



## ARKABA STATION

Wild Bush Luxury

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### **Arkaba Station in the Flinders Ranges – on Track to Open November 1.**

The refurbishment and development of historic Arkaba Station homestead in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia is nearing completion, in time for opening on November 1, 2009. Arkaba is the latest addition to the Wild Bush Luxury portfolio of world-class properties, which include award-winning sister properties, Bamurru Plains and Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef; and Blue Mountains Private Safaris.

Arkaba is a 60,000-acre (24,300 ha) working sheep station, located on the edge of the world-famous geological amphitheatre, Wilpena Pound, and the Flinders Ranges National Park in South Australia.

The five-bedroom heritage homestead, built in 1851, has undergone a complete refurbishment, under the design eye of renowned wildlife artist, Rosie Woodford Ganf, who is working to blend the rich hues and textures of the surrounding landscape with rustic luxury in the homestead's appointments.

"As with our other properties, our aim is to deliver an inspiring and thought-provoking experience of a spectacular and uniquely Australian landscape, supported by some key luxury standards, including a supremely comfortable bed and fine food," explained Charles Carlow, CEO of Wild Bush Luxury. "It's not luxury in the traditional sense: rather, the key to the Wild Bush Luxury experience is our team of knowledgeable guides and our down-to-earth, professional staff."

Pat and Sally Kent, who are well-known in the industry as the former hosts of Portee Station on the banks of the Murray River, have been appointed as Arkaba's managers. Their small team of staff will include a chef and two guides to bring alive the experience on one of Australia's most beautiful outback properties.

A stay at Arkaba will include a range of activities aimed at providing an insight into 'outback life' on a sheep station, as well as showcasing the spectacular natural assets of the region. Day trips into the gorges of the neighbouring Flinders Ranges National Park, guided bushwalks interpreting the rich Aboriginal culture of the region, mountain biking and scenic flights over the Ranges and Lake Eyre will be on offer.

The property's ecological health has been nurtured under the pastoral care of the Rasheed family for the past 25 years, resulting in an abundance of readily-spotted native wildlife, including kangaroos and wallaroos; emus and many other bird species, and rare Yellow-footed Rock Wallabies.

The homestead will retain its five bedrooms, a library with deep leather armchairs and fireplace; shady verandahs and breakfast room, while a wet-edge pool has been added for relaxing in the midday heat of the summer months.

Arkaba's location overlooking the magnificent Elder Range also makes it the ideal base for exploring on foot. Wild Bush Luxury is also offering three-day walking safaris through the

beautiful landscape of Wilpena Pound, staying in luxury swag camps. The tours can be taken in conjunction with, or separate to, a stay at Arkaba homestead.

“Arkaba is one of Australia’s most beautiful outback stations and adds a new dimension to Wild Bush Luxury, with its heritage homestead and historic out-buildings, which contrast with the safari-camp style of our other properties. The unifying theme will be the Wild Bush Luxury focus of providing an exclusive wilderness experience, this time in the Southern Outback,” said Charles Carlow.

As with its sister properties, a proportion of the bed-night revenue at Arkaba will be donated directly to the company’s conservation partner, the Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

Arkaba Station is scheduled to open on November 1, 2009, offering packages including all meals, beverages, touring activities and accommodation for \$790 per person, per night.

For further information, visit [www.arkabastation.com](http://www.arkabastation.com), [www.wildbushluxury.com](http://www.wildbushluxury.com) or call 1300 790 561.

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