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HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Tues, 29 October to Sun, 10 November 2024

Personally escorted by Jacquely Turner



Discover the old-world charm of the German heritage-listed town of Hahndorf, including a tour of the home and studio of famous Australia artist, Sir Hans Heysen.

Marvel at the vast landscape of the Flinders Ranges and the mighty Wilpena Pound. We will also visit the nearby towns of Quorn and Blinman.

Explore the best that Kangaroo Island has to offer, including spectacular scenery, inquisitive wildlife, and delicious local produce.

Visit the quirky d'Arenberg Cube in McLaren Vale and enjoy a tasting while overlooking the vineyards.

Tuesday 29 October Welcome to Adelaide (WD)

Our coach will depart Warragul for our flight to Adelaide. On arrival, we will be met and transferred to the THE PLAYFORD ADELAIDE - Mgallery, Classic Room, or similar, for a three-night stay.

We shall enjoy an orientation walk before making our way to a local restaurant for dinner.

Wednesday 30 October Adelaide Hahndorf - Adelaide (B)

Venturing out of the city today we will head east to the beautiful Adelaide Hills. Stopping along the way, we will take in the incredible views of Adelaide from the **Mt Lofty Summit**, the ideal spot for that perfect panoramic photo.

The Adelaide Hills is arguably South Australia's most charming region, with quaint towns, a proud history and a delicious food and wine scene waiting to be explored. Our destination is the charming German heritage-listed town of **Hahndorf**.

Here, we will explore the enchanting main street that is lined with traditional German buildings housing boutiques, pubs, bakeries, and cafes. We will also visit the home of one of Australia's greatest artists, Sir Hans Heysen, for a guided tour his house, grounds, and studio.

Making our way to the end of the main street, we will visit the famed **Beerenberg Farm** to explore the strawberry fields and peruse their vast array of specialty products.

A special highlight today will be a visit to **Penfolds Magill Estate**, nestled amongst the foothills of the Mount Lofty Ranges, for a tour of the original winery and a tasting of Grange. Dinner tonight will be at your leisure.

