



Desert Sky Tours *Personalised Tours 2024*



NILPENA EDIACARA NATIONAL PARK

3-day trip – Adelaide –Nilpena Return

Nilpena is now recognised as the richest and most diverse Ediacaran fossil site on Earth and has revolutionised our understanding of this remarkable time in Earth's history. Nilpena has a diversity of over 40 species recorded in the sediments of its ancient seafloors, and palaeontologists are revealing fascinating evidence about how these strange and cryptic early creatures lived, reproduced, and even hunted.

Day 1

Pick up from your home at time to be advised.

We travel via Gawler and mid-north towns, stopping for a cup of coffee at Seven Hill and lunch in Quorn.

We visit Warren Gorge a known habitat for yellow footed rock wallabies.

Continuing along the Arden Vale Road we pass the lonely grave of Hugh Proby who died on 30 August 1852. In 1851 Proby had taken three leases, two of which totalling 101 square miles were the start of Kanyaka. He had ridden after a mob of cattle which had broken away during a severe thunderstorm. On his way back he found the Willochra Creek was flooding, and he was cut off; he attempted to cross, but it was running fast and deep and he drowned.

We visit the extensive ruins of Kanyaka Station.

Our journey continues to Hawker.

Overnight: Hawker Motel
(08) 8648 4102

Day 2

After breakfast we continue north to Parachilna and a little further to Nilpena to meet the 10am Ediacara Experience tour and one of the most significant fossil sites in the world in both quality and quantity of fossils.

Here you will see the Ediacaran fossils which are over 550 million years old and some of the oldest in the world. These fossil sites are protected, and it is not possible to visit them on your own so on the visit we will be guided by one of the expert scientists working on the excavations. View a snapshot of how these ancient animals lived and walk on the ancient sea floor and discover how these fossils have been so exquisitely preserved after being buried for over 550 million years.

We return to Hawker via Brachina Gorge, Bunyeroo Valley and Wilpena Pound.

Overnight: Hawker Motel
 (08) 8648 4102

Day 3

Leaving Hawker, we return to Adelaide via Orroroo, Terowie and Burra. We anticipate arrival in Adelaide around 5.30pm.

Tour Includes:

3 days escorted 4WD touring
2 nights each at Hawker Motel (D,B&B)
Entry fee to Nilpena Ediacara National Park
All meals

Complimentary pick up and set down in Adelaide metropolitan area

Per person twin share : AUD \$1950pp

Single Supplement : AUD \$ 100

Departure Date : On demand – please enquire

