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THE GREAT UNKNOWN

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay underground in Coober Pedy and visit a working mine
- See one of South Australia's largest sheep stations
- Private air tour of 3 days/2 nights
- Experience the Flinders Ranges
- Travel by train to Port Augusta
- Visit the Clare Valley and Barossa Valley
- Discover the sole remaining example of ancient glaciation on earth
- Savour some of Australia's finest wines
- Cruise the mighty Murray River

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Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

20 Days • Departing **19th October 2021**

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FOREWORD

Andrew Jones Travel has been synonymous with world travel and adventure for over 20 years. We're a business with deep Australian roots, and it's a privilege to turn our global perspective inwards to focus on the unexplored wonders of our own backyard.

Despite the significant challenges of the past year and all that has been thrown at us, we now have a marvellous opportunity to delve into the brilliance of South Australia.

We are very proud to present ***The Great Unknown*** of South Australia. Through experience, we have learned that an extended stay in any one area provides a better opportunity to fully appreciate the nuances and delights of a remarkable destination. At every turn you will have a sculptured and amplified experience in a very unique area of Australia.

This tour has created a set of its own challenges in its creation due to the remoteness of the areas we will be visiting.

Far from an average coach tour – **this journey is hallmarked with a number of establishments and flagship businesses, all of whom are united in their desire to provide us with unforgettable experiences.**

Andrew Jones Travel would like to take this opportunity to thank the accommodations, the coach company, the museums, the restaurants, and the attractions for joining us to showcase the very best of what they do. It truly is a pleasure to come together with such dedicated Australians.

Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove
Travel Designer



OUR TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021: HOBART – ADELAIDE

Our journey of discovery begins as we depart Hobart bound for Adelaide. This afternoon will offer an opportunity for independent exploration of this charming city.

Days 2 to 5

WEDNESDAY 20TH TO SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER: ADELAIDE – COOBER PEDY

This morning we make our way by air to Coober Pedy, the internationally renowned opal capital of the world. This fascinating town is largely subterranean, with more than half of the community underground. The unforgiving landscape is visually reminiscent of the surface of the moon, but the heat of the desert is rivalled by the warmth of the locals. For a true Coober Pedy experience, our fantastic accommodation will be underground. We will visit the Opal

Museum, a working mine, the unique Serbian Church, see the dog fence and Moon Plains as well as the Big Winch. Continental breakfasts and evening barbeques will be our standard fare during our time in Coober Pedy. As always, there are some wonderful surprises in store for us, as we channel our pioneering spirits in this incredible environment. Meals (days 2-4): **CB, D**

Day 5

SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER: COOBER PEDY – WILLIAM CREEK

This morning we will enjoy a private flight over the heart of the outback as we wing our way to Mount Eba Station. This sheep station is located in the geographical centre of South Australia. We've been invited on a private tour of the property to learn how the dedicated professionals that call Mount Eba home run a working station.

After departing Mount Eba, it is a short hop to the pristine Anna Creek Painted Hills. Formed over 130 million

years ago, this unique, unblemished 30 kilometre stretch of land is the sole remaining example of ancient glaciation on earth. After landing at Anna Creek Painted Hills, we will take a guided tour through these spectacular mounds of sandstone, which gives us the perfect opportunity to appreciate the beauty and fragility of this dramatic landscape.

Leaving the Painted Hills, we fly to William Creek where we will spend two nights at the iconic William Creek Hotel. As sunset approaches, we travel to William Creek Ridge and watch the spectacular orange glow fill the desert sky. **B, L, D**

Day 6

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER: WILLIAM CREEK & OODNADATTA

Departing William Creek at daybreak, a full day of adventure awaits. Flying over Anna Creek cattle station towards Australia's largest salt lake – Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre. The only way to truly understand the majesty of this

lake is from the air. As the morning sun glistens off the salt of Lake Eyre, see the landscape erupt in a dazzling array of patterns, textures and colours. We will head northwards up Lake Eyre towards the Warburton River Inlet where the intricate river systems enter the lake. From here, we skirt the edge of the Simpson Desert for Witjira National Park, where we will find Dalhousie Hot Springs.

