

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM ADELAIDE TO ARKABA

Please phone prior to your departure from Adelaide so that the staff know an approximate arrival time. Please note that lunch is not included on your arrival day and check in is available from 2pm. **Station phone number is (08) 8648-4195**

Please ensure you have some water with you in case of break a down before you start the drive. **As you will arrive at Arkaba after lunchtime we suggest you get something to eat along the way.**

Suggested Lunch Stops

Skillogalee Winery - Trevarrick Road, Spring Gully/Clare
Old Bakery Stone Hut - 1 Main North Road, Stone Hut
North Star Hotel - Nott Street, Melrose (please note North Star Hotel is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, however, during school holidays they are open every day)

There are 2 routes from Adelaide to Arkaba (Direct route and Scenic route).

Scenic Route

Arkaba via Clare and Quorn

approx. 5 hrs

From Adelaide to Clare, we suggest taking the Main North Road to Gawler and through Tarlee and Auburn to Clare. (*Gawler is the gateway to the Barossa Valley*)

From Clare head north towards the Flinders Ranges. About 8km north of Clare, there is a fork in the road, both roads indicating a way to the Flinders Ranges. Take the left road and head through Gladstone and Melrose north towards Wilmington. At Wilmington turn right to Quorn and continue on to Hawker.

Turn right into Hawker, where it is signposted Wilpena, and follow this road through the town. Arkaba is 20km outside of Hawker along this road. Just before the driveway you will pass the woolshed on the left, and then further along on your left is the driveway with a white oil drum with Arkaba painted on it. (Also signposted Arkaba HS).

Please turn in to the driveway and make your way to the Main House, which is situated on the right, at the bottom. You do not need to bring your luggage with you as our staff will be happy to collect this for you and take it to your room.

Direct Route

Highway One to Arkaba via Port Augusta

approx. 4.5 to 5 hours

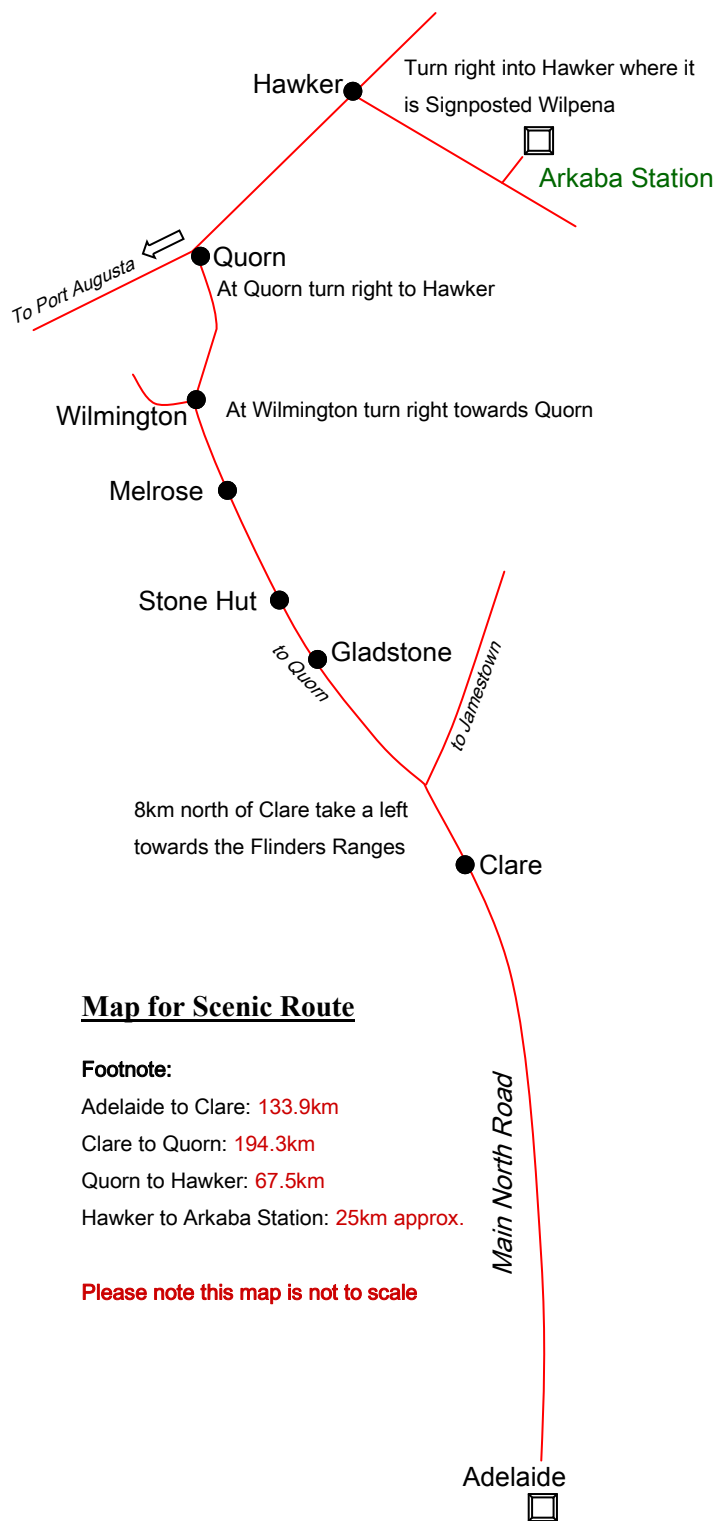
Take the Main North Road out of Adelaide, and then keep heading straight up Highway One, for Port Augusta. Port Augusta is 300km from Adelaide. A couple of kms before Port Augusta is the right hand turn for Stirling North/Quorn. Take this right turn, go through Stirling North, Quorn and then Hawker (a further 130km approx.).

