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Kangaroo Island

4-day birding & wildlife tour

22 - 26 Sep 2025

Just off the Adelaide, SA coast, Kangaroo Island harbours a unique, diverse wildlife, specialised birds, striking scenery (including remarkable granite formations) and vast tracts of wilderness, protected in many reserves. The dawn chorus at sunrise is something to behold, and walking through the bush is rewarded with a delight of sounds and images from a huge variety of different bird species. Spectacular coastlines harbor an amazing variety of birds and wildlife.

Well-known for its wildlife, Kangaroo Island is home to "Kangaroo Island Kangaroos", tammar wallabies, echidnas, brush-tailed possums, bottle-nosed dolphins, Australian sea-

lions, Australian and New-Zealand Fur Seals and many of the 250 birds listed for the island can be seen year round in their natural habitats during our guided tour. Key birds include the endangered Glossy Black Cockatoo, colonies of Short-tailed Shearwaters, Hooded Plover, Cape Barren Goose, Rock Parrot, the elusive Western Whipbird and the cute Fairy Penguin as well as many sea and land birds.

This all-inclusive guided tour departs from and returns to Adelaide, SA. You will stay on the island and take daily trips out exploring its natural wonders, fascinating habitats, prolific birds and varied wildlife.

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, South Australia

Scheduled departure & return dates:

- 22 – 26 September 2025
- Any other time as a private tour

Price: AU\$3,199 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: David Kowalick

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

<http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports>

Questions? Contact BELLBIRD BIRDING TOURS :

- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
- email birds@bellbirdtours.com

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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, SA

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with a pickup from your hotel (own arrangements) in Adelaide after breakfast in the morning of 22 September 2025. Tour finishes with breakfast on 26 Sep 2025. Please depart on or after 26 Sep. or join our subsequent 6-day Highlights of SA tour which begins that same morning. Itinerary contains further details.

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Difficulty: Low/~~Medium~~/High/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors if you're an international guest, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 3, maximum 9 participants.

Bookings: Online at <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> or please complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

Cost: AU\$3,199 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$480. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Early bird discount of \$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply. Check our website for discounts T&C's.

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ITINERARY

Day 0: 21 Sep '25 Please arrive in Adelaide today, in preparation for an early departure tomorrow morning. Transport, meals and accommodation are your own responsibility today. Tomorrow we will pick you up from your accommodation in the city centre early in the morning. If you're staying elsewhere, please contact us to arrange a central meeting location.

Day 1: 22 Sep '25 After breakfast you'll be picked up from your hotel and we will travel down the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula, stopping along the way to look at some of the mainland birds such as Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Adelaide Rosella and various waterbirds. At the end of the peninsula we will reach Cape Jervis, the departure point for the Kangaroo Island ferry. The ferry takes about 45 minutes to cross and we may see ocean birds such as Australian Gannet and up to three species of Shearwater during the crossing. After arrival on the island we will have lunch as we travel to our accommodation scenically located at the bay of American River where will be staying for two nights in quality ensuite rooms at the Mercure Kangaroo Island lodge, surrounded by lush bushland. Once settled in we can head out birding for the rest of the day. The bay across from the lodge often has Black-tailed Native Hens, Latham's Snipe and a host of other bush birds. In the evening spotlighting in and around the park can be very rewarding with an amazing range of nocturnal animals such as Tamar Wallabies, Koalas and Brown Bandicoots which can all be commonly encountered here

Overnight: **Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge** (en-suite room, meals included: L, D).

Day 2: 23 Sep '25 Today we'll explore the various National Parks which cover many parts of the island. Kangaroo Island offers easy viewing of the rare Cape Barren Goose and it is also famous for its abundant Koalas and Kangaroo Island Grey Kangaroos (the kangaroo from which the island gets its name). We may also see the Short-beaked Echidna as it forages for ants and termites. First thing in the morning we'll head down to the south coast in the hope of spying the hard-to-see White-bellied Whipbird and Southern Emu-wren. The coastal scenery here is spectacular and is home to a colony of New Zealand Fur Seals at Cape du Couedic where we'll also find the magnificent Admiral's Arch, a spectacular coastal grotto. We'll allow plenty of time to photograph the various rock formations at Remarkable Rocks and Admiral's Arch while we search the surrounding bush for Crescent, Tawny-crowned and Purple-gaped Honeyeaters. We'll head back to the visitor centre for lunch and then visit the seal colony at Seal Bay. Next, we're off to the north coast where we hope to see breeding Hooded Plovers on the beach and have our first chance to see the endangered Glossy Black-Cockatoo. Biologists and local landholders have taken steps to