Swim, relax and soak in the largest thermal ponds in Australia – a natural spring-fed billabong at a constant 38 degrees. No doubt by this time we will have built up an appetite for lunch, so we will fly on to Mount Dare Station be ready for lunch, located just 10km from the Northern Territory border, we meet the owners Graham & Sandra Scott as we enjoy a pub lunch in the true outback.

The day is far from over as we fly onwards to the unique outback town of Oodnadatta. We will be taken by a local resident on a ground tour of Australia's hottest town, including a stop at the Railway Museum (the former railway station building) here we learn of the history of Oodnadatta and the rich history of this part of the world. Of course, we can't leave Oodnadatta without a stop at the famous Pink Roadhouse.

Departing Oodnadatta we'll travel over cattle country, gibber plains, sand dunes, floodplain country including the Neales River & the Davenport Ranges

before arriving back at William Creek. Time to relax and unwind reminiscing over our phenomenal day. **B, L, D**

Day 7

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER: WILLIAM CREEK – MARREE

After breakfast, the Mayor of William Creek will give us a grand tour of the town highlighting the origins of iconic William Creek. We will hear about the birth of the Old Ghan Railway, the overland Telegraph Line and how William Creek became what it is today. Following lunch, our private pilot will fly us to our destination of Marree. After flying over Lake Eyre South, we have one more surprise in store. The mysterious Marree Man! Our pilot will tell us about this giant geoglyph and why it remains a mystery to this day. On arrival at Marree, we meet with our driver and guide who will be with us until our Murray River Cruise. Dinner tonight will be at the Marree Hotel.

B, L, D

Days 8 & 9

TUESDAY 26TH & WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER: MARREE – WILPENA POUND

Today we journey to Wilpena Pound which we will call home for the next two nights. Now we are Adnyamathanha Country. The stunning Wilpena Pound Resort is the only accommodation

located within the Ikara Flinders Ranges National Park, 430km north of Adelaide. We will experience this extraordinary landscape which has been forming over the last 800 million years and has been home to Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. During our time in this area we will see a number of outback country towns including Blinman as well as exploring the Bunyerroo and Barchina Gorges. **CB, D**

Day 10

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER: WILPENA POUND – QUORN

We leave the Flinders Ranges behind and travel through Hawker stopping at the Jeff Morgan Gallery. Our destination today is Quorn where we will be staying for two nights. **CB, D**

Day 11

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER: QUORN & PORT AUGUSTA

Today we will enjoy a very special trip onboard a private train. We travel by diesel train down to Port Augusta which is a city of approximately 14,000 residents. Whilst here we will visit Wadlata Outback Centre which includes the "Tunnel of Time". Here we gain a better understanding of how this area evolved as we are transported back in time to when the dinosaurs roamed our earth. We will spend the afternoon touring before returning to Quorn. **B, D**



Day 12

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER: QUORN – AUBURN

After our intrepid exploration, we will have built up a powerful thirst. What better way to quench this thirst than with some iconic South Australian wine. The Clare Valley is legendary in Australian viniculture, and we'll be visiting some renowned producers. With a leisurely lunch at Skillogalee and sightseeing along the way, we finish our day in Auburn. What does South Australia have to do with 'Picnic at Hanging Rock'? The mystery will be revealed! **B, L**

Days 13 – 18

SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER: RIVER CRUISE

This morning we slowly make our way to Murray Bridge to join the M.V. Proud Mary for our cruise on the mighty Murray River.

The Proud Mary is an intimate cruising vessel. On this cruise, we will indulge our senses as we cast off to explore the Murray River's ecosystem at its finest.



The cruise includes all meals and features seasonal produce. The menu is designed around modern Australian and European cuisine. We certainly won't go hungry!

