

This half day programme will introduce you to Kangaroo Island's wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes and takes full advantage of the Lodge's unique remote location. This tour is included as part of the Southern Ocean Lodge experience and operated exclusively by Exceptional Kangaroo Island.



Flinders Chase National Park Headquarters

An old farm provides the setting for the headquarters for Flinders Chase National Park which covers the entire west end of the Island. A walk around the pasture gives an introduction to the role this park plays in wildlife conservation, both historically and today, as well as preserving the remains of creatures now extinct. Black Swamp contains remains of giant marsupials - Diprotodonts which were rhinoceros-sized herbivores, Thylacaleo which was a tree-climbing predator like a leopard and Sthenurus, a three metre tall kangaroo!



Remarkable Rocks

Perched on a huge dome that plunges into the southern ocean, these ancient granite boulders have been shaped by endless winds, salt spray and sandblasting. The results are "Henry Moore meets Salvador Dali" - an elegant sculpture of gigantic proportions with extraordinary shapes and textures - all entirely natural.



Cape du Couedic

Making up the extreme south-west tip of the Island, this rugged cape combines a spectacular seascape and wildlife encounters. The relentless seas have carved out a cave known as Admirals Arch. This arch and the surrounding rocks are home to over 50,000 fur-seals. A boardwalk gives us easy access right down into the cave and the seals can be seen resting on the rocks, bathing in the sheltered waters or taking on the surf.



The Lighthouse Keepers domain

The huge seas and rugged cliffs of Cape du Couedic have claimed the lives of many sailors and fishermen. A lighthouse was constructed in 1907 and has shone out across the ocean every night since. Today when we expect everything on demand, it is sobering to consider the lives of the light keepers where supplies were ordered and delivered by sea every three months. At Weirs Cove are the remains of the lighthouse supply point where goods were hauled up the cliffs from a small jetty in the ocean far below.