Glossy Black Cockatoo, KI Kangaroo,
Scarlet Robin, Banded Stilt
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expand the breeding opportunities of this species and its population is slowly growing. Back to American River for another chance of seeing the Glossy Black Cockatoo along with waders, waterbirds, the elusive Nankeen Night-heron and bush birds such as the Beautiful Firetail. We'll have dinner in Penneshaw before visiting the Penguin Centre after sunset for the chance of seeing breeding Little Penguins on a guided tour of their colony. Overnight: **Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge** (en-suite room, meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3: 24 Sep '25 If required, we'll have another search for the Glossy Black Cockatoo or any other birds we may still need before checking out of our accommodation and heading back toward Kingscote. We'll look for breeding Eastern Ospreys before heading to Penneshaw to take the ferry back to the mainland. We'll keep an eye out for Short-tailed Shearwaters and Australian Gannets that may be foraging above the ocean. Not far from here is the estuary of Australia's largest river, the Murray, and we'll skirt around this huge lagoon checking out various sites en-route. One of these sites is Tolderol Reserve which is one of South Australia's best kept birding secrets. A series of small lagoons with varying water levels harbor an amazing variety of water-dependent bird species, including Caspian and Whiskered Tern, numerous migratory waders – Sharp-tailed Sandpiper is common, there are usually a few Pectoral Sandpipers around, and more often than not, some rarity turns up here. Ducks, swans, grebes, herons, egrets and the rare, elusive Australian Bittern also live here. One of the cutest 'little brown jobs' is the Golden-headed Cisticola and with luck we'll see a few of these little gems. At the end of the day we arrive in Meningie, on the far eastern end of the estuary, at the start of the longest salt lagoon in the world: the Coorong National Park. Overnight: **Lakeview Motel, Meningie** (en-suite room, meals included: B, L, D).

Day 4: 25 Sep '25 This morning we'll head into the Coorong National Park to see the stunning coastal scenery – salt pans, tranquil lagoons, huge sand dunes – and looking for birds such as Purple-gaped Honeyeater, Southern Scrubrobin, the elusive and local specialty Rufous Bristlebird and who knows, with much luck a Malleefowl. Stopping on the way back to Adelaide in the scenic, lush Adelaide Hills we look for a variety of colourful parrots including the Adelaide Rosella, Scarlet Robin, Brown and White-throated Treecreeper, Owlet Nightjar on its daytime roost, White-winged Chough, many species of honeyeaters and with luck, the beautiful Diamond Firetail (finch). We arrive back in Adelaide sometime in the afternoon. After breakfast tomorrow (included) you'll need to make your own onward transport arrangements. Or why not continue on our SA Highlights tour? Read on below. Accommodation: **Hotel in Adelaide** (en-suite room, meals included: B, L, D).



Cape Barren Goose, Australian Pelican, Crimson Rosella, Fairy Penguin (c) P Waanders

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Pre- and post-tour options:

This tour links with our **Highlights of SA tour** commencing with dinner on **25 September 2025** in Adelaide. This exciting tour specifically concentrates on the many specialties of the southern regions of Australia, parts of the outback and the great inland rivers. An optional extension to Tasmania is also available. During the main tour we are likely to find over 250 species and experience an amazing variety of landscapes and habitats, including outback mountains and deserts, vast expanses of eucalypt scrubland at Birds Australia's Gluepot Reserve, wetlands and rivers including Australia's greatest river, the Murray, spectacular coastal areas including the famous Great Ocean Road and tall, dense eucalypt forests. Read more about it here: <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/tours/highlights-of-southern-australia/>

Price inclusions and exclusions:

Included: All meals commencing with lunch on Day 1 and finishing with breakfast the morning after Day 3, morning tea/coffee, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills; transfer to/from airport for KI flights; economy class flight from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island and return; accommodation in private en-suite rooms. Transport using comfortable and reliable vehicle, expert guiding, any entry fees, taxes.

Excluded: Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before lunch on Day 1 and after the last breakfast, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

Bookings: Please book online: <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> or complete the booking form in the back of this brochure. We can also arrange your flights, accommodation and insurance – please contact us for details.

Disclaimers: (1) itinerary may be modified slightly due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors; (2) until we've received your final payment, tour price may be subject to adjustment in the event of significant cost increases in ground arrangements. See the terms and conditions posted on our website.