Abundant wildlife and magnificent scenery will feature throughout our journey. River gums and willows line the banks of this famous river and provide a perfect, safe haven for birds and wildlife. Marvel at the towering cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches as the Proud Mary idly cruises by. At night, the Proud Mary's powerful floodlights will provide a rare glimpse of nocturnal wildlife, especially birds such as night herons, owls and coots. We will enjoy lagoon cruises and guided shore walks as we immerse ourselves in the beauty of this wonderful habitat. Daily: **B, L, D**

Day 18

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Back at Murray Bridge, we disembark this evening and head on to the beautiful Adelaide Hills. **B, L**

Day 19

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER: BAROSSA VALLEY

Today we will immerse ourselves in the delights of the celebrated Barossa Valley. A day of wine tastings by special arrangement, as we enjoy wine from some of the Barossa's most esteemed winemakers. A very special farewell dinner awaits this evening. **B, D**

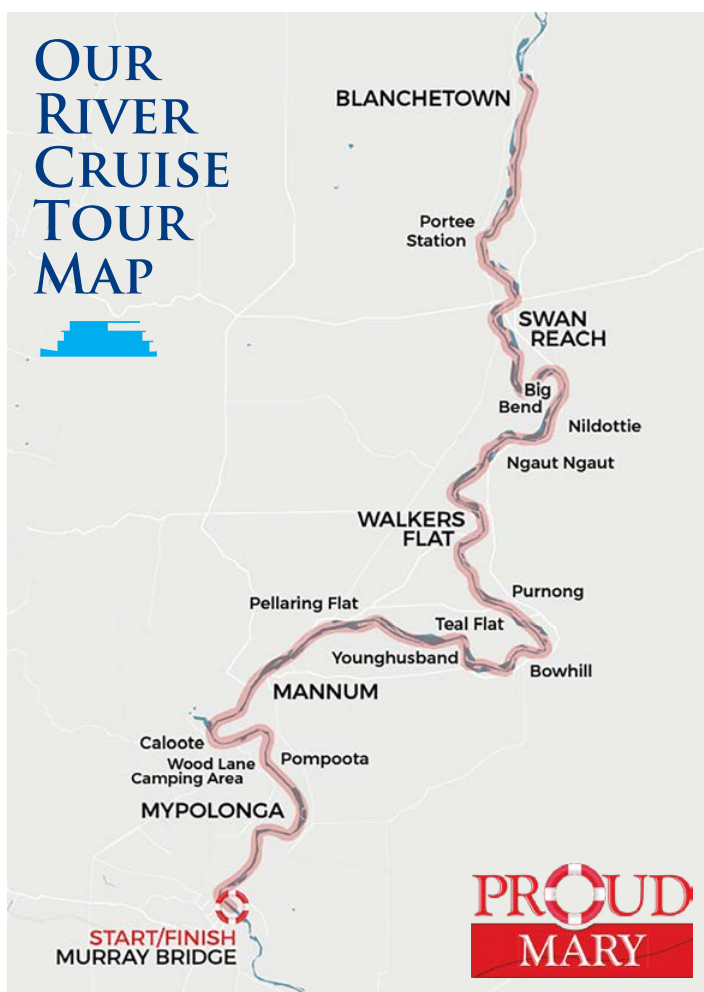
Day 20

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2021: ADELAIDE – HOBART

Our final day in Adelaide. A leisurely start to the day before enjoying one last lunch together that is sure to create much laughter and merriment! The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy however you wish before our transfer to the airport for our return flight home. **B, L**

Included meals as shown in the itinerary:
B Breakfast (incl "CB" Continental); **L** Lunch; **D** Dinner

OUR RIVER CRUISE TOUR MAP



DISCOVER what others say about their experience on tours with The Compass Society and Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove...



I have **told quite a few people** about our adventures and they all thought it was a great idea; discovering our own backyard and enjoying the company of good friends, all while staying safe.

