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Naracoorte Caves, fossils and the Great Ocean Road

South Australia and Victoria

This excursion is a high-end, all-inclusive excursion that will give participants an insight into the Naracoorte Caves World Heritage Site, including ongoing research. You will meet some of the researchers working there and view their laboratories, plus get access to view the extensive fossil collections held at the South Australian Museum.

The field component will visit fossil sites within the caves at Naracoorte and karst and volcanic features in the broader Limestone Coast region. The excursion will include a scenic tour along the Great Ocean Road, one of the world’s great scenic coastal drives.

Leaders Steve Bourne and Dr Liz Reed have been extensively involved in research and management at Naracoorte Caves for several decades.

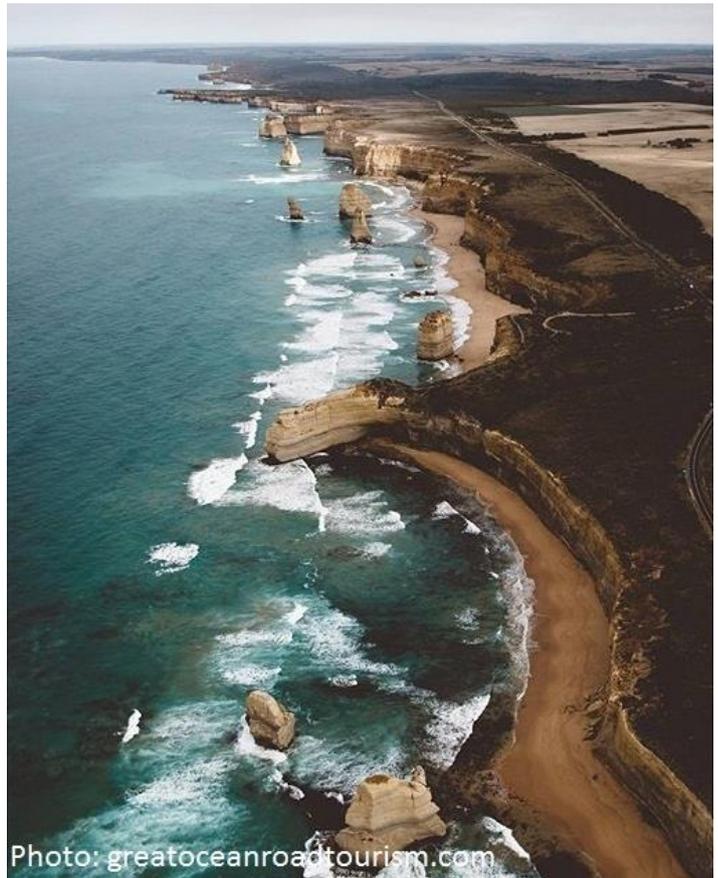


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Summary:

| Starting place, date and time. | End place, date and approximate time. | Number of participants. | Sleeping bags required. | Camping gear (tents) required. | Included meals. | SRT required. | Cost A\$ (Incl. GST) |
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| Adelaide, South Australian Museum, North Terrace. 31 July 8.30 a.m. | Melbourne Airport 4 August. Late afternoon. | Min: 6 Max: 10 | No | No | All meals included. | No | \$1060* * This price is for six participants and will reduce with additional participants. |



Photo: Steve Bourne

Details:

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| Name of excursion. | A9.NC Naracoorte Caves, fossils and the Great Ocean Road |
| Contact person. | Steve Bourne: steve.bourne@nlc.sa.gov.au |
| Overview of excursion. | <p>Day One. The excursion will start in Adelaide. Participants will make their own way to the South Australian Museum, where they will get a behind the scenes tour of the fossil collection. The museum houses the majority of fossil material from Naracoorte. A tour of dating facilities and/or the ancient-DNA laboratory will be included, and after lunch the group will travel to Naracoorte by mini bus (four hours travel).</p> <p>Day Two. A tour of show caves of the Naracoorte Caves World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Day Three. Trips into Fox Cave and Starburst Chamber (part of Victoria Fossil Cave), each will take approximately three hours. Both caves are horizontal, some crawling and squeezing to access spacious chambers. No technical skills are needed. Sites have fossils and some nice decoration. There will be excellent opportunities for photography. The trip leader has an extensive collection of images from Naracoorte and will assist where required to achieve good results. All caving equipment will be supplied by the managing agency.</p> <p>Day Four. Pack up at accommodation and travel to Mount Gambier, approximately one hour south of Naracoorte. Spend the day visiting sinkholes and craters. No caving equipment necessary as day is surface walks and inspecting features. Travel to Warrnambool (two hours).</p> <p>Day Five. Drive along the Great Ocean Road stopping at various scenic lookouts, arriving at Melbourne airport late afternoon.</p> |
| Starting place, date and time. | Adelaide, South Australian Museum, North Terrace Monday 31 July, 8.30 a.m. |

| Finishing place, date and time. | Melbourne airport, Friday 4 August, late afternoon. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Min and max no of participants. | Minimum: 6 People Maximum: 10 People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of excursion and what is included. | A\$1060 per person. This is for six people and will reduce with extra participants. Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meals from lunch 31 July to lunch 4 August • Four nights accommodation • Caving gear • Entry to all caves • All transport from to Adelaide to Melbourne | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport. | Mini-bus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation type. | Pinkerton Hill, bed and breakfast, Naracoorte. Hotel accommodation, Warrnambool. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bedding requirements. | All bedding and towels supplied. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| What meals are included? | All meals from lunch 31 July to lunch 4 August (breakfast, lunch and dinners included.) Snacks and additional drinks at own cost. Wine included with some meals. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is SRT required? | No | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing requirements. | Warm clothes, especially for Great Ocean Road leg of excursion. Rain jacket, woollen hat and gloves. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average weather details for August (Naracoorte and Warrnambool). | <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Min temp</th> <th>Max temp</th> <th>Rainfall</th> <th>Daylight hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Naracoorte 5.4°C</td> <td>15.4°C</td> <td>73 mm</td> <td>10 hrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warrnambool 5.9°C</td> <td>14.5°C</td> <td>98 mm</td> <td>10 hrs</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Min temp | Max temp | Rainfall | Daylight hours | Naracoorte 5.4°C | 15.4°C | 73 mm | 10 hrs | Warrnambool 5.9°C | 14.5°C | 98 mm | 10 hrs |
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| Travel considerations: remote area, phone coverage, medical access, money access, local quarantine issues. | Good access to all services. For quarantine requirements for entering South Australia check: www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Further information. | www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/ www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au/ www.mountgambierpoint.com.au/attractions/ www.visitgreatoceanroad.org.au/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

