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KANGAROO ISLAND TOUR

The Best of Kangaroo Island

Koalas, kangaroos, seals, dolphins, amazing birdlife, iconic rock formations, caves and beach sunsets - all on one spectacular island! Flying you from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island, we'll take you out on private boat charters to photograph and swim with dolphins and sea lions, mini-bus you to secret photo locations, get you underground in caves before opening hours and even onto sea lion beaches for perfect golden lighting after everyone else has had to leave! A luxury photo tour capturing the best of Australia with beautiful accommodation, mouthwatering seafood and world-class wine! No one else offers a photo tour like this!

Please check the [website](#) for up to date information on price, hosts, dates and inclusions.



Highlights

- Photograph and snorkel with wild dolphins and sea lions on two private boat charters out along Kangaroo Island's spectacular coastline!
- Seal Bay during evening lighting to photograph dozens of sea lions with our own ranger, after tourist hours.
- Close-up portraits of amazing birds such as wedge-tailed eagles, owls and falcons at a private free-flight bird show.
- Stalactites and light-painting in the amazing Kelly Hill Caves, with our own guide, before the cave opens.
- Gourmet picnic dinner at the famously sculpted Remarkable Rocks overlooking the ocean at sunset!
- The first rays of dawn spreading across the mist at Duck Lagoon with fantastic reflections, swans, and bird life.
- Wonderful seafood dinner of local oysters, prawns, crab and more with local Kangaroo Island wine.



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Want to brush up on your photography skills before we go?

The fastest way to get off 'Auto' and unlock the creative potential of your camera.

<http://www.chrisbrayphotography.com/courses/>

ITINERARY



Day 1: Adelaide to KI

Our smiling photo guides will meet you at Adelaide Airport and introduce you to each other, and in the afternoon, your flight (included, and already reserved) will streak up and away from Adelaide and have scarcely reached cruising altitude 15 min later when it'll begin the descent to Kangaroo Island, arriving in Kingscote! Luxury - especially compared to the slow, heaving car-ferry many others travel on! We'll jump into the tour mini bus and head to our jaw-dropping accommodation for the next two nights: [Island Beach Lodge](#). Words don't suffice – our very own private luxury modern mansion overlooking the ocean, nestled into the bushland! After you've settled in, we'll present a brief photography crash-course and then spend a pleasant evening getting to know each other, unwinding with some amazing local wine, cheese and biscuits before enjoying a gourmet seafood feast including fresh local prawns, oysters, squid etc. That should set the mood nicely, and also help you get to sleep ready for...



Day 2 : Lagoons & Dolphins

Once you've been brought to life with an early mug of coffee/tea, we're off to 'Duck Lagoon' for sunrise this morning, which is a real favourite location of ours. Likely chilly and misty at first, as dawn breaks this lagoon comes to life - black swans slide through the golden veils of sun-lit mist, blue fairy wrens flit from twig to twig, lorikeets, rosella and galah screech and chatter overhead, swallows swoop through the beams of light and if you look to the trees, you may even find yourself a lazy koala or two. We love it here, and you'll get some magical shots. There's even some little wooden bird hides along the shore. When we're done, we'll head back to our accommodation for breaky. Next up it's all aboard our privately booked boat from KI Marine Adventures but with a bit of a twist: We know the operator, and we've got a special photography trip planned, taking you to some stunning locations to see some sea lions (seals), various birds, and also out to hopefully find the resident pod of wild dolphins, which usually come right up and play with the boat - or your waterproof camera on a stick! Amazingly, you can even jump in and swim with them if you'd like! They just hang around, without ever being fed or bribed. It's an unforgettable experience, not to mention the photos!

While cold in the water, we'll revive you with hot drinks and lunch onboard before we head off in the minibus again, back to our Lodge for a tutorial on using Adobe Lightroom to keep your photos organized and tweaked to perfection. This afternoon we'll head out to the wonderfully remote Pennington Bay for our sunset shoot, where clambering around on the rocks here you can get some fantastic photos of the headlands, the movement of the waves and tufts of spinifex up close to add some depth to your landscape shots. When the light starts to fade, we'll drive back to the lodge and have a wonderful dinner and a good night's sleep, unless you want to stay up and try for some star-trail photos with us - I'll show you how.

Day 3: Raptors & Seals

We're up early this morning for a tasty breakfast at the lodge before packing our bags, checking out and heading on to Stokes Bay Bush Garden. Bursting with over 1,100 plant species, this amazing and unique collection of plants and flowers, spread over a three hectares, is a wonderful place to lose yourself with a macro lens, practice flash work, or try for one of the many visiting birds with a longer lens. After we've filled our memory cards with wildflowers, we'll head to Stokes Bay and slip through a crack in the rocks (literally) to reveal a concealed beach before eating a tasty lunch at the Rockpool café. It's not long before we're off in the minibus again, heading to the South side of the island now. 'Raptor Domain' is where we've scheduled a private free-flight bird showing, presenting you with some excellent opportunities to get some perfect bird portraits of species like wedge-tailed eagles that you'd never normally get close enough to see and admire, let alone photograph! After this it's down to 'Seal Bay' where we've organized another very special treat. After the beach has closed to the regular tourists (i.e just when the lighting starts to become perfect for photography!) we'll be escorted by our own park ranger down onto the sand, photographing up close and personal with dozens of sea lions at our leisure. Wonderful! Our accommodation for the next two nights are two houses next door to each other at the quaint beachside village of Vivonne Bay (voted best beach in Australia a few years ago based on the whiteness of it's sand, the clarity if the water etc). We'll unpack and unwind here before our tasty BBQ catered dinner.





