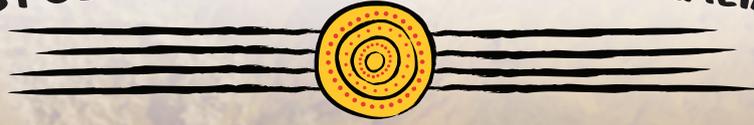


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Cave Explorer Tour



ACTIVITY ITINERARY

DAY 1



NARACOORTE NATIONAL PARK

We arrive at the home of the famous WORLD Heritage Protected, Naracoorte Caves. As it will be cooler weather, we will be staying in the warm indoor bunkhouse, and having all meals indoors courtesy of our private chef. Pick your room and quickly get ready for our first taste of Coonawarra wine district!



PENLEY ESTATE - WINE TASTING #1

Among the gum trees and grape vines in the famous Coonawarra wine district lies this Australian vineyard. It has a distinctly rustic and 'country-Australian' feel to it, with a great big barn shed as our tasting area. Sample as many wines as you like!



RYMILL COONAWARRA - WINE TASTING #2

Likely the most historic winery within the Coonawarra district, Rymill Coonawarra's history dates back to 1852 when the gold-rush happened in Australia and many settlers arrived. A Chinese business man bought the winery in 2016 to help with China's growing taste for Australian wines! The scenery is beautiful so bring your cameras! Gānbēi péngyōu!



GROUP DINNER IN THE DINING HALL

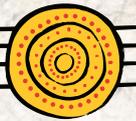
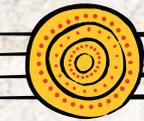
After a very hard day of tasting wines and sight-seeing the Coonawarra, you must be ready for a big warm meal in our dining hall! We get together to enjoy a meal and have our official meet-and-greet.



PINE TREE PLANTATION NIGHT-EXPLORING

Near our Bunk House Accommodation, there are a number of pine tree plantations. Have you ever been inside a pine tree plantation at night? It's a very mysterious experience and can be like a maze. When you are in the middle of a plantation it's easy to get confused about which way you are walking, but have trust in your guide – he knows where he is going!

DAY 2



WET CAVE SELF-GUIDED EXPLORING

Winter is the perfect season to explore these caves! After our chef-made, cooked breakfast in the dining hall, we have the opportunity to explore the Naracoorte Wet Cave. You can only experience this underground wet cave in winter, in other seasons it is dry!



INDOOR (OR OUTDOOR) SOCIAL TIME!

Did you bring cards!? If you didn't, no worries because we did! We also brought volleyball, badminton, a footy and cricket too. Get involved and have a go, or you can help our chef cook up lunch in the dining hall and kitchen area!



UMPHERSTON SINKHOLE – MOUNT GAMBIER

After another chef-cooked lunch, we will be making our way to Mount Gambier- the second largest city in South Australia! Umpherston Sinkhole is really a spectacular site to see. The sinkhole is a naturally occurring hole in the earth, made by the earth sinking down to create a hole. We can walk inside the sinkhole and the edges of the sinkhole cliffs. It makes for truly spectacular photos and is a very unique and rarely occurring environment.



CENTENARY TOWER – MOUNT GAMBIER

There are two large lakes in Mount Gambier that are contained within extinct volcanoes. These lakes are: Valley Lake and Blue Lake. We take a short walk up to Centenary Tower where we get a spectacular view of both the lakes from a very high viewing-point. It's another great opportunity for photos and comparing the colour difference between Valley Lake and the blue-coloured, Blue Lake.



BLUE LAKE – MOUNT GAMBIER

We take a scenic drive around the Blue Lake border, before coming to our viewing point – Apex lookout. You may be able to see the distinct blue colour of the lake, depending on the temperature. The reason for the blue colour of the Blue Lake is still unknown. It is thought that because the lake is inside an extinct volcano, the limestone rock affects the colour.



FREE TIME EXPLORING – MOUNT GAMBIER CITY

We have a short amount of time for you to check out any places in Mt Gambier that you want to. Have a look at the shops, the scenery and buy any snacks or other things you may want to. Make sure to be on the bus in time for our bat-tour, in the Naracoorte Bat-Cave!



BAT TOUR IN BAT-CAVE

When again will you ever see Bat's in a cave? Even if you are afraid of bats, it's a cool, must-do thing that you will not regret! We don't get too much near the bats, but we do get to see a few in their natural habitat, and watch them fly out of the cave at night as they leave to go hunting!



GROUP DINNER IN THE DINING HALL

We have another chef-prepared cooked dinner for you to enjoy in the kitchen and dining hall! It is a late dinner, and we have another campfire night with marshmallows, and social drinks for the night onwards!

DAY 3



VICTORIA FOSSIL-CAVE TOUR

We saved the best cave for last! This is the most spectacular of the caves to see. We are guided through this ancient cave with bones in it dating back over 500,000 years! Some parts of the cave have been dated to be 1 million years old! We see real dinosaur bones that were actually discovered in the cave and get to take the most beautiful photos you will get on this tour!



DRIVE BACK TO ADELAIDE AND EXPLORING HAHNDORF

As we finish our final pack up and enjoy our chef-made lunch, we cruise along the Dukes Highway on our way home back to Adelaide! On the way, we stop over at the historic Hahndorf Town. This old German settlement that has developed into a well known attraction with many small shops including the lolly shop and cheese shop.

Thanks for a great tour! We arrive back to Adelaide between 4:30-5:00pm, just before dark.