

## Kangaroo Island Photography Adventure

with Tony Hewitt and Alex Cearnis

### Tour Itinerary

**Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights

**Dates:** Monday 19th October to Saturday 24 October 2020

Kangaroo Island is one of the most spectacular places on the planet and is a photographer's paradise. Located 16 km off the coast of South Australia, it's Australia's third largest island. Famous for its rugged landscapes, magnificent coastline, nature reserves, and pristine beaches, Kangaroo Island offers unlimited prospects for breathtaking photography.

The remarkable beauty of Kangaroo Island's scenery is every bit as astounding as the wildlife you'll encounter along the way. Thanks to its isolation, the island has avoided introduced species, so healthy, flourishing populations of Australian native animals are safeguarded by huge national parks and protected from rabbits and foxes, the mainland's biggest pests. Wallabies, echidnas, goannas, possums, platypus, koalas, bandicoots and kangaroos roam free in their natural habitat together with around 260 species of birds. Skirting the coastline are fur seals, sea lions, migrating whales and bottlenose dolphins to name a few.

Join celebrated landscape photographer and AIPP Grand Master Tony Hewitt and acclaimed wildlife photographer Alex Cearnis for this 6 day/5 night tour of Kangaroo Island's spectacular natural beauty. Tony and Alex will ensure you have exceptional access to extraordinary photographic opportunities and provide expert photographic tuition to assist you in capturing vibrant landscape and wildlife images that create lifelong memories. The tour is designed for nature photographers of all levels and experience.



## **Day One: Monday 19 October 2020**

Today we meet at 7:15am at the front entrance of the Hilton Hotel Adelaide to board our private coach to Cape Jervis. On arrival at Cape Jervis we board the Kangaroo Island Ferry for a 60-minute crossing to the charming seaside town of Penneshaw. After a short stroll around the village, we'll have lunch at the 106 year old Penneshaw Hotel. Renowned for its commanding, uninterrupted ocean views with possible sightings of dolphins and fur seals, the hotel boasts a menu that focuses on fresh, local produce.

After lunch we take a scenic drive in our private charter bus to the opposite end of the island and to the remote Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat (KIWR), our accommodation for three nights. KIWR is nestled amongst 113 acres of pristine forest wilderness and adjacent to Flinders Chase National Park. Many native birds and wildlife often frequent the grounds and are most active at dusk and dawn. Once we are settled in, we can take the time to get to know each other over a relaxed dinner.

## **Day Two: Tuesday 20 October 2020**

It will be an early start this morning as we board our 4WD touring vehicles and head to magnificent Admirals Arch in Flinders Chase National Park for our first sunrise photoshoot of the tour. One of Kangaroo Island's most impressive and unusual natural rock formations, Admirals Arch was created by weathering and erosion over thousands of years by the powerful Southern Ocean. The Admirals Arch viewing platform is an ideal vantage point to observe a large New Zealand fur seal colony that has established itself among the rocks. The seals feed at sea but return to land to rest and breed. Their pups are often seen playing near the rock pools beneath the arch. Nearby is the Cape du Couedic Lighthouse and boardwalk, which is nearly as scenic as the landmark itself.

Breakfast will be served at Grassdale (part of the Kelly Hill Conservation Park) where a mob of local kangaroos reside. Then for more iconic Aussie animals, we drive to Hansen Bay Sanctuary to search the trees for the local Koalas.

Next we're off to pristine Vivonne Bay, considered the best beach in all of Australia after being evaluated by Sydney University on aspects such as clear water, cleanliness and privacy. Here we can explore and photograph the surrounding landscape, long sandy beach and jetty area.

Lunch is at Stokes Bay, a secluded beach lagoon protected from pounding surf by a natural barrier of rocks. In the afternoon we explore the area after our guide shows us through a natural stone tunnel, which emerges onto a hidden stretch of soft white sand, with calm, clear water, framed by interesting rock formations. Once we have photographed the hidden beach and surrounds, we journey back to KIWR for free time before dinner together in the dining room.

### **Day Three: Wednesday 21 October 2020**

After breakfast we board our 4WD's and head to Seal Bay Conservation Park, home to Australia's third largest sea lion colony and one of the few sites on earth where you can sit and observe rare sea lions at close quarters. A national park guide will accompany us as we walk down to the beach and spend around 45 minutes capturing the antics of juvenile and adult seals in the sand and surf. We'll then spend an hour photographing from the boardwalk where we can continue to spot seals sunbaking in the dunes.

Lunch is at Cape Borda on the north western corner of Kangaroo Island. Here, we'll view the uniquely square Cape Borda lighthouse, which was built in 1858 and is perched on soaring cliffs overlooking Investigator Strait.