Day 4: Caves, Koalas & Remarkable Rocks

It'll be an early start this morning when we all jump in the mini bus and drive 10mins down the road to 'Vivonne Bay wharf' to capture the local wharf in the morning light, reaching out into the blue water. It's a beautiful sunrise location!

After breakfast back at the house, we'll head down the road to the Kelly Hill Caves where we've negotiated special access with our own guide, to take us underground for an unhurried photography experience before the regular tour groups start filing through. We can take our time lighting up the impressive stalactites, turn off all the lights and do some cool light-painting effects in the pitch dark. Once back at the house in the late morning, we'll organize some one-on-one photo sessions - a chance to see how everyone's photos are looking, and provide some friendly feedback and ideas. Lunch is at Hanson Bay Cafe, and afterwards, we'll go for a stroll through the local Koala walk, where you're guaranteed to find some of the lazy grey bundles in the trees to photograph, sometimes quite close to ground level. The area is also alive with bird-life! Eventually we'll have to pull you way to head on to the Lighthouse in Flinders Chase National Park, pausing on the way at a special little spot we found where kangaroos and geese like to pose for photos. We'll also visit the famous rock formation 'Admirals Arch' for some silhouette shots. Keep an eye out amongst the rocks for some New Zealand Fur Seals too. When the light starts to spice up a little we'll head over to the iconic rock formation famously known as 'The Remarkables'! It really is quite remarkable, wandering in and around these immense and impossibly sculpted, balanced rocks overlooking the ocean. The photo opportunities are endless, and by the time the sunset colours paint the sky you'll have found your favourite spot and hopefully capture some truly remarkable photos! We'll have a catered picnic dinner here on the rock itself before heading home for a well earned sleep!



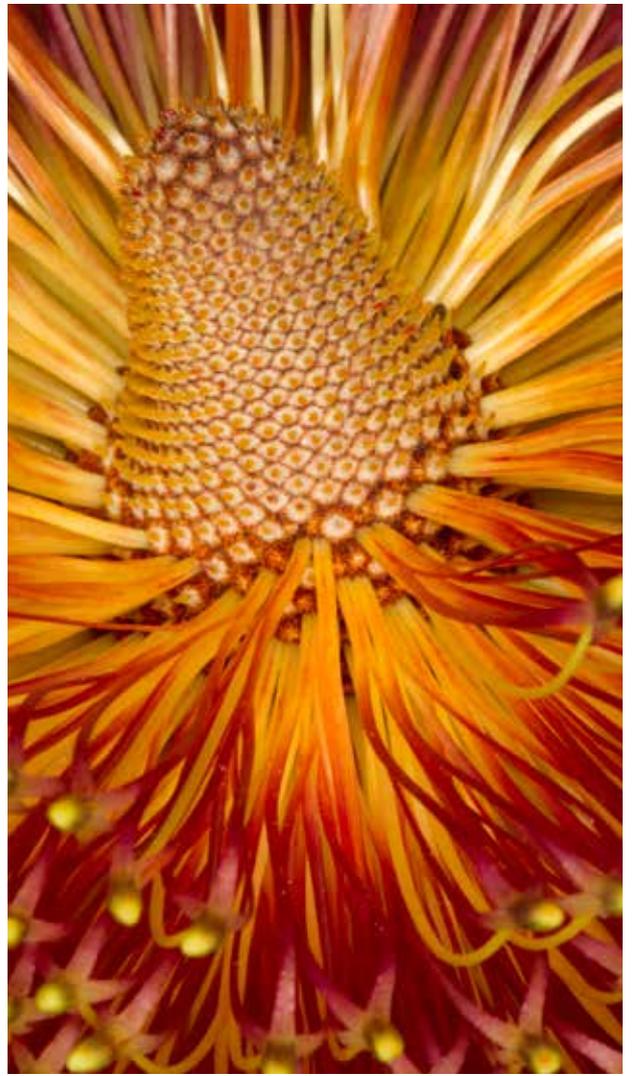
Day 5: North Coast Cruise

It's your call this morning – most of you will love the idea of a slightly slower start this morning, while some of you 'early birds' might love to venture out in the pre-dawn light to capture the sunset over the gorgeous Vivonne Bay, just down the road. We'll have another fantastic cooked breakfast before packing up and driving north, up to Emu Bay. The dolphin cruise earlier in the week is always such a memorable highlight for our guests, so today we've arranged another unique boat charter experience – this time along the incredible north coast to visit a sea lion colony! It's sure to be another highlight! This will be a beautiful day out on the water, keep an eye out for sea eagles, peregrine falcons and wedge-tailed eagles too as we cruise along the stunning coastline, dramatic cliffs and beaches. And of course, there is always the chance of more curious dolphins keen to play alongside the boat!

We'll find a lovely spot to pull in for lunch before heading back along this amazing section of coastline, and then onto our 'home-away-from-home' – [Island Beach Lodge](#). Tonight we'll celebrate what has been an amazing tour with another equally amazing dinner prepared by our chef, Sue. For anyone that still has energy, it's worth setting up for a star trail after dinner too!

