as many threatened and endangered species such as the KI echidna, KI dunnart, Rosenberg's goanna and the Glossy Black-cockatoo.



The Kangaroo Island Feral Cat Eradication Fund

Funds donated go to help reduce the predation on vulnerable and endangered native species on Kangaroo Island.



As part of the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy and Safe Havens initiative, Kangaroo Island has been identified as one of five large Australian islands that are proposed for the eradication of feral cats to save wildlife and prevent species extinctions.

The Dudley Peninsula on the eastern side of Kangaroo Island encompasses 371 km² and consists

of many Department for the Environment and Water (DEW) reserves, one town and adjacent hamlets, land for primary production and a substantial private conservation landholder contingent in the form of lifestyle blocks and wildlife trusts. The Dudley Peninsula contains habitat for 17 endemic sub-species and a number of threatened species, many of which are present or possibly present on the Dudley Peninsula.

Kangaroo Island provides habitat and food for native animals such as the Kangaroo Island dunnart (Endangered), Kangaroo Island echidna (Endangered), Southern brown bandicoot (Endangered) and the Hooded Plover (eastern) (Vulnerable). All of these are under threat from feral cat predation.

Sea Lion Campaign

We collect donations to assist Seal Bay operate a number of research projects into the decline of the population, pup mortality, preferred breeding locations and management. Nature Foundation has also provided grant funding to Researchers to conduct further research.

One of our 2020 grant recipients was Tanya Rosewarne who is focusing her Masters research on breeding locations and influences with recommendations for future management of these sites to minimise disturbance.



We look forward to sharing KI with you.