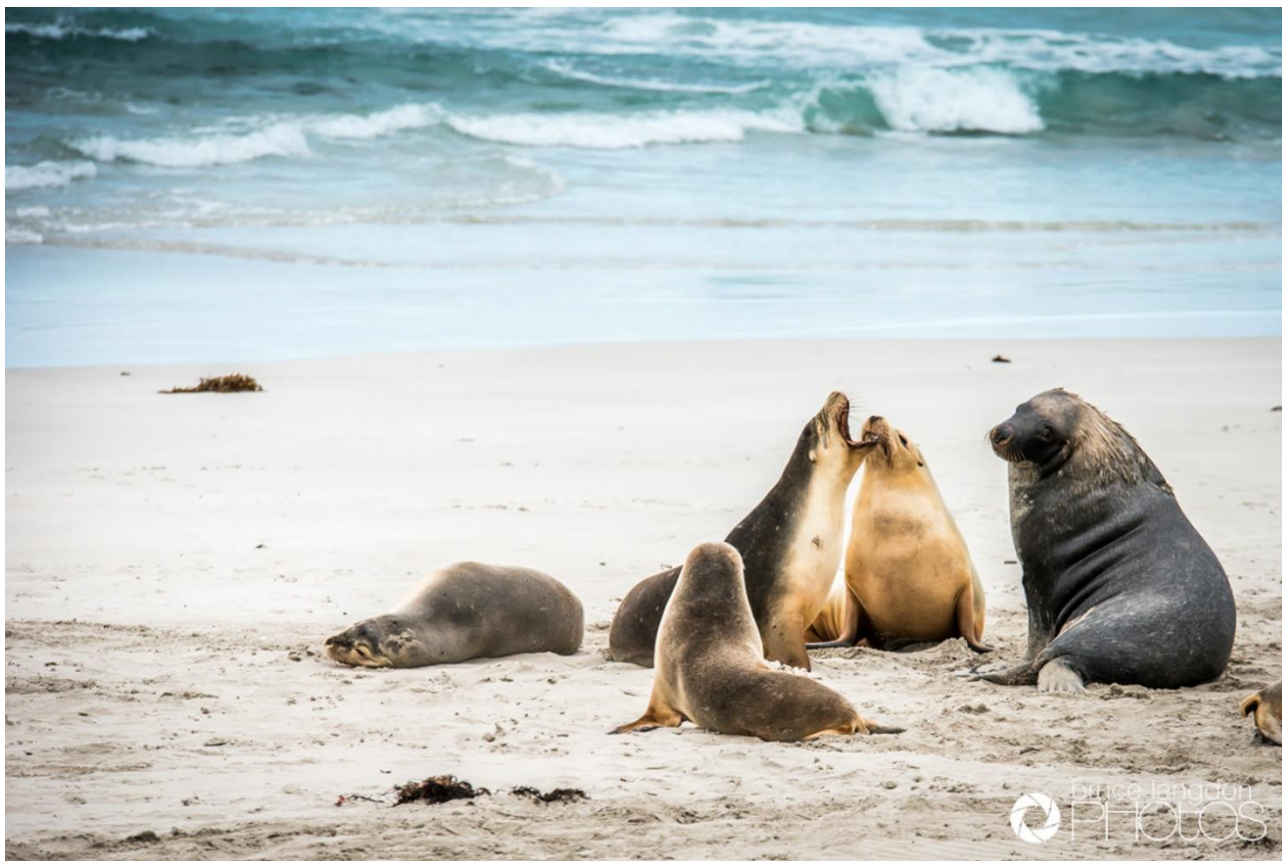


Thursday 31 October Adelaide sightseeing (BL)

Adelaide is renowned for its incredible food and wine scene and we will visit the food hub of the city this morning, the **Adelaide Central Market**. One of the largest undercover markets in the Southern Hemisphere, the Adelaide Central Market is home to over 70 traders offering a variety of fresh produce and gourmet goods. We join the Adelaide locals for 'breakfast at the markets' followed by a private tour of the market.

Next, we visit the **Adelaide Botanic Gardens**, containing beautifully-landscaped gardens, majestic avenues, and stunning architecture. Spanning 50 hectares, the historic garden (opened in 1857) features some of Australia's finest plant collections. Here we shall enjoy a picnic lunch.

From here, our tour of the city continues with a short tram ride to Adelaide's cultural boulevard North Terrace. Home to beautiful heritage architecture, wide footpaths and the **State's Museum and Art Gallery**, North Terrace is a wonder to explore. We shall have some free time before returning to our hotel for dinner at leisure.



Friday 1 November	Adelaide - Kangaroo Island	(B D)
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The jewel in South Australia's tourism crown, the raw and rugged **Kangaroo Island** awaits us today. Travelling to **Cape Jervis**, at the tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula, we board the ferry for a 45-minute ride to Kangaroo Island. Home to crystal clear waters, an abundance of wildlife, incredible natural wonders, and delicious local food, the Island is truly breathtaking.

With a vast array of small producers, today we will savour local produce as we explore the Island, learn about the purest strain of Ligurian bees in the world, overlook the **Emu Bay lavender fields**, tour an oyster farm, and sample the wares of South Australia's first boutique gin distillery.

Tonight, we stay at the **MERCURE KANGAROO ISLAND LODGE**, Bayview Room, or *similar*, for our two-night stay. Dinner tonight is included.

Saturday 2 November	Kangaroo Island	(B L)
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Beginning at **Seal Bay**, we will have the opportunity to walk on the beach alongside a colony of endangered Australian sea lions, a unique species only found in South Australia and Western Australia.

Next, we continue to the **Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary**. Here we will enjoy a picnic lunch and take a tour of the sanctuary, meeting many of the native species as we learn about how they were impacted by the 2020 bushfires.