Day 6: End

You're not going to want to do anything this morning except enjoy the luxury of our accommodation, sleep in a little and enjoy the view (or go out and shoot it if you wish!) before an in-house gourmet breaky prepared by our wonderful chef, Sue. All too soon we'll have to pack up and head into Kingscote, where we'll drop you off at the airport for your departure back to the hustle and bustle of Adelaide, and eventually, back home. You'll be on a high for days though, and will probably still be sorting out your thousands of photos for months! Best of all, you'll remain a better photographer for the rest of your life from the lessons learnt and experience gained from the last 5 unforgettable days on KI!





ABOUT KANGAROO ISLAND

About Kangaroo Island

This rural island off the coast of South Australia really does have it all! Koalas, kangaroos, seals, dolphins, amazing birdlife, iconic rock formations, caves, beaches amazing sunsets and incredible produce - all on one spectacular island! We offer the complete package. We'll fly you from Adelaide, get you out on private boats to photograph and swim with dolphins and seals. We'll minibus you to secret photo locations, get you underground in caves before opening hours and even onto sea lion beaches for perfect golden lighting after everyone else has had to leave! A luxury photo escape capturing the best of Australia with beautiful accommodation, mouth-watering seafood and world-class wine! No one else offers a tour like this. It's one trip of a lifetime that you don't want to miss!

Climate

Spring is a beautiful time to visit KI to see a wide array of flora and fauna. Being an island, the weather does vary and although days are pleasantly warm, KI does cool down in the evenings... So don't forget to pack some warmer clothes. The average monthly temperatures during November are a maximum of 19 degrees and a minimum of 11 degrees.



Area: 4,405 km²

Time Zone: Australian central time zone

Currency: AUD

Electricity: 240V

Internet

There is no wifi access at any of the accommodation or locations that we visit. Take this tour as an opportunity to get away from the grind of work emails. Relax and enjoy great food/drink, spectacular scenery and wonderful photographic opportunities without the pressure of replying to emails.

Mobile Phone Reception

In Kingscote, the major centre of Kangaroo Island (AKA 'KI'), you'll be able to get reception with most mobile phone carriers. However when we travel to the other side of the Island and stay at Vivonne Bay for 2 nights the only phone coverage you'll get is Telstra but even then it won't be fantastic. If you wish to try to be contactable by phone and don't use Telstra normally, we suggest you buy a Telstra pre-paid sim card - they are only \$2 (purchase from Australia Post outlets or Telstra shops) and you can load it with initial credit. To do this you'll need to make sure that your phone is not 'locked in' by your current service provider. Remember you're on holiday though - it might be nice to be out of contact! Bring and use your normal sim card until we've all found each other at Adelaide airport. We will also be bringing a satellite phone that will have coverage everywhere in case of emergencies.





GETTING ORGANISED

Before you go

Flights

The price of the tour does not include flights from your hometown to Adelaide, nor your return flight back home. However, the price DOES include the return flight from Adelaide to Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, flying REX airlines.

INCLUDED Return flights between Adelaide and Kangaroo Island (Kingscote):

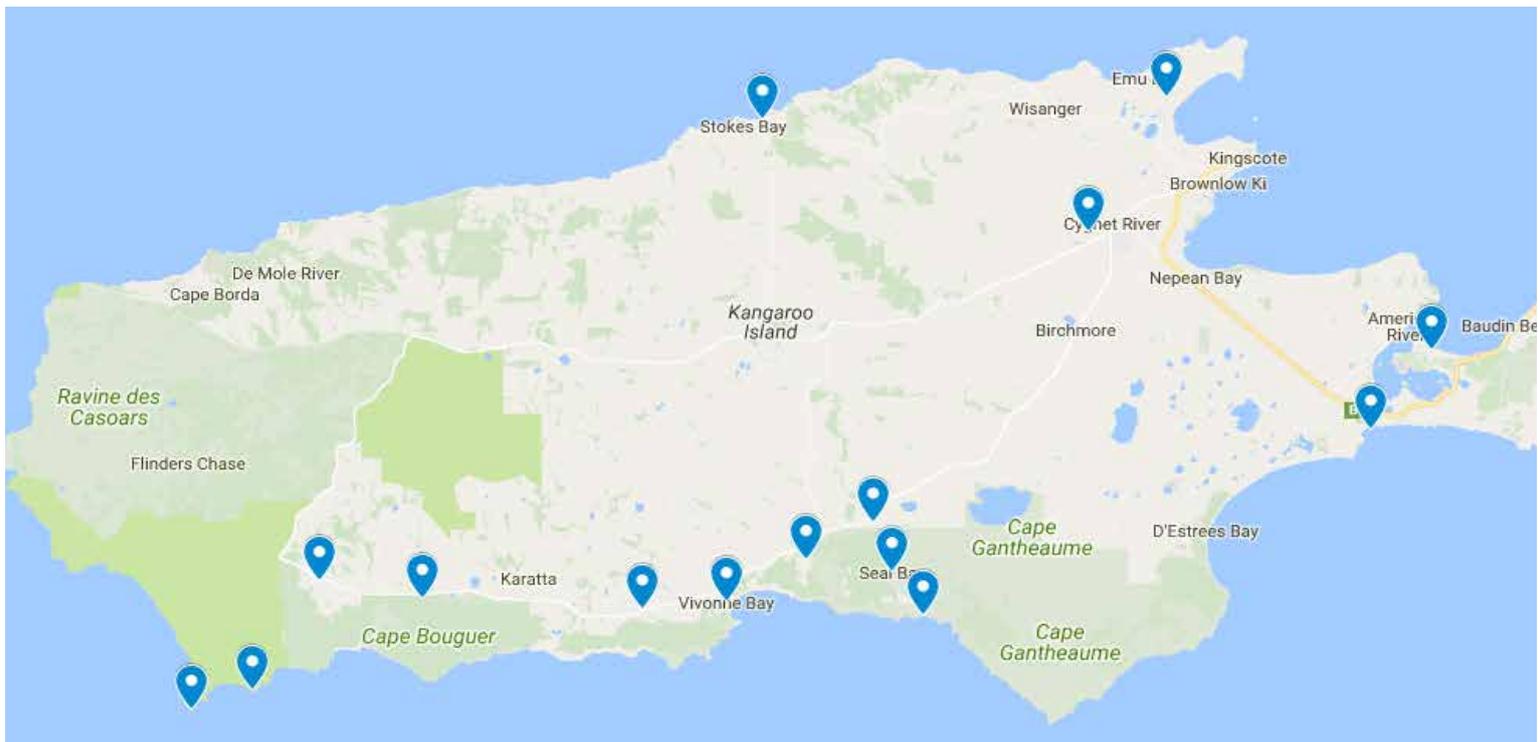
21 OCT 2020 - DEP Adelaide 17:25, ARR Kingscote 18:00

