

## ROSS GARDEN TOURS

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA & KANGAROO ISLAND

5 - 14 NOVEMBER 2020

#### ITINERARY

*Explore South Australia and the coastal wilderness of Kangaroo Island. Gardens at their peak, roses mingled with iris and other favourites in the Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills. Natural wonders of Admirals Arch and the Remarkables at Flinders Chase National Park.*

#### DAY 1 Thu 5 Nov

##### Home to Barossa Valley

Meet your Ross Tour Leader at Sydney Domestic Airport or join us at Adelaide Airport, 12pm. We're heading to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's most iconic wine destinations with many vineyards boasting beautiful gardens. Our first stop is Lyndoch Hill, a lovely estate with a jewel of a rose garden. With over 30,00 roses produced by world famous growers, this internationally acclaimed collection will amaze you! Stroll through the Queens Garden, opened by Queen Elizabeth in 2002 and visit Lyndoch's beautiful art and antique gallery. Check into our hotel, the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort where you'll enjoy two nights at this lovely retreat nestled among the vines. Your Welcome Dinner tonight reflects the unique terroirs of the Barossa and its extraordinary seasonal produce.

**Accom: Novotel Resort, Barossa Valley**

#### DAY 2 Fri 6 Nov

##### Anlaby Station

A day exploring the Barossa! This pretty valley has a fascinating German heritage dating back to 1842. It's the physical remnants of colonisation that give the Barossa Valley its charm and its character with Gothic church steeples and stone cottages. Our first garden is the wonderful Al-Ru Farm at One Tree Hill. Irrepressible Ruth Irvine is a clever and passionate gardener. Her garden is the most amazing exuberance of poppies, iris, perennials and her favourite roses. Walk through her wisteria arbour into a restrained formal white garden. It's lush and incredibly lovely. Enjoy morning tea here before setting off for a step back in time at Anlaby Station, the oldest Merino stud in South Australia. Established in 1839, this important pastoral estate once employed 14 gardeners! Today, the historically listed

garden is a work in progress. Our private tour visits the shade house, glasshouse, walled garden, rose garden and terraced lawns. Enjoy lunch here and soak up life on this fascinating property. On the way home, stop at Maggie Beer's iconic Farm Shop for some kitchen retail therapy!

**Accom: Novotel Resort, Barossa Valley**

#### DAY 3 Sat 7 Nov

##### Barossa Valley to Adelaide

We head to Gumeracha this morning to Ashgrove Iris Garden, a treat for those who love the magical combination of roses and iris. Owner Diane is a passionate iris collector and you will love strolling her gorgeous creation. Diane is also a baker and her famous scones are a special offering at morning tea!

Close by nestles 'The Cedars', the home for more than 50 years of the Heysen family. Our host will take us on a tour to discover the chalet style studio where Hans Heysen painted many of his famous landscapes. See the studio of Nora Heysen, daughter of Hans Heysen, the only one of the Heysen children to become an artist. The garden has been recreated with the roses, zinnias and many of the flowers that Heysen loved to paint. See the eucalypts, river red gums and white gums that Hans Heysen painted and that surround his home.

Free time for lunch in Hahndorf and to explore Australia's oldest surviving German village. Travel to Adelaide and check into the Pullman Hotel for 3 nights.

**Accommodation: Pullman Hotel, Adelaide**

#### DAY 4 Sun 8 Nov

##### Mt Barker

Hamlyn Cottage, the garden of ABC TV presenter Sophie Thomson, is our destination this morning. Here in the Adelaide Hills, Sophie has

made a remarkable garden around her restored 1847 stone cottage.

Sophie is passionate about the health benefits of gardening and nurturing her environment including her local feathered friends, while creating a beautiful, productive garden. Soak up her enthusiasm on this inspiring visit. Free time in Mt Barker for lunch. Historic Gawler Street offers an abundance of dining options from pubs, bakeries, cafes and restaurants - all interspersed with great little shops. No photos could ever fully capture the wonder and whimsy of Irene Pearce's 'Tickle Tank'. Every inch of space is filled with colour and form, mosaics and sculptures and careful planting to create one vignette after another. Carrick Hill is Australia's most intact twentieth-century heritage house museum and garden. A grand Tudor style house built in 1930 by Sir Edward Hayward, Carrick Hill was bequeathed to the people of South Australia and hosts exquisite private collections of two perceptive art connoisseurs, Ursula and Bill Hayward. Roses play a large part in this historic garden with formal rose beds, and three separate rose gardens, one for Old Garden Roses, one for modern Hybrid Teas and the third is devoted to Alister Clark roses. Enjoy afternoon tea in these lovely surroundings then head back into Adelaide for a free evening.

