

A photograph of two seals swimming underwater in clear, greenish water. The seals are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with their heads and front flippers visible. The water is bright and clear, showing some ripples and reflections. In the background, there are some rocks and more water. A dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the text 'BAIRD BAY Experience' in white. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Sample Itinerary 2025' is written in a light green color.

BAIRD BAY Experience

Sample Itinerary
2025

DAY 1

Arrival & Welcome

Afternoon Activity

Baird Bay Headland | 4WD & Walk Combo Option | 2hrs approx.

Journey up the beach to the headland to explore the coastal rocks and views of Baird Bay. Ahead, Jones Island, the home of the local Australian Sea Lion colony comes into sight and offers great orientation and introduction to the bay. Weather permitting, canapes are served along a vantage point along the Southern Ocean, the highest point on the Great Australian Bight. Spot sea eagles, osprey, pelicans, black swans, and other sea and shore birds, along with dolphins and euros wallaroos and western grey kangaroos potentially on the beach on the return to lodge.

Evening Meal

Join Head Chef Calvin around the fire on the beach whilst the sun goes down, as he puts the finishing touches to a wood fired meal, prepared with the region's best produce. Dine on the beach as the bay reflects the glow of the sunset and the first planets and stars become visible overhead.



DAY 2

Start the day with an optional sunrise beach walk before joining the guides in the lodge for breakfast.

Morning Activity

Sea Lion & Dolphin Swim Tour | Boat | 3-4hrs

Join guides in the lodge to prepare for a journey into the aquatic wonders of Baird Bay. Once kitted