26 OCT 2020 - DEP Kingscote 10:30, ARR Adelaide 11:05

Our guides will meet you at Adelaide airport and introduce you to each other before boarding the flight as a group.

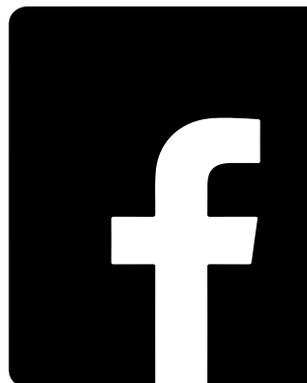
Checked in luggage

Check-in baggage allowance on the flight over is strictly 15kg per person. Excess baggage is carried by the airline subject to weight & space availability at a charge. The total weight of hand/carry on luggage must not exceed 7kg. So in all seriousness – make sure you are wearing all your heaviest items of clothing on the flight, your walking shoes, your heaviest pants, shirt and jacket. You can conceal a small handbag/small lap top bag under your jacket, you can also put your heaviest lens in your jacket pockets and there is nothing wrong with wearing your camera body as well.



Physical activity and fitness

There won't be any strenuous hiking, but a reasonable level of mobility and fitness will be required to find the best photography spots. The walks to Seal Bay, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and Kelly Hill Caves are all paved or wooden board walks but are on a slight incline and do involve some stairs, especially the cave. However, these walks are all optional and if you feel it's too far out of your comfort zone there will be other things to photograph near by! And we're in no hurry anyway, so you can take your time.



This group is for those who've been on (or are about to go on) a Chris Bray Photography Tour. This is a space to e-meet fellow travellers, ask questions of veteran travellers and generally get excited (or reminisce) about the trip of a lifetime! You must be booked to join (or to contribute), but feel free to check it out and read what people have said.

Chris Bray Photography voyager club



Itinerary

The exact itinerary may be shuffled around and tweaked due to weather, but you can rest assured that we'll be working flat-out to get you to all the best places, at the best times, for the best photos possible. There will be no refunds due to poor weather or similar changes forced upon us by factors outside our control, as per our Booking Terms and Conditions.

Travel insurance

Chris Bray Photography will not be liable for any damage to your camera gear or equipment, nor your personal health or wellbeing. You **MUST** obtain your own travel insurance and we recommend that you organise this insurance as soon as you have paid the initial deposit on the tour. Ensure your selected insurance will cover you against any damage to your property (ie camera gear) or any financial loss due to an unexpected cancellation (see our payment Terms & Conditions). Our travel agent is very willing and able to help secure you the best travel insurance deal. Just email us (safaris@chrisbray.net) if you'd like to be put in touch with them. Once you've organised your insurance, please email a copy of your policy through to tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com