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Possible species list

Emu	White-necked Heron	Wood Sandpiper
Australian Brush-turkey	Great Egret	Terek Sandpiper
Stubble Quail	Cattle Egret	Common Sandpiper
Brown Quail	Nankeen Night Heron	Ruddy Turnstone
Indian Peafowl	Australasian Bittern	Red Knot
Blue-billed Duck	Glossy Ibis	Sanderling
Musk Duck	Australian White Ibis	Red-necked Stint
Freckled Duck	Straw-necked Ibis	Pectoral Sandpiper
Black Swan	Royal Spoonbill	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Cape Barren Goose	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Curlew Sandpiper
Australian Shelduck	Osprey	Bush Stone-curlew
Australian Wood Duck	Black-shouldered Kite	Pied Oystercatcher
Pacific Black Duck	Black Kite	Sooty Oystercatcher
Australasian Shoveler	Whistling Kite	Black-winged Stilt
Grey Teal	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Banded Stilt
Chestnut Teal	Spotted Harrier	Red-necked Avocet
Pink-eared Duck	Swamp Harrier	Pacific Golden Plover
Hardhead	Brown Goshawk	Grey Plover
Australasian Grebe	Collared Sparrowhawk	Red-capped Plover
Hoary-headed Grebe	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Double-banded Plover
Great Crested Grebe	Little Eagle	Lesser Sand Plover
Little Penguin	Brown Falcon	Greater Sand Plover
Flesh-footed Shearwater	Australian Hobby	Black-fronted Dotterel
Short-tailed Shearwater	Black Falcon	Hooded Plover
Wandering Albatross	Peregrine Falcon	Red-kneed Dotterel
Royal Albatross	Nankeen Kestrel	Banded Lapwing
Black-browed Albatross	Buff-banded Rail	Masked Lapwing
Shy Albatross	Baillon's Crake	Great Skua
Grey-headed Albatross	Australian Spotted Crake	Pomarine Jaeger
Yellow-nosed Albatross	Spotless Crake	Arctic Jaeger
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Purple Swamphen	Pacific Gull
Australasian Gannet	Dusky Moorhen	Kelp Gull
Darter	Black-tailed Native-hen	Silver Gull
Little Pied Cormorant	Eurasian Coot	Gull-billed Tern
Black-faced Cormorant	Painted Button-quail	Caspian Tern
Pied Cormorant	Latham's Snipe	Crested Tern
Little Black Cormorant	Black-tailed Godwit	White-fronted Tern
Great Cormorant	Bar-tailed Godwit	Fairy Tern
Australian Pelican	Whimbrel	Whiskered Tern
White-faced Heron	Eastern Curlew	Rock Dove
Little Egret	Marsh Sandpiper	Spotted Turtle Dove
Eastern Reef Egret	Common Greenshank	Common Bronzewing

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Brush Bronzewing	New Holland Honeyeater
Crested Pigeon	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	Eastern Spinebill
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	White-fronted Chat
Gang-gang Cockatoo	Scarlet Robin
Galah	Flame Robin
Little Corella	Southern Scrubrobin
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Hooded Robin
Rainbow Lorikeet	Western Whipbird
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Rufous Bristlebird
Crimson Rosella	Golden Whistler
Elegant Parrot	Grey Shrike-thrush
Rock Parrot	Satin Flycatcher
Pallid Cuckoo	Restless Flycatcher
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Magpie-lark
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Grey Fantail
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	Willie Wagtail
Southern Boobook Owl	Black-faced Cuckooshrike
Barn Owl	Masked Woodswallow
Tawny Frogmouth	White-browed Woodswallow
Spotted Nightjar	Black-faced Woodswallow
Australian Owlet-nightjar	Dusky Woodswallow
White-throated Needletail	Australian Magpie
Fork-tailed Swift	White-winged Chough
Laughing Kookaburra	Grey Currawong
Sacred Kingfisher	Australian Raven
Rainbow Bee-eater	Little Raven
Superb Fairy-wren	Singing Bushlark
Southern Emu-wren	Skylark
Spotted Pardalote	Richard's Pipit
Striated Pardalote	House Sparrow
White-browed Scrubwren	Red-browed Finch
Shy Heathwren	Beautiful Firetail
Brown Thornbill	Diamond Firetail
Yellow Thornbill	European Goldfinch
Striated Thornbill	Welcome Swallow
Red Wattlebird	Tree Martin
Little Wattlebird	Fairy Martin
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	Australian Reed-Warbler
Singing Honeyeater	Little Grassbird
White-eared Honeyeater	Brown Songlark
Purple-gaped Honeyeater	Silvereye
White-plumed Honeyeater	Bassian Thrush
Brown-headed Honeyeater	Common Blackbird
White-naped Honeyeater	Common Starling
Crescent Honeyeater	

Steps to book this tour:

Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document)
- Read our [terms and conditions](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) and the [release of liability waiver](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) (both can be found on <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>).
- Read our [health & safety information](https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/) page (<https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/>)

Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings>.

Step 3: Pay the deposit

To secure your seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices). Payment options:

☐ *Domestic electronic funds transfer:* please send funds to the following bank account:

- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - Please use your *surname* as the booking reference.

☐ *Visa, Mastercard & Google Pay:* through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of ~3%, which we pass on to you. Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.

☐ *International electronic funds transfer:* please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU\$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:

- international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - If possible, please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
 - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
 - Please specify AU\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at *both* ends; if no such option exists, please add AU\$20 to cover the bank fee at the recipient's end.

Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/>.