I stay tuned for plans of your next adventure for us!"

– Genevieve Tanner

"Tasmania at its Finest Tour reminded this group of seasoned travellers what we value as Tasmanians... a unique opportunity to reconnect with the things we love – beauty, quality and connectedness. **Organised by the best** in the business, **it was an outstanding experience.**"

– Barbara Lypka

"The Planning. The Places. The People. **Pure Perfection.**"

– Glenn and Wendy Long
"P.S.: And the Pub!"

"So many thanks for a wonderfully crafted tour through Tasmania's midlands and east coast regions. What a magnificent mix of history and scenery plus stunning food and wine stops. **So many memorable experiences** and you even managed the weather gods for our surprise helicopter ride over the NE vineyards, what a day that was. **Cathi, you are such a fabulous facilitator**, leaving us with amazing memories and fantastic friendships, thank you!"

– Rob Pryce-Jones

"I am unable to **truly express my enjoyment and excitement** about the planned itinerary for "Tasmania at its Finest" and **so many surprises on our trip.**

Given the expectation our local operators would be "hungry" for tourers, we were given so many special surprises to make this comparable on "our backyard" to OS tours we are currently unable to make.

Thank you so much, Cathi, for giving me the option to **see things I would not otherwise see**, such as the fabulous glass blowers, but several places we would not have been able to access without your dedicated enquiry and motivated planning and accessing. The accommodation was great and all the cuisine was exceptional! **When can we travel WITH YOU again, please?"**

– Rosemary Young

Participants in this tour are granted complimentary

Lifetime Membership of The Compass Society

Membership is exclusive to travellers who have travelled as guests on premium tours escorted by Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove to amazing destinations around the world. Members enjoy special events and tour briefings, advance tour notifications and more.



THE COMPASS SOCIETY

"This week long tour **certainly lived up to its name.**

Our group was so fortunate to visit scenic sensations. Places we saw in a new light due to our assiduous, inventive leader, Cathi. We shared gastronomic delights, often in totally unique venues... gourmet heaven!

Each day brought **super, superior surprises** yet we always had our restful, contemplatory times. It was a wonderful experience. **We were SO lucky.**

Add to that we had the amazing Stacey our fabulous coach captain. We were safe & spoilt. Next trip..... hopefully soon!!!"

– Gae Williams

"Tasmania at its Finest, was typical of a tour organised by Cathi – **a thoughtful and well-planned itinerary which goes beyond the superficial**, but still leaves room for spontaneity, like finding a good cup of coffee, having a drink with the locals at a country pub or checking out the Little Blue Lake!

As is always the case with Cathi's tours, the emphasis was on enjoying local produce and the quality of the included meals was exceptional.

The tour included a number of unique offerings **which could not otherwise be experienced.**"

– Wendy Sawford



AND EVEN MORE from The Compass Society tours...

"Dearest Cathi, many, many thanks for **another wonderful trip.** It was really enjoyable and **such good company.**" Phil & Sue.

"Cathi, another fabulous trip. Second time around **an even better experience.** Thank you." ~ Wendy.

"So full of contrasts – **am loving this next adventure/magical tour.**" ~ Rosie.

"A grateful note of **thanks and congratulations**, once more!" ~ Rose & Gordon.

"Thankyou for **another wonderful adventure, lots of fun and good people.** Looking forward to more." ~ Wendy & John.

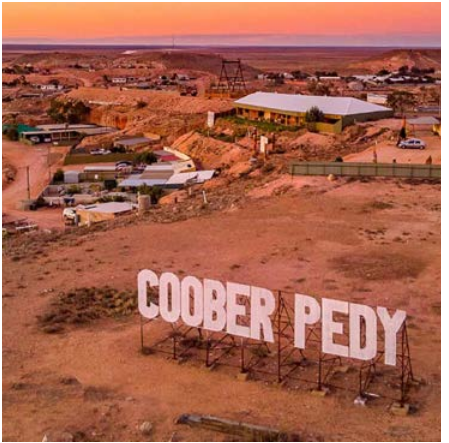
"Many thanks for another wonderful trip. You have a **unique ability to find the most interesting places to visit.** Loved the trip & the company." ~ Helen & Doug.