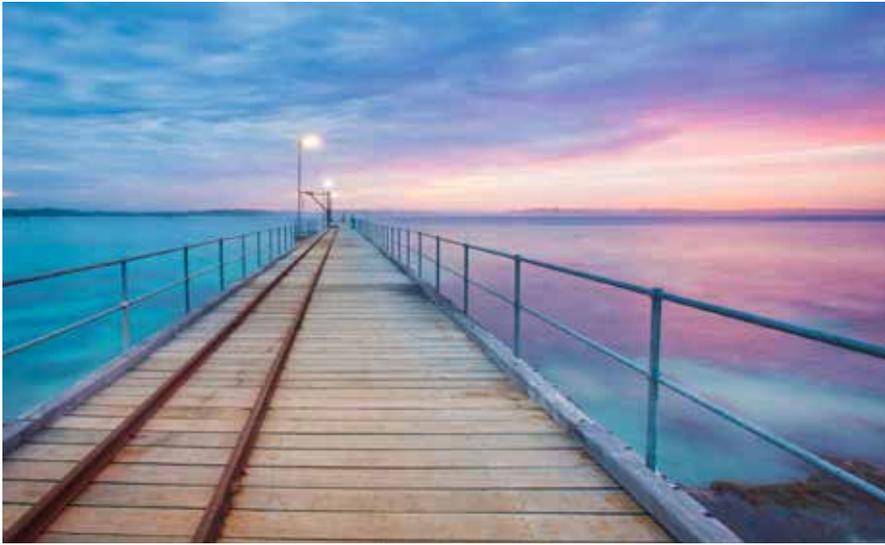
Medical information

This is important – upon booking we'll provide you with a unique login for our Voyager Portal where you'll be able to sign in and keep your details up to date. It's important you update your medical information including listing medications you take. We don't mind what medication you take, but importantly we do need this information to present to hospital staff should you be taken ill or have an accident – such information could then save your life. If you carry any life-critical medication such as an EpiPen for Anaphylaxis, it is important that you tell us where we can find it, in case you need it in an emergency.

In case of emergency

As mentioned we carry a satellite phone just in case we have a problem in a reception black-hole. We have been trained in remote area first aid and will carry an extensive first aid kit, although you must bring any personal medication, which you may likely need.





Food and Drink

All meals are provided, along with a glass of local wine or other drinks in the evening. Any additional alcohol etc. must be purchased at your own expense, and we can visit the shops en-route if you wish.

Dietary requirements

We can cater for just about anything and our trips have been enjoyed by vegetarians, gluten-free, lactose-free and much more obscure diets too - you just have to let us know in advance!

Smoking

While we don't ban smoking on our tours, we generally encourage guests not to smoke on tour if possible. Many places we visit will have smoking bans in place (many National Parks, public restaurants etc). If you do choose to smoke while on tour, we just ask that you be mindful of your fellow safari guests by smoking discreetly in designated smoking areas away from the group, away from communal dining areas and accommodation rooms (particularly if sharing a room with someone else on the tour). Some of our past tour guests have actually decided to use our tour as an opportunity to cut back on their smoking habit or quit altogether and have seen lasting results upon returning home. Why not give it a shot!? We'll be cheering you on. :)



