

KI Food Safari | Southern Ocean Lodge



Day 1 | Arrive at Kingscote Airport to be met by your Safari Leaders and the Southern Ocean Lodge team. Your bags will be delivered directly to the Lodge; it's a good idea to keep a day pack with anything you think you'll need for an afternoon 'in the field'. We head across to the picturesque Islander Estate Winery for a 'First Taste of Kangaroo Island' standup lunch and oak barrel wine-tasting. From here we drive south to Andermel Marron, home of KI's prized freshwater crayfish and a leader in sustainable aquaculture. As the sun sinks to the west we arrive at Southern Ocean Lodge, our 'luxé base-camp' for the KI Food Safari. Refresh and reconvene to meet the team before Jack Ingram's welcome dinner in degustation style, designed to showcase the finest, freshest KI produce with Islander Estate matched wines. Welcome.

Day 2 | Today the Safari heads out towards the KI's eastern end. We start our journey at Island Pure, the island's sheep milk dairy. We'll see sheep milking and enter the factory for hands-on ricotta making. From here we head across to Antechamber Bay and the home of South Rock Lamb. Here we'll have lunch, meet the Gilfillan family who are passionate about raising free-range lamb and who coordinate the Farmers Market at Penneshaw. We'll enjoy a wine-tasting with nearby Dudley Wines, before heading west again to the oyster leases at Kangaroo Island Premium Oysters. Return to the Lodge for a 'glass-in-hand' cooking demonstration with your Safari Leader and dinner menu.

Day 3 | An optional fishing charter explores the waters to the island's north to bring the catch back for dinner, whilst the remaining Safari travels to Seal Bay and the third largest colony of the Australian Sea Lion. The afternoon is at leisure with choices of our Chef Jack Ingram's Masterclass which includes a three part 'Journey of the Southern Sourdough', spa treatments, bespoke experiences or just relaxing around the Lodge. In the evening we join your Safari Leaders in the kitchen for a foodie challenge, KI Style as they prepare the canapés for sunset drinks. Join your Safari Leaders for a hosted dinner.

Day 4 | This morning the Safari offers the experience of KI's wilderness highlights on a half day excursion to Flinders Chase National Park. Walk amongst the Remarkable Rocks, get amongst the fur seals colony at Admiral Arch and hear stories of shipwrecks, early light-house keepers and more. We suggest you don't leave KI without it! Alternatively as a fun foodies' adventure for the morning, Jack Ingram will take a group tour to the Ildoura Fruits Farm, a producer of Australian native bush preserves and Ligurian beehives. KI's Bay of Shoals Winery will join us for a tasting at a 'Southern Sizzler' BBQ style lunch. We divide for Jack Ingram's Masterclass, time at leisure and an optional walk (or later drive) to neighbouring historic property, Grassdale. For 'Kangas and Kanapes', your Safari Leader cooks alfresco at Grassdale as the roos and wallabies emerge to graze at dusk. We welcome Charles Melton as our host sommelier, who'll crack his pre-release O9 reds especially for us and who brings a selection of museum wines to match a dinner menu created by your Safari Leader.

Day 5 | The KI Food Safari heads north for a full day out and about. The day starts with a visit to Island Beehive, home to the Ligurian Bee and its pure, prized honey. We travel to the canola fields to the north, which are pollinated only by the locals, and have morning tea in the vast fields of yellow flowered canola crops. Next stop is KI Abalone a fine example of aquaculture with fresh, premium abalone to be savoured, damside. Lunch is long and lazy and cooked for us by Nick Hannaford at Life Time Retreats on the picturesque north coast, before we begin our journey home mid-afternoon via the groves and fig trees at KI Olive Oil for a tasting and a wander. Dinner is in 'Family Style' – a cooperative 'Chef and the Chef' creation from one of your Safari Leaders and our own Jack Ingram.

Day 6 | A late breakfast for those who like it precedes a last chance for a clifftop walk, spa treatment or Jack Ingram's final Masterclass. Checkout and depart for the airport is around 11am; the Safari heads back to the airport to return each to their home ports.

A Flexible Approach | The KI Food safari offers wonderful possibilities. With this in mind, our itinerary is always dependent on a number of factors, weather certainly being one, and changes may be made to take advantage of opportunities nature may have in store for us.