We will then visit **Flinders Chase National Park** at the far end of the Island, home to the Remarkable Rocks, a beautiful arrangement of granite boulders sculpted naturally by wind, sea spray and rain over the course of 500 million years. It is a sanctuary for endangered species and home to a few geological phenomena.

We return to our hotel with dinner at your leisure.

Sunday 3 November **Kangaroo Island - McLaren Vale** **(B L)**

Today we drive to the **Cape Willoughby Lighthouse**, the first lighthouse to be erected in South Australia and along way we have a photo stop via **Mt Thisby Lookout**.

We take the ferry back to **Cape Jervis** and continue to our hotel SERAFINO MCLAREN VALE Hotel, Resort Room, *or similar*, for the next two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure.



Monday 4 November **McLaren Vale** **(B L)**

We travel to **Willunga**, a lovely historic town on the Fleurieu Peninsula. It has rustic cafes, traditional hotels, art and craft galleries, a general store, and boutiques to browse in. Lunch will be at the **Salopian Inn**, a beautifully restored old homestead.

The remainder of the day is at leisure

Tuesday 5 November **Clare Valley** **(B D)**

Before leaving the McLaren Vale region, we will visit the impressive and quirky **d'Arenberg Cube**. This Rubik's cube like structure juts out of the d'Arenberg winery's vineyard and is home to a tasting room and museum. We shall enjoy a little Melbourne Cup flutter on the races.

After we drive to **Port Noarlunga Beach**, a picturesque seaside village, we will have free time for lunch. We then head north to another of South Australia's award-winning wine regions, the Clare Valley. The region is not only known for its incredible Riesling, but for its strong heritage as well. On arrival we shall check in to the CLARE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, Superior Room, *or similar*, for an overnight stay.

Dinner will be at the hotel.



Wednesday 6 November	Flinders Ranges	(B D)
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After a tour of **Bungaree Station** and morning tea, we continue towards the Flinders Ranges and see the historic **Pichi Richi Railway** track that dates back to 1879 in the historic town of **Quorn**. We will admire Quorn's beautiful heritage buildings and learn about the town's past as a vibrant railway hub for the region. You might recognise the streets of Quorn from films including Gallipoli, Wolf Creek and The Lighthorsemen.

Step back in time, into another world when we travel to the Flinders Ranges. Dusty red rocks jut out of the dry and arid landscape, as long roads lead to the epicentre of the region - mighty **Wilpena Pound**. With a laidback and welcoming country hospitality and stunning scenery made world famous by the watercolour paintings of **Sir Hans Heysen**, it can be hard to forget that the region is just a five-hour drive from the heart of Adelaide.