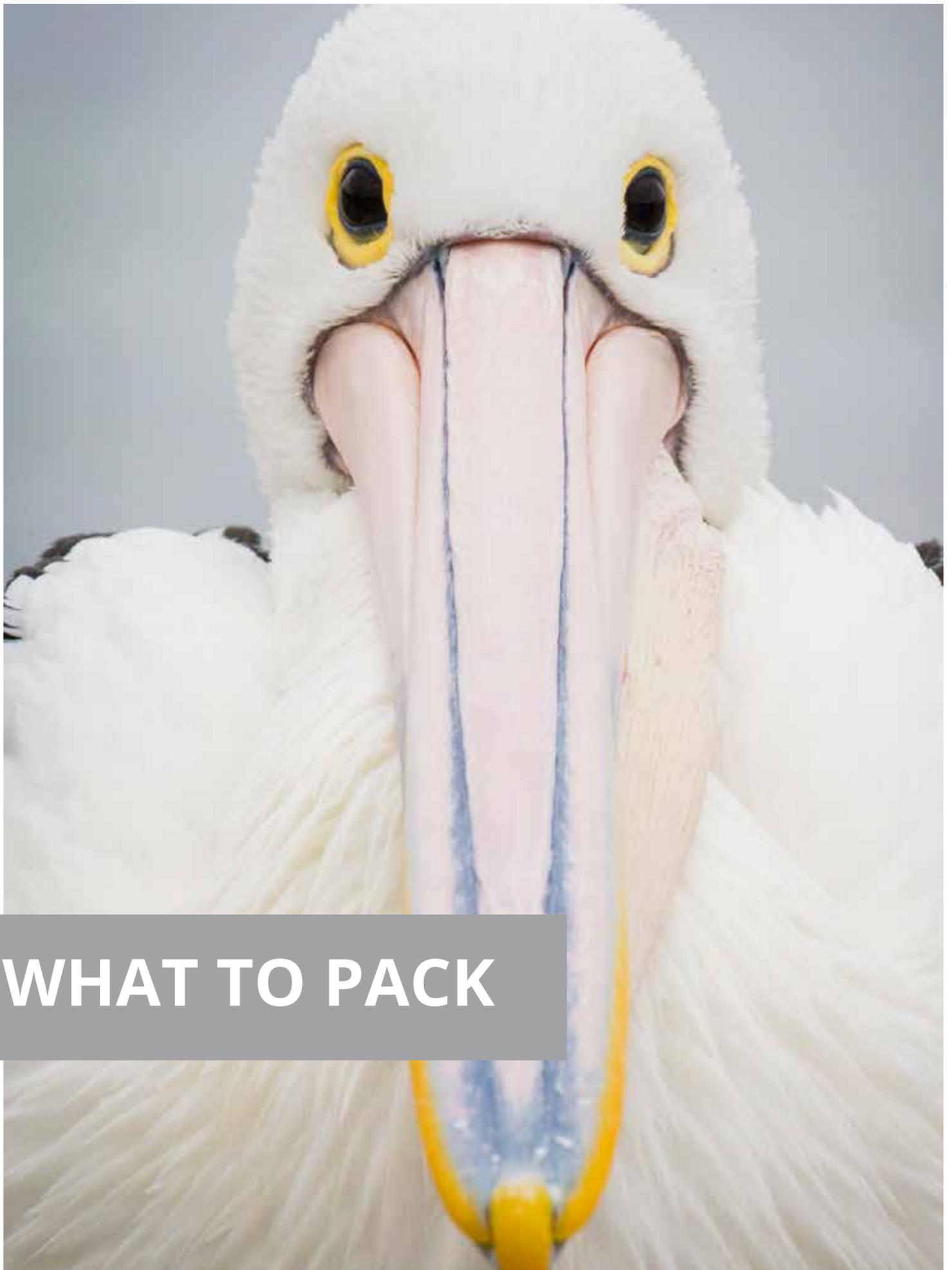
Accommodation

Accommodation arrangements vary for each location, with different numbers of cottages and rooms, however these provide mostly twin-share accommodation. If you are booking as a couple, let us know so that we can organise your sleeping arrangements accordingly. Solo travellers wishing for a room to themselves can contact us for single supplement rates, which are subject to availability.

The first two nights and final night will be spent at the [Island Beach Lodge](#), one of the most luxurious beach houses in the business - with Italian leather lounges, wood fires and walls of glass to see right out to the pristine Island Beach!! This is a real treat and a perfect place to start and finish up on what will have been an amazing week. Boasting 7 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, a laundry and two kitchens we'll have more than enough space to spread out and feel at home!

The middle two nights are spent at Vivonne Bay in two houses. While not as luxurious as Island Beach Lodge, 'Vivonne on sunset' and 'Moreview at Vivonne Bay' are two very well equipped houses and are great places to relax and eat together as well as spend a quality night's sleep between our busy schedules of photo shoots! Between the two houses there are 9 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and 2 laundries. Each place is uniquely different and having the large number of rooms gives us greater flexibility in regards to twin share and single rooms.

Notes:



WHAT TO PACK



Clothing

In terms of clothes, it's really up to you, but keep it comfortable and practical – giving you heaps of mobility to clamber over rocks, crouch or even lay down for those interesting angle shots etc. This is a practical photography tour - we're going out there to take photos, not to be seen. So honestly I wouldn't pack any fancy gear, even for evening meals, simply because on the occasions where we do eat out (some lunches), there is no time to get changed into such clothes anyway. Remember less clothes means more camera gear, so don't go overboard, ladies! Ha ha.

Kangaroo Island weather is notoriously varied – so although it is mid-spring, pack some warmer clothes too. KI can get quite windy at times, so make sure to pack layers and a good wind breaker jacket. We recommend you pack beanies, scarfs, gloves and if you are particularly sensitive to colder weather, pack an extra jacket!

Raincoat (and some warm layers)

(what you prepare for won't happen, hopefully!),

Sturdy comfortable closed-in walking shoes

Head torch

(comes in handy when you're shooting in the dark. We use and recommend 'Led Lenser' brand, ideally their USB rechargeable head torch the 'SEO 5R' or 'SEO 7R' available from GearSupply.com.au for 10% off if you use our discount code of 'GSCHRISB10')

Sunscreen, mozzie repellent, sunnies, hat, swimmers, personal medication (if applicable),

It's worth bringing a **beanie** too, it can get chilly in the mornings! Travel Pillow (if you are likely to fall asleep on some of the longer drives...)

Camera gear

Including tripod and fast memory cards (See our 'Domestic Safari Camera Advice' booklet),

Laptop

(ideally with Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Classic installed), or at least some way of viewing your photos like an iPad etc.

