

# Ediacaran Expedition

4 DAYS



ARKARoola | RIDGE TOP TOUR | BRACHINA GORGE | EDIACARA HILLS | PRAIRIE HOTEL

Board the Air Adventure *Outback Jet* bound for the ancient Flinders Ranges. In just two hours you will be at your first destination, The Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary to explore the renowned 'Ridge Top'.

Your next destination is the Western Flinders Ranges including the Ediacara Hills at Nilpena Station and Brachina Gorge. This trip is timed to coincide with the worlds leader in Ediacaran paleobiology, Professor Mary Droser's annual research trip. During your time here you will have one on one time with Mary and her vast knowledge of this globally significant region.

Join us for a journey back in time.

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The Ediacaran Hills, Nilpena Station

## Daily Itinerary

### DAY ONE: MELBOURNE - ARKAROOA

0800 depart Melbourne for Balcanoona airfield (possible refuel en route). Transfer through the ranges to the **Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary** your home for the night. This afternoon join the knowledgeable guides at Arkaroola for the Ridge Top Tour through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Flinders Ranges to Siller's Lookout. This evening, if skies are clear you will join a guided tour of the galaxy in the observatory.

### DAY TWO: ARKAROOA - BRACHINA GORGE - PARACHILNA

Following breakfast, return to your aircraft for the brief flight across the ranges, landing at Leigh Creek then a scenic drive to Parachilna. From here you will be guided by a geological expert (one of Mary Drover's team) who will interpret the so called 'corridor through time' as you pass through eons of sedimentary stone. Driving through Brachina Gorge is often likened to driving through a text book. There is also the odd Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby hiding in the caves. Once out on the western plains you will arrive at the stylish **Prairie Hotel**, your home for the next two nights and a destination within itself.

### DAY THREE: EDIACARAN HILLS, NILPENA STATION

Today you will be guided by owner of Nilpena Station and fourth generation grazier, Ross Fargher. Ross was the one who located the current site of Ediacaran fossils. This trip is timed to coincide with the annual visit of Professor Mary Droser - the world's leader in research into the Ediacaran fossils. While on site you will be able to tap into Mary's vast knowledge as well as assist in identifying new finds. Mary will also deliver a presentation highlighting her life's work.

### DAY FOUR: EDIACARAN HILLS - MELBOURNE

Following another great morning in the field with Mary Droser, lunch at the Prairie Hotel and then a scenic drive back up through Parachilna Gorge, you will reunite with the *Outback Jet* for the flight back to Melbourne, with a scenic orbit of the impressive Wilpena Pound on the way. Returning to Melbourne by approx. 1730



Tour departs: 6 July 2021  
Cost: \$4,250 per person, twin share and all inclusive  
For single accommodation please add \$350 per person.

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