After lunch we travel to Weirs Cove and the sculptured granite boulders known as Remarkable Rocks. This area of exquisite views, astonishing photographic vistas and aptly named rocks, was created over 500 million years by rain, wind and pounding waves. Many of the boulders are covered by golden orange lichen and comprise black mica, bluish quartz and pinkish feldspar. The wooden boardwalk leading to Remarkable Rocks provides an ideal vantage point to see surrounding bays and the Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse from afar. The equally photogenic Casuarina Islets are also easily seen from Remarkable Rocks.

Once the sun dips we'll head back to KIWR for dinner.

### **Day Four: Thursday 22 October 2020**

Today starts at 8:30am for breakfast then we checkout of KIWR at 10am with our luggage.

Our first destination of the day is Sue's Farm, a private sheep farm and home to native wildlife, where we'll have several options for photography: the shearing shed, farm scenery, farm animals, and hopefully koalas. Lunch will be served on the stunning upper deck. In the afternoon we'll drive to YMCA corner to spot kangaroos and peruse a glorious stretch of coast line, before heading to Muston Heights in Kangaroo Island's most protected harbour. Known locally as 'The River', Kangaroo Island's American River region includes the Pelican Lagoon, a protected Aquatic Reserve thanks to its natural fish nursery.

At around 6:15pm we arrive at Wanderers Rest, a seaside country guest house set high on a hillside with awe-inspiring views to the distant mainland, over the Eastern Cove and to the American River Channel that leads to the bay. Our home for the next two nights, Wanderers Rest has a casual yet sophisticated ambience and natural charm. On arrival we will check in, unpack and have dinner.

### **Day Five: Friday 23 October 2020**

After a relaxed breakfast today we leave at around 10am to visit the Cape Hart Conservation Park, where we can photograph magnificent coastal cliff scenery and New Zealand fur seals. En-route we'll keep our eyes peeled for wildlife, including Western Grey kangaroos, Tamar wallabies, possums, echidnas and goannas, as well as many native bird species, like the soaring wedge tailed and sea eagles. We'll then travel to Cape Willoughby Light House, the oldest lighthouse in South Australia, followed by a stop at Windmill Bay, a 100 metre long, large boulder beach, which usually has a heavy surf.

We are then invited to lunch at the private farm residence of Kate and Andy Gilfillan in Creek Bay, which has stunning views out to mainland Australia. After lunch we'll have time to walk via their private access to the 2.3km long stretch of sand on the beautiful shoreline of Red House Bay, where it is also possible to wade across the mouth of Chapman's River at low tide. Then it's back to Wanderers Rest for our final evening meal and to pack for our departure the next day.

### **Day Six: Saturday 24 October 2020**

We depart Wanderers Rest by 4WD at around 9:30am and head back to Penneshaw to catch the 10:30am ferry to Cape Jervis where we meet our coach. On arrival back in Adelaide, we will be delivered to the Hilton Hotel, where our tour ends at approximately 1:30pm.

### **Tour Inclusions**

- Return transfers via coach and ferry from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island
- 4WD transport with guide/driver on Kangaroo Island
- Sightseeing, activities, accommodation
- All meals including breakfasts, gourmet lunches and three course dinners. Beautiful fresh, local produce is used as much as possible and we will endeavour to meet all dietary requirements: vegan, vegetarian, gluten free etc.
- Sumptuous morning teas including fresh plunger coffee, tea and homemade biscuits
- On hand photography tuition and guidance from Tony Hewitt and Alex Cearns
- Entry fees to National Parks

### **Tour Exclusions**

- Refreshments purchased at KIWR, Wanderers Rest and hotels
- Travel Insurance (proof of insurance required 8 weeks prior to tour commencing)
- Airfares to and from Adelaide
- Accommodation in Adelaide
- Transfer or transport to the Adelaide Hilton Hotel where we meet for the start of tour

## Pricing

- Price per person twin share is \$5995
- \$1995 deposit is required at the time of booking to secure your place
- Balance is due in full by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Cost of a single supplement is an additional \$790

### Early Bird pricing

- The early bird price per person twin share is \$5495
- \$1995 deposit required at time of booking to secure your place
- Balance must be received in full before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to receive the early bird price
- Cost of a single supplement is an additional \$790

Payment can be made via credit card or funds transfer.

## Conditions of Travel

- IslandLIGHT reserves the right to change or substitute itinerary routes, transport vehicles, staff, accommodation and or activities wherever necessary.
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## Cancellations

\$500 of deposit paid is non-refundable but can be transferred to future tours.

If cancellation takes place more than 70 days prior to departure date, tour payment will be refunded minus the \$500 non-refundable deposit.

If cancellation takes place between 70 and 35 days prior to departure date 50% of the tour price will be forfeited.

If cancellation takes place less than 35 days prior to departure date, or in case of "no-shows", 100% of the tour price will be forfeited.

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