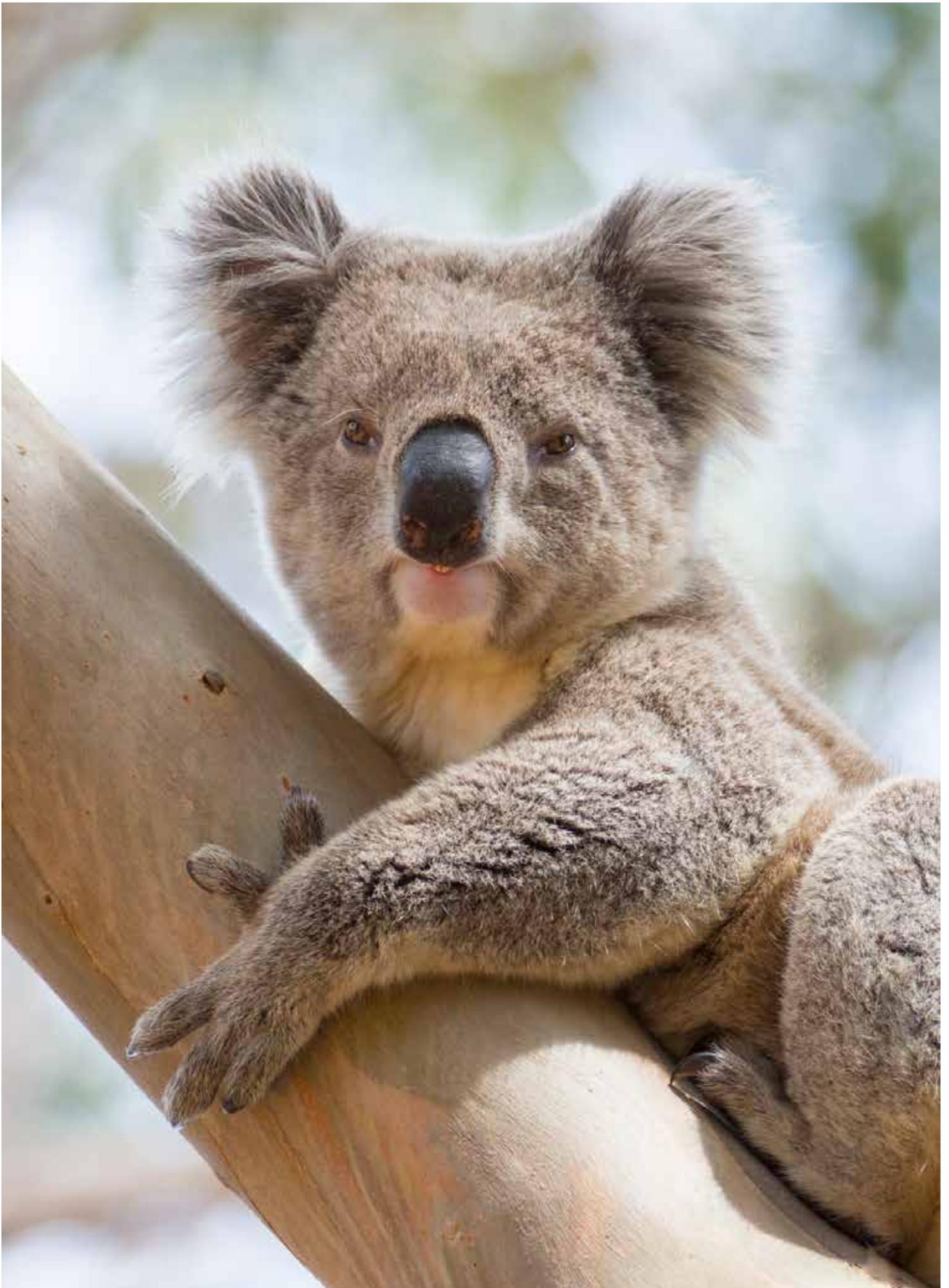
A backup hard drive

(or some way to ensure you always have 2 copies of your photos),

Power board

(with in-built surge protector) for charging.

Reusable water bottle



Code of conduct

The aim of the tour is to have an enjoyable time learning and practising photography with like-minded people, photographing some of the most amazing subjects in the world while also lapping up a few of life's little luxuries. CBP also aims to allow our guests to appreciate the natural world in a sustainable manner, so future generations can continue to experience its beauty. As per our 'Booking Terms and Conditions' please help us achieve this and help ensure everyone has a great time by following the below points:

Look after the wildlife

Please don't handle, feed or harass the wildlife. When viewing the wildlife please keep noise to a minimum. Don't surround, chase or approach the animals too closely. Excitedly jumping around and shouting at how amazing it is will only cause the animal to disappear, much to the annoyance of your fellow travellers! We are here to photograph the animals, not stress them out. We find most of our guests are wonderfully caring and sensitive towards wildlife, but if we decide it's best to back away or move on, please respect our decision.

Look after your fellow photographers

Be considerate of the other group members at all times. Share the best vantage points.

Look after the environment

"Take only photographs, leave only footprints." Where possible please stay on the designated footpaths and walkways. Please recycle and dispose of litter in the appropriate bins.

My Checklist

- Tick the booking terms & conditions (online)
- Sort travel insurance
- Fill in medical form (online)
- Book flights
- Send all of the above to
tours@chrisbrayphotography.com
- Join Facebook group
- Read 'Domestic Tour Camera Advice' booklet,

Notes:



WHY BOOK A CBP TOUR



Australia's largest and most-loved photo tour operator for a reason

We offer the highest quality, small-group, unique operations focused on providing the access and luxuries the others don't - such as exclusive charter of ships, planes & helicopters (doors-off for better photography) along with off-road & special access permits to get you closer - so we can give you what we know you want. For example, while other operators might book you a spot on a busy, regular scenic cruise, we'd privately charter the whole boat, relaxing the pace, giving you plenty of space and modifying the route for the best photogenic locations and timings. We delight in welcoming you to beautiful accommodation and providing fantastic food and other luxuries to ensure the tour is as much a wonderful holiday as it is a photographic experience.





Unlike most, we're fully accredited and insured, obtain all the proper permits, respect and give back to the communities and environment, and employ industry best-practices such as holding your payments in a trust-fund, and have been awarded the tick from the Accredited Tourism Business Australia (Australian national symbol of tourism quality). We don't waste your time with 'rest-days' or surprise you with hidden costs.

Perhaps one of the key differences our guests keep saying is how we - unlike so many other operators - always put YOU and YOUR photos first, always there to help out with any issues or check your images and suggest ways you could improve - never getting in your way or even taking any photos ourselves unless every single guest is content. Our friendly pro photography guides are all young, energetic and up-to-date and are a pleasure to be around. Our goal is to help YOU have the best experience possible, improving YOUR photography, and helping YOU take the best photos!

If you're still not convinced, then ask anyone who's come away with us - our repeat guest rate speaks for itself: We've had entire tours sell-out solely with repeat guests, and if you'd like, we can put you in touch with a guest who's already been on the tour your considering to ask their opinion.