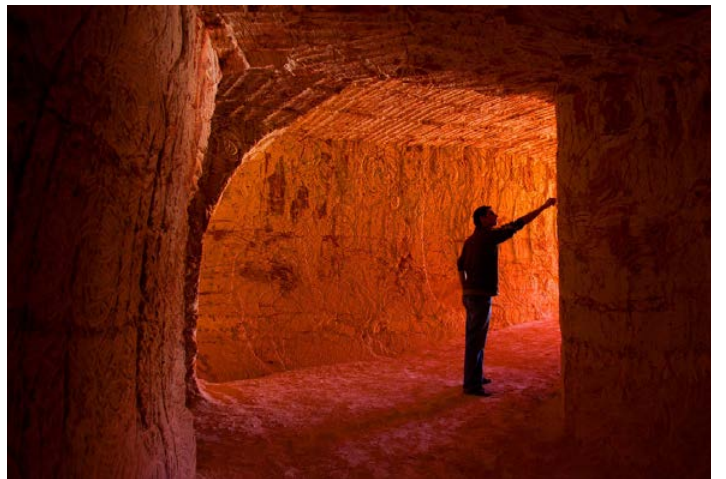
"To our dear friend Cathi, **can't thank you enough** for all your blood, sweat & tears. Once again we are lucky enough to enjoy **an amazing and unforgettable trip.**" ~ Lyn & Laurie.

"Dear Cathi, another wonderful tour! **Thankyou for your friendship and your superb organising skills.**" ~ Wendy & Glenn.



OUR TOUR MAP





TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE

TWIN SHARE

\$12,980* per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$2850* per person (very limited availability).

INCLUSIONS

- Tour Escort: Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove;
- A minimum of two meals per day (Continental breakfasts and either lunch or dinner);
- All admissions and inclusions as per itinerary;
- All airfares to/from Tasmania and internal flights in South Australia;
- Lifetime membership of The Compass Society™

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned;
- Drinks with meals (tea, coffee and juice included with breakfast only);
- Laundry, telephone calls, WiFi usage, beverages not specified, and other expenditure of a personal nature;
- Any services other than those mentioned;
- Travel insurance;
- Tips for any service instigated by you.

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove** at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart

Phone: (03) 6221 3499 or email: cathi@ajtravel.com.au

BOOKINGS

For bookings, contact **Cathi (details above)** or your favourite consultant at **Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart or Launceston:**

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While this pricing is current as of April 2021, fluctuating fuel surcharges, fees and/or taxes may result in an increased cost.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PAYMENTS Deposit of \$2,000 per person is required within 7 days of your booking. Final payment by Tuesday 14th September 2021.

In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Should the tour be cancelled for any reason associated to Covid-19 it is important to note that the operators involved will not generally offer refunds. Andrew Jones Travel is committed to securing credits for future travel and therefore the tour will be postponed to a future date. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Travel Insurance will cover some Covid-19 related scenarios – please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer of your choice from your consultant.

CANCELLATIONS Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. Loss of payment. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

REVISION FEES A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services

by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

SMOKING Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

PRICE GUARANTEE Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE IMPORTANT NOTE: Luggage allowance on our private air tour is restricted to 9kg for days 2 to 8. All other flights will be 20kg per person.

Porterage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

FLIGHT LOAD SAFETY Please note that if a passenger has a weight gain from what is initially advised on the booking form, please notify us at least 7 days prior to the tour departure.

DINING A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE Items as mentioned in the section at the top of this page, "What's Not Included".

This tour includes our own personal tour escort but is not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS During local or national holidays, or due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (April 2021) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is ex Hobart and does not include airfares except as shown. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour itinerary. Base map artwork: vemap.com.