

VOYAGE INFORMATION

Voyage Name	Kangaroo Island Explorer
Voyage Code	KAN151021G
Dates	15 - 21 October, 2021
Duration	7 days / 6 nights
Embark	Adelaide, South Australia
Disembark	Adelaide, South Australia
Ship	<i>Greg Mortimer</i>
Forms Due	15 July, 2021
*Optional Activities	Kayaking; Diving; Snorkelling; Dolphin Swim

Marvel at the regenerative powers of nature while exploring Australia's third-largest island from the comfort of your floating base camp. Following on from the devastating bushfires of January 2020 this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see new life bursting forth, the return of koalas, wallabies, echidnas and dunnarts. Each day you'll choose from a menu of activities, from swimming with dolphins and sea lions, to exploring wilderness tracks and participating in post-fire ecological surveys. By ship, Zodiac or kayak, encounter spectacular granite coastlines and fossils of ancient sea creatures. Treat your taste buds with local fare, from gin and wine to fresh seafood and honey while gaining new insights into habitat restoration from renowned experts. Local artists will share their insights, and local guides will introduce their natural world on an expedition you will cherish forever.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day 1	Embark the <i>Greg Mortimer</i> in Adelaide and set sail
Day 2	American River
Day 3	Penneshaw
Days 4-5	Vivonne Bay, West Coast
Day 6	Emu Bay, Kingscote
Day 7	Disembark in Adelaide

VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Participate in habitat restoration, and enjoy encounters with koalas and short-beaked echidnas.
- Marvel at the artistic works of locals, from Janine MacIntosh's 'assemblages of nature' to Indiana James's sculptures.
- Swim or snorkel with dolphins on Kangaroo Island's stunning north coast (additional cost)
- Experience remote coastline as few have seen before you, and learn about Kangaroo Island's unique geology, including the highly eroded granite of Remarkable Rocks and unique fossil record at Emu Bay.
- Discover the unique ecosystems designated as "Hope Spots" by Sylvia Earle's Mission Blue team, including the 'Great Southern Reef' and Kangaroo Island's North Coast.
- Enjoy the warmth and gratitude of the locals as you help their recovery efforts.

EXPEDITION INCLUSIONS

- Arrival transfer from airport to Greg Mortimer on Day 1
- Departure transfer from Greg Mortimer to airport or hotel on last day
- Onboard accommodation during voyage including daily cabin service
- All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage
- Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages
- All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises
- Educational lectures and guiding services from expedition team
- Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic
- Complimentary spray jacket
- Comprehensive pre-departure information
- Port surcharges, permits and landing fees
- Gratuities for ship crew

EXPEDITION EXCLUSIONS

- International or domestic flights not mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
- Airport arrival or departure taxes
- Passport, visa, and vaccination charges
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- All items of a personal nature including but not limited to: alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, gratuities, Wi-Fi, email or phone charges.

Day 1 Adelaide

Embark the *Greg Mortimer* in the afternoon. After boarding, take time to settle into your cabin before attending important safety briefings. Enjoy the thrill of departure as we pull away and sail south in St Vincent Gulf. In the evening, meet your expedition team and crew at the Captain's Welcome Dinner as the sun sets over Yorke Peninsula.

Day 2 American River

Anchor in the area first surveyed by Matthew Flinders in 1802, and named for a group of American sealers who landed a year later on the brig *Union* hailing from Rhode Island. Following a chance meeting with French explorer Nicholas Baudin in King George Sound, the *Union's* captain, Isaac Pendleton, took Baudin's advice and sailed to Kangaroo Island. Not only did he find abundant seals, but also excellent timber for shipbuilding. In just four months, the sealers built the 35-ton schooner, *Independence*, South Australia's first ship. A memorial plaque honouring the sealers can be seen. Today sets the style of this unique voyage. Most days you'll have a number of adventures to choose from. In American River, this means walking and cycling, bird banding, habitat restoration and recovery programs focusing on glossy black cockatoos, short-beaked echidnas and dunnarts. Watch for the return of koalas in the wild, a beautiful sight after the bushfires.

Day 3 Penneshaw

Land in Penneshaw, a small town on the northeast coast of the Dudley Peninsula and walk to Frenchman's Rock, a replica of the original carving by one of Baudin's crew marking their arrival in 1803. Join an e-bike tour, participate in a post-fire ecological survey in the bush, searching for dunnarts and little pygmy possums with Heidi Groffen and Pat Hodgen from Kangaroo Island's Land for Wildlife programme.

Days 4-5 Vivonne Bay, West Coast

During the night, our floating base camp is repositioned to the south coast, anchoring in Vivonne Bay. Zodiac ashore at the head of a perfectly U-shaped bay, landing on a stretch of white sand once-voted 'Australia's best beach'. Relax, jump off the jetty into turquoise waters, beachcomb, kayak or snorkel. Follow a local guide into Seal Bay Conservation Park, where we hope to get close to a wild colony of some 1000 Australian sea lions. Other activities might include watching local artist Janine MacIntosh create 'assemblages of nature', or Indiana James producing exquisite Pelican sculptures from found materials. Enjoy an afternoon surveying the spectacular scenery of KI's wild, west coast from our 'mother ship'. Marvel at soaring sea cliffs, and note the uniquely square shape of Cape Borda lighthouse as we round the north-western corner of the island.

Day 6 Emu Bay, Kingscote

After breakfast, Zodiac ashore in stunning Emu Bay on KI's north coast, with its long beach and clear waters, to join a local guide to snorkel with dolphins (additional expense). Discover the joy of organic bee keeping, learn about the unique fossil record at Emu Bay, or enjoy a gin tasting with Kangaroo Island Spirits. Finish your day's adventures in Kingscote, South Australia's oldest settlement and the island's largest town.

Day 7 Adelaide

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TRIP NOTES



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