Turn right into Hawker, where it is signposted Wilpena, and follow this road through the town. Arkaba is 20km outside of Hawker along this road. Just before the driveway you will pass



ARKABA STATION

Wild Bush Luxury



Points of Interest on the Direct Route:

Port Augusta

Home to the *Royal Flying Doctor Service*'s which welcomes visitor from 10am to 3pm weekdays at the Port Augusta Airport on the old Whyalla Road, for a gold coin donation.

You can also climb the 1882, *iron water tower*, which is surrounded by relaxing gardens, on Mitchell Terrace offering great views of the meandering Gulf waters, the Flinders Ranges to the east, Baxter Range to the West and the Outback to the north.

Pichi Richi Railway is an operating museum, operating regular heritage train journeys on the oldest remaining section of the famous narrow-gauge old Ghan railway. Departs from Port August to Quorn April—November. The timetable is available online www.prr.org.au, at Wadlata Outback Centre—Port Augusta and it's also displayed on signage at Port Augusta Railway Station.

Hawker

Yourambulla Caves are 11km south of Hawker and you can view Aboriginal paintings and etchings via a self guided 1km walking trail. The caves are named from the Adnyamathanha phrase “yura pilla”, meaning two men (referring to two nearby peaks).

Points of Interest on the Scenic Route:

Clare Valley

A cluster of villages and wineries are nestled in the picturesque Clare Valley. The area is set amongst natural bushland, old stone buildings and boutique wineries specializing in Riesling. The oldest vineyard dates back to 1848 when the Jesuit priests fled religious and political persecution in Silesia, migrated to Australia and established Sevenhills Cellars.

Gladstone

Boasting some of the largest grain solos in South Australia., Gladstone is surrounded by wheat and sheep. Do time at the heritage-listed Gladstone Gaol, which also served as an internment camp and barracks and was in official use until 1975.

Stone Hut

This pioneering town began its life as a stagecoach town with Cobb & Co calling in on its way from Clare to Port Augusta. Today the town includes a collection of stone cottages mapped out on a heritage walk and is known for its bakery. *Old Bakery Stone Hut* is open 7 days a week with a range of irresistible pies, cakes and slices.

Melrose

Cradled at the base of impressive Mount Remarkable, Melrose is the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges (established in the 1840's). A must for bushwalkers, cyclists, bird watchers and history buffs—Melrose is one of the prettiest towns in Australia.

Wilmington

Named “beautiful valley” by the pioneers who settled the region in the mid 1850's. Wilmington offers views of the southern section of the Flinders Ranges to the west and Willochra Plain to the east. Red canyons and unusual rock formations can be found in the stunning *Alligator Gorge*.

Quorn

Retaining much of its old world character, with wide streetscapes and charming heritage buildings. Stop and enjoy a wander through bric-a-brac stores and art galleries. *Warren Gorge* is home to a colony of Yellow-footed rock wallabies and for the energetic there is a hike to the summit of *Devil's Peak*, 670m above sea level.