

Explore Kangaroo Island in style. Introducing Expedition Kangaroo Island 2011

Baillie Lodges is excited to announced dates for the popular '**Expedition Kangaroo Island**' at **Southern Ocean Lodge** in July 2011. The week-long program departing **23 July 2011** promises days and nights filled with adventure and learning in the company of like-minded travellers and with Southern Ocean Lodge as 'luxury base camp'.

The program has been designed to allow guests, as 'expeditioners' the chance to explore first-hand a complete experience of the beautifully wild Kangaroo Island, showcasing its abundant native wildlife, spirited art, delicious local cuisine and fascinating history. In true expedition style, the week will be filled with interactive 'hands-on' adventures, guided walks, marine-based activities and informative presentations.

Widely regarded as **Australia's Galapagos** and brimming with diverse flora and fauna, a rich heritage and world class food and wine culture, Kangaroo Island offers endless opportunities for exploration and adventure. An abundance of native wildlife thriving in freedom has earned the island the unofficial title of a 'zoo without fences'.

July is the ideal time for the expedition as daytime temperatures are perfect for exploring, wildlife is active and evenings promise delicious cuisine and superb South Australian wines enjoyed by freshly stoked fires, wintry seas churning beyond.

We are excited that the renowned naturalist **Craig Wickham of Exceptional Kangaroo Island** with whom we have worked closely since opening in 2008 will join us as Expedition Kangaroo Island leader. **Southern Ocean Lodge proprietor Hayley Baillie** and the Lodge's own team of naturalist guides will be part of each day's itinerary, promising a very personal guided experience of the island.

Expedition Kangaroo Island is modelled on the much-loved Expedition Lord Howe programs run at sister property **Capella Lodge** over the past five years in cooperation with **Aurora Expeditions**, who are excited to be involved in the project again this year.

The Expedition's itinerary spans the western regions of the island, home to such wildlife celebrities as the Australian Sea Lions at **Seal Bay**, Australian and New Zealand Fur Seals in the **Flinders Chase National Park**, kangaroos, wallabies, goannas, echidnas and koalas in their natural habitat. We meet local **artist Indiana James**, creator of wildlife sculptures from discarded farm machinery including 'Sunshine', the kangaroo commissioned for the Lodge, and explore the north coast with historical highlights including the **Cape Borda Lighthouse Station and its cemetery**. We meet with **Dr Peggy Rismiller**, the island's own expert on the Short-beaked Echidna and Rosenberg's Goanna. Get up-close and buzzing with the **Ligurian bees** and take to the **Southern Ocean in a marine zodiac** to encounter penguins, sea birds, dolphins and seals.

Rates: Expeditioners can select their preferred luxury suite at Southern Ocean Lodge. Rates commence from **\$6,900 per person twin share** and are inclusive of all dining, all beverages, guided experiences and guest lectures, flights to and from Kangaroo Island and much more.

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Editors Notes: Baillie Lodges is a collection of intimate luxury lodges in unique wilderness destinations. Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island launched the portfolio and continues to capture guests in its magic. Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia's first true luxury lodge offering a premium nature-based escape. Both Baillie Lodges properties are honoured as founding members of the prestigious Luxury Lodges of Australia collection.