**Accommodation: Pullman Hotel, Adelaide**

#### DAY 5 Mon 9 Nov

##### Adelaide

The Gamble Garden is an important example of a working class garden surviving from the early years of the 20th century. Cottage gardens are far more subject to changes made by successive owners than are larger gardens which tend to remain as they were when first laid out. This means that very few examples of cottage gardens have survived unchanged: the

Gamble cottage garden is one such example. Take a tour with the dedicated volunteers who keep this garden thriving. Next we head to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Opened in 1857, this historic botanical garden features stunning architecture including the Bicentennial Conservatory and Amazon Water Pavilion. Take time out to walk through the National Rose Trial Garden, which will be in full bloom during our visit.

**Accommodation: Pullman Hotel, Adelaide**

**DAY 6 Tue 10 Nov  
Adelaide to Kangaroo Island**

This morning is the start of our island adventure! Head south to Cape Jervis and take the Sealink ferry across to Kangaroo Island. Arrive in the pretty country town of Penneshaw on the Dudley Peninsula. Soak up spectacular views of the mainland as you enjoy lunch at Dudley Wines. Kangaroo Island is an unspoiled refuge, internationally famous for its pristine wilderness and wildlife. Kangaroos and Tammar wallabies wander across the island. Echidnas and goannas scuttle in the undergrowth and koalas doze in the trees. Spend the afternoon sightseeing throughout the beautiful regions of Cape Willoughby and American Bay. Check into the Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge.

**Accom: Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge**

**DAY 7 Wed 11 Nov  
Kangaroo Island**

Begin the day at Seal Bay with incredible views of the extraordinary coastline and sea lion colony. This is

the only place in the world where you can see these Australian sea lions at close quarters. You'll be given unique insights into how these endangered animals fish, surf, rest, interact with their pups and defend their territory. Lunch included today at Seal Bay Cafe. This afternoon visit a bush garden at Stokes Bay full of tough hardy indigenous plantings. With a unique collection of Kangaroo Island and Australian plants, the garden offers over 150 Kangaroo Island species, 16 endemic plants, different Banksias, Dryandras, Grevilleas and native Orchids. Stop in at Frogs & Roses Nursery and Cafe where you can stroll the beautiful garden or relax at the cafe. Check into our hotel, Aurora Ozone, for 2 nights overlooking Nepean Bay at Kingscote.

**Accommodation: Aurora Ozone Hotel, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island**

**DAY 8 Thu 12 Nov  
Flinders Chase National Park**

This morning visit the Island Beehive and learn about this thriving organic honey producer. Try some of their famous Kangaroo Island honeycomb ice cream! Refreshed, we cross the island to reach the rugged wilderness of the iconic Flinders Chase National Park. Lunch is included at the Chase Cafe. Spend the afternoon exploring the stunning coastal park. The spectacular Admirals Arch and wind-sculpted Remarkable Rocks are just two of the outstanding landmarks you see on this very special scenic day.

**Accommodation: Aurora Ozone Hotel, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island**

**DAY 9 Fri 13 Nov  
Kangaroo Island to McLaren Vale**

Say goodbye to Kangaroo Island as we head back to the ferry and return to Victor Harbour on the mainland this morning. Clear turquoise waters and stunning views have made this town a popular coastal destination for generations of South Australians. This afternoon we head to Australia's oldest rose specialist nursery - Ross Roses (no relation!). Here Andrew Ross takes us on a private tour of his family's display rose gardens, showing us the recent renovations and the latest trials. Our last night together is in the beautiful wine region of the McLaren Vale. Set amongst a tranquil lake, gorgeous vines and 200 year old gum trees, is our hotel and it's here in this lovely setting we share a final dinner together.

**Accommodation: Serafino Hotel, McLaren Vale**

**DAY 10 Sat 14 Nov  
Adelaide to Home**

This morning take time to relax in this stunning setting before departing for Adelaide. In the city, there's time to explore the Adelaide Central Market. This famous market is one of the largest fresh produce markets in Australia and a mecca for foodies, so grab your shopping tote and stock up on goodies to take home! Say farewell to South Australia as we depart on our flights home.

**DETAILS**

- Tour escorted by Libby Cameron
- Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout tour
- Deluxe accommodation for 9 nights
- Breakfast daily
- 4 Lunches
- 3 Dinners
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Lyndoch Hill

Rose Garden, Al-Ru Farm, Anlaby Station, Ashgrove Iris Garden, Hans Heysen - The Cedars, Hamlyn Cottage, Tickle Tank Garden, Gamble Cottage, Carrick Hill, Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Stokes Bay Bush Garden, Frogs and Roses Nursery, Ross Roses

**PRICE**

- Twin Share land only \$4,395 pp
- Twin Share inc airfare \$4,795 pp
- Single Supplement \$995

All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.

**DISCOUNTS**

- Earlybird \$150 - Pay by 8/7/20
- Previous Traveller \$100
- Garden Clinic Member \$50

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