



Old Mt Nor West Station – Anne Clark

WITCHELINA MEMBERS TOUR 2020

AN ADVENTURE TO THE ICONIC FLINDERS AND OUTBACK SA

GUEST INFORMATION

Guests should note that this trip takes in some:

- remote outback destinations
- basic accommodation
- outback tracks
- lengthy drives and requires a reasonable level of fitness.

The trip is subject to any COVID restrictions imposed on us by the government and health authorities.

Our trip is also subject to weather and road conditions and our itinerary may need to vary to allow for this.

Please note there are no tag along options for this tour.

[When is the trip?](#)

We will be leaving early Monday morning on the 21st of September and returning late afternoon on Friday 25th of September.

[Who can register?](#)

This tour is open to all financial members of Nature Foundation. Place preference will be given to those who have never visited Witchelina before and do not necessarily have the means to undertake outback travel. Should we not fill the tour, the tour will be opened to members who have been before or to non-members at the higher fee.

[How do I apply for a place on the tour?](#)

Places are strictly limited.

Please complete and return the tour application form to us by 14th August.

We will consider all the applications and if there are more applications than places, we will put your name on our wait list.

Once your place is secured you will be notified and sent a payment form – payment can be made by credit card, EFT transfer or cheque by 24th August 2020.

Further information about the tour, collection points and arrangements will be provided closer to the departure date.

[How will we be travelling?](#)

Nature Foundation will be using a fleet of 4WDs for the trip and each vehicle will have a driver/leader being one of our staff or Rotational Managers and a maximum of three guests.

[Who will I be travelling with?](#)

All guests will be allocated to an initial vehicle for your collection at the start of the tour and for your drop off at the end of the tour. This is the vehicle your luggage will be loaded into every time – regardless of whether you are travelling in that vehicle (this ensures we can check our gear before departure each day).

We will be inviting guests to swap vehicles at our stops and each new day to ensure that everyone gets a chance to spend time with our leaders and other guests. Please take your day packs/handbags/cameras/water bottles with you when you change vehicles.

[How many people are going?](#)

Numbers are strictly limited. There will be a maximum of 21 guests, so including our leaders we will number a maximum of 28 people. At Witchelina we will be joined by our Rotational Managers during our time here.

[If I am travelling alone will I have to share a room?](#)

Couples will share a room and we will do our best to provide private accommodation for solo travellers; however, accommodation is limited at Witchelina and sharing may be required.

[How long will the days be?](#)

We aim to drive for a number of hours each day broken up with breaks, meals and activities for both our guests and our drivers to refresh. We will be leaving after breakfast each day and ensuring there is some down time before dinner each evening.

Along the way we will stop and explore some key 'sites' and 'sights' of the regions we pass through.

Please understand that we all have different interests so be patient at a spot or on an activity if it is not really your area of interest but there are others who may be interested. We look forward to learning new things every day.

[Where are we going?](#)

Our plan is to leave Adelaide from a number of pick up points and head to Port Augusta for lunch before heading to the iconic Prairie Hotel in the Flinders for our first dinner together.

Our second day will see us arrive at Witchelina Nature Reserve for an afternoon exploring the Homestead precinct and taking a tour to the incredible Bubble Rocks.



Bubble Rocks – Rebecca Clark

The third day will see us take a full day trip from a number of options. All will include the pastoral history of the reserve, geology, flora and fauna.

Leaving Witchelina the following day we will make our way south again and enjoy the Moralana Scenic Drive to arrive at Rawnsley Park Station for our final dinner at the Woolshed Restaurant.

Our last day will see us wind our way back to Adelaide with a farewell lunch.

[Do I have to do every drive and activity?](#)

Once at Witchelina there will be a variety of tours and activities on offer and if you would like to have some down time and take a rest you are welcome to do so.



Orange chat – Coral Johnston

[What is included?](#)

- A 5-day, 4-night adventure through the spectacular Flinders and Outback SA
- Small group 4WD travel with leaders
- One night at the Prairie Hotel
- Two nights at Witchelina Nature Reserve (sheets and bathroom linen provided)
- One night at Rawnsley Park Station
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday lunchtime to Friday lunchtime
- Drinks on our two nights at Witchelina
- Accommodation will be shared for couples and as much as possible private for solo travellers

[What is not included?](#)

- Personal items
- Purchases
- Accommodation room charges (eg mini bar)
- Alcohol purchases (other than Witchelina's dinners)
- Food and drink items beyond our meal provisions
- Personal snacks and treats
- Medical treatments that may be required
- Expenses incurred for withdrawing from the tour
- Quilt or sleeping bag and pillow for the two nights at Witchelina – please bring these with you

[What steps are in place to manage COVID recommendations and health precautions?](#)

We will ask all guests to assist us with our need to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for all participants. We will be asking for a health declaration prior to departure.

Hand gel and sanitising wipes will be in each vehicle for your use and at Witchelina. Vehicle frequently touched areas will be sanitised to allow guests to move seats.

We will be hiring sheets, bathmats, handtowels and towels for our two nights at Witchelina for you BUT we require you to bring your own pillow and either a sleeping bag or quilt.

Nights can be cool in the outback. Please place them in a plastic bag to protect them from the dust and name your bag.

Do not join the tour if you are showing any signs of illness.

If you become ill during the trip please advise the leaders immediately and we will seek medical advice to assist us with ensuring your wellbeing and that of the other guests.

Please follow coughing and sneezing etiquette at all times.

What is the Cancellation Policy?

We recommend guests consider their own personal needs and travel insurance options.

If we are required to cancel the trip Nature Foundation will try to reschedule the tour or, if this is not possible, refund the full payment.

If a guest cancels their place on the tour 10 days or more from departure and we can replace them with someone from the wait list, we will refund 100% of the fee. If this is not possible 50% only of the fee paid will be refunded.

With less than 10 days' notice no refund will be possible unless we can replace the guest with someone on the wait list.



Dragon lizard – Phil Cole

What should I bring?

- Your sense of adventure, curiosity, patience, humour and enthusiasm
- One medium soft-sided suitcase (please don't overpack)
- Clothing that allows for a layered dressing so you can be warm for the chilly mornings and evenings and peel off during the warmer days
- Sensible walking shoes/hiking boots, hat, coat, waterproof clothing
- Personal items, toiletries, sunscreen, insect repellent, fly net and any medications
- Daypack for keeping your essentials with you in the vehicle and on our outings
- Camera if you enjoy photography
- Flashlight or head torch (essential)
- And don't forget that quilt/sleeping bag and pillow for Witchelina

Witchelina Nature Reserve is a former pastoral property and is situated in the arid zone of the far north of SA. It was purchased in 2010 by Nature Foundation and has been destocked and is now managed for the conservation of flora, fauna, habitat improvement, feral animal and weed control.



At 4,200 square kilometres, Witchelina showcases an impressive variety of mountain, rangeland and desert landscapes, spectacular geology and rich biodiversity. Nature Foundation engages with a wide community including researchers, scientists, local communities, traditional owners and the general public to make Witchelina Nature Reserve a leader in conservation, sustainable land management, threat abatement and visitor experience.

We hope you can join us for this adventure.