



ARKABA STATION

Wild Bush Luxury

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Conde Nast Traveller Names Arkaba Station, Flinders Ranges in 2010 Hot List

Conde Nast Traveller UK has named Arkaba Station in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia in its Hot List 2010 – ‘the definitive guide to the hottest new hotels in the world’. From a list of thousands, the magazine’s contributors selected 66 of the best new places to stay in 30 countries around the world – with just two Australian properties included.

Arkaba Station, the refurbished 1850s homestead set on one of Australia’s most beautiful outback stations, beneath the Elder Range on the edge of Wilpena Pound, opened on November 1, 2009.

Following an extensive makeover of the historic, five-bedroom homestead, Arkaba became the newest addition to the award-winning Wild Bush Luxury portfolio of properties and experiences, which include Bamurru Plains (NT); Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef (WA) and Blue Mountains Private Safaris (NSW).

In keeping with the Wild Bush Luxury philosophy, touches of luxury include supremely comfortable beds; fine dining, with meals prepared by the in-house chef – and some down-to-earth country hospitality, with managers, Pat and Sally Kent.

Renowned wildlife artist, Rosie Woodford Ganf oversaw the interior design, with a focus on early settler and safari style, incorporating station items, local materials, and her own wildlife artwork.

There are comfortable leather sofas and a log fire in the library for cool nights and a swimming pool for hot days. An open bar is available for guests and dinner is served on the terrace overlooking the garden and ranges. A purely South Australian selection of wines has been sourced that covers all of the state’s wine regions and the varieties that they are particularly known for.

The focus, however, is on immersing guests in the surrounding environment: staying at Arkaba is an insight to life on a 60,000 acre (24,300 ha) working sheep station and into the ecosystems that support its abundant native wildlife, including emus, kangaroos, wallaroos, many bird species and the rare Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby.

Arkaba’s guides share their passion and knowledge on guided walks and safari drives, showcasing the spectacular natural assets of the region.

In keeping with the Wild Bush Luxury ethos of working in harmony with the property’s natural surroundings, strong environmental practices are followed in the operation of the business. As with its sister properties, a proportion of the bed-night revenue at Arkaba is donated directly to the company’s conservation partner, the Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

Arkaba Station costs \$790 per person, per night, twin share. This includes all meals, beverages (based on a select open bar), round trip transfers by road from Port Augusta or Hawker and scheduled activities (4WD safaris, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, daily guiding). There is a minimum two-night stay.

For further information, visit www.arkabastation.com, www.wildbushluxury.com or call 1300 790 561.

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