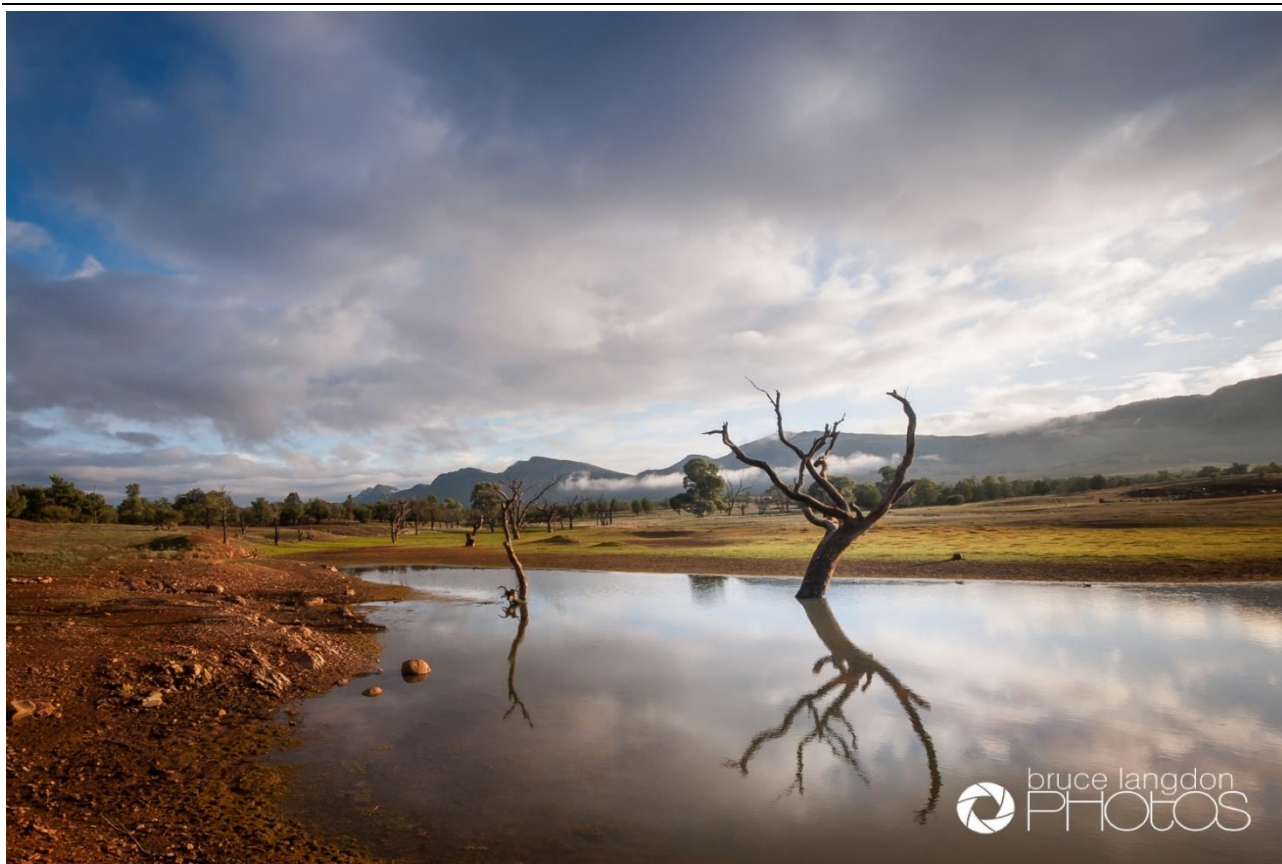
We will reach our accommodation, **WILPENA POUND RESORT**, Resort Room, or *similar*, late this afternoon for a two-night stay. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Thursday 7 November	Flinders Ranges	(B L D)
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Today we have a full day of sightseeing. Arguably the Flinders Ranges' most iconic landmark, Wilpena Pound is a natural amphitheatre home to impressive gorges and an abundance of wildlife. The Adnyamathanha people have called the Flinders Ranges home for tens of thousands of years, with 'Wilpena' translating to 'lkara' meaning 'meeting place'.

We will spend our day exploring the incredible desert landscape and jagged, rugged gorges that surround us. We will also visit South Australia's highest town, **Blinman**, a historic copper mining settlement dating back to 1859.

We return to the hotel for dinner.



OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Flinders Ranges Scenic Flight - Enjoy extraordinary aerial views of Wilpena Pound on an incredible scenic flight. To avoid disappointment, it is strongly recommended to pre-book this optional prior to travel, as far in advance as possible. Passenger's weight must be advised at time of booking. (30 minutes - \$280pp approx)

Friday 8 November **Burra - Barossa Valley** **(B)**

One of Australia's most well-known and highly regarded wine regions is calling our name today. **The Barossa**, home to some of the world's oldest vines, over 80 cellar doors and passionate and welcoming locals, is a must visit region for anyone who visits South Australia.

We discover South Australia's mining history on our way to the Barossa today, when we visit the town of Burra. A thriving copper mining hub in its heyday, **Burra** is home to fascinating remnants of its past including heritage buildings, abandoned mine dugouts, police quarters and more.