Amazing

"Amazing! Our friendly photographer guides were so generous with their knowledge- and so patient with my lack of it! I'm already looking forward to my next tour" - L. Sim

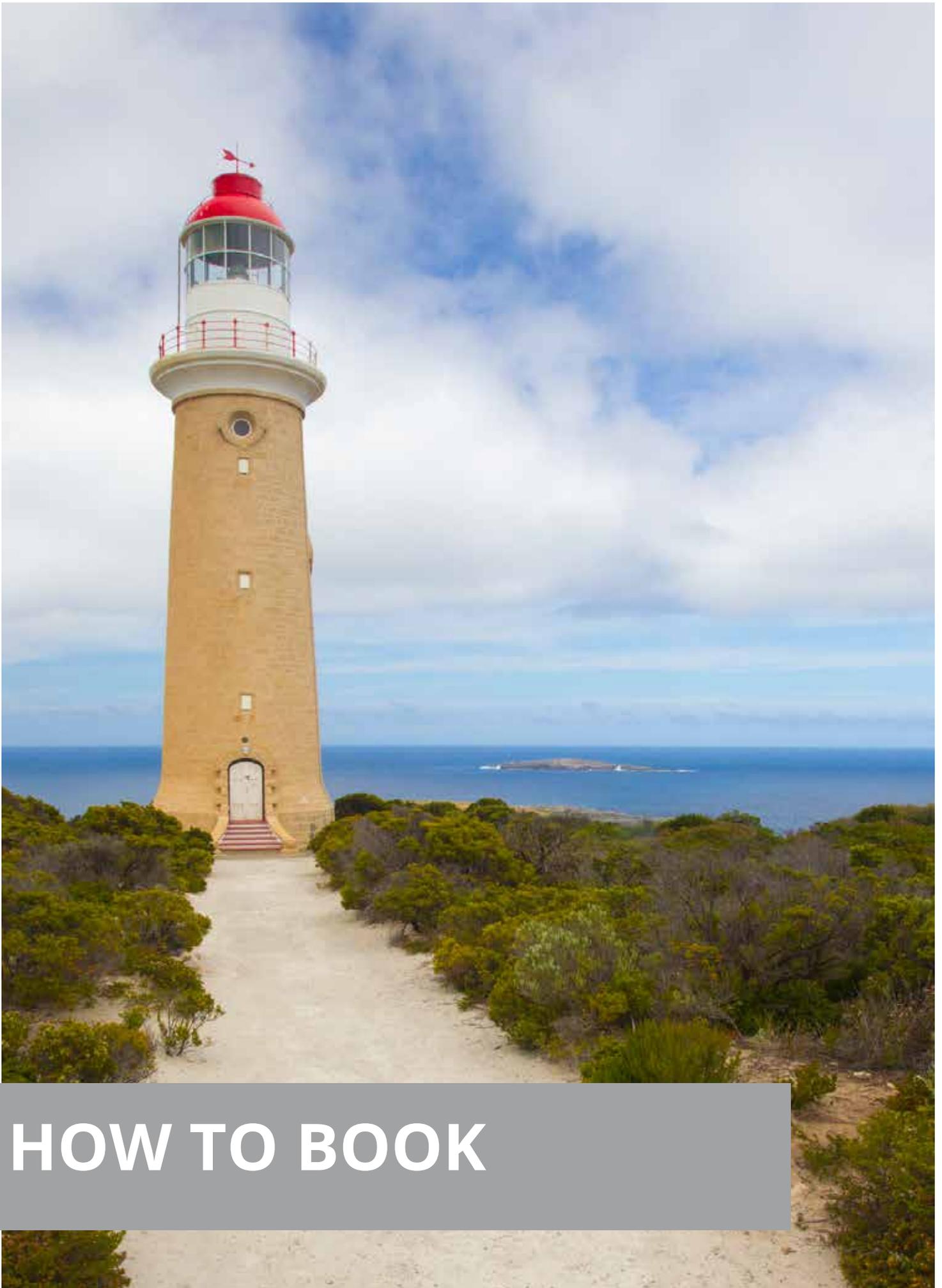
Unique access

"The Kangaroo Island tour is jam-packed with photographic oppertunities through a well-considered itinerary, and attention to detail Tour leaders are very generous in sharing their knowledge and expertise, and patient with photographers of all levels of ability. J. Mckinder

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Always putting you and your photos first!

There to help out with any issues or check your images and suggest ways you could improve



HOW TO BOOK

Payment Details

You are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 AUD per person, per trip, for your booking to be confirmed. If your booking is made after the due date for additional payment instalments, then the deposit, and all overdue instalments are required to confirm your booking.

If CBP accepts your booking, and once your deposit has been received, CBP will issue a booking confirmation invoice. A contract will then exist between CBP from the date of the booking confirmation invoice. Following the initial non-refundable deposit, the final payment (balance) will be due: 6 months before departure date, and is non-refundable and non-transferable to other CBP offerings.

If any of these payments are not paid on or before their due date, CBP reserves the right to treat your booking as cancelled.

If we don't reach minimum numbers, we reserve the right to cancel the trip and refund all payments you make to us.

CBP Voyager Club Gold members receive 10% off loyalty bonus, Silver 5%.

Details of our cancellation policy etc are in our [Booking Terms and Conditions document](#).



Questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!

If you have any questions that are not answered in this document, please just ask tours@chrisbrayphotography.com and we'll let you know, and we'll also then add that piece of information into this document for others in the future!

Thanks very much - we look forward to sharing our photo tour with you!

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