We will arrive in the Barossa in the afternoon and check in to the NOVOTEL BAROSSA VALLEY RESORT, Superior Room, *or similar*, for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Saturday 9 November **Barossa Valley** **(B D)**

The Barossa, home to some of the world's oldest vines, over 80 cellar doors and passionate and welcoming locals, is a must visit region for anyone who visits South Australia. We will spend the day uncovering some gems of the Barossa, including **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop** for a private cooking demonstration. While here we will sample Maggie's flagship and seasonal products and enjoy a wander around the property.

We then make our way down a palm-tree lined road to **Seppeltsfield**. Here, we will explore the expansive grounds that are home to heritage buildings housing local vendors including the craft and design studio Jam Factory and the handmade skin and body care business Vasse Virgin.



As a special experience, we will tour the **Centennial Cellar at Seppeltsfield** and taste tawny directly from the barrel. The Centennial Cellar is a highlight at Seppeltsfield, home to an unbroken lineage of each vintage of tawny from the current year all the way back to the year 1878. This evening, we shall enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Sunday 10 November

Adelaide - Melbourne

(B)

We farewell South Australia today and transfer to the Adelaide Airport for our flight to Melbourne. On arrival we shall be met and transferred back to Gippsland by coach.

SIGHTSEEING:

- Private tour of Adelaide Central Market with breakfast
- Tour of historic North Terrace, Adelaide's cultural boulevard
- Discover the Adelaide Hills including Hahndorf, Beerenberg Farm and Sir Hans Heysen's Cedars Cottage
- Taste the iconic Grange on a private tour of Penfolds Magill Estate
- Explore Kangaroo Island including entry fees, food and gin tastings
- Walk alongside Australian sea lions on the beach at Seal Bay
- Meet the native species at Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
- Visit Flinders Chase National Park and see how it's recovering from the recent bushfires
- Enjoy scenic drives through the Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide Hills, Clare Valley, Flinders Ranges and the Barossa
- Visit the Clare Valley wine region
- Spend a full day exploring the Flinders Ranges including a visit to the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna
- Visit historic Burra and learn about its mining history
- Uncover the Barossa wine region, home to some of the world's oldest wines
- Sample tawny, touring the collection at Seppeltsfield
- Visit Maggie Beer's Farm Shop for a private cooking demonstration and tasting

INCLUSIONS

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour by Jacquy Turner
- **In the unlikely event that Jacquy is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.*
- Minimum 15 guests - maximum 20 guests
- Private coach transfers between Warragul and Melbourne
- Return economy airfares and taxes - Mel-Adl-Mel
- All airport arrival and departure transfers
- All touring in full sized 46-seater air-conditioned coach allowing plenty of space to spread out.
- Return ferry to Kangaroo Island
- Hotel accommodation with private facilities throughout tour
- Experienced driver/local guides throughout tour
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable
- Meals as per itinerary: **23 meals:** 12 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L), 6 Dinners (D)
- Complimentary water throughout tour
- Gippsland Travel hat or cap; luggage strap; water bottle; hand gel; an end of tour journal showcasing your time on the tour.
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- **ALL tipping** of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- **ALL tipping** of guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive Travel insurance. It is a condition of our tours that comprehensive travel insurance is in place at the time of final payment.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in inclusions.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges.





JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 40 years’ experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquie’s attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

“I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world and are especially looking forward to showing you around our own backyard. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years.”

A TASTE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

29 October to 10 November 2024

TOUR COST: \$7,749 per person on a twin share basis
 \$ 1,800 single supplement

- ★ Upgrade to business class – cost on application
- ★ Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.
- ★ Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Initial deposit	To secure your place on this tour	\$400 per person
Balance of payment	Due by Wednesday, 28 August 2024	

The tour cost is based on a minimum of 15 participants. In the unlikely event that this number of participants is not reached, Gippsland Travel reserve the right to cancel the tour. In this instance only, a full refund of all deposits paid will be refunded.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation fees cannot be credited to another booking.
 Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre.

Cancellation date	Cancellation fee
Cancellation received after full deposit has been paid	\$400pp
Cancellation received on or after 29 August 2024	100% of tour cost

If you cancel for any reason, the above charges will come into effect.

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portorage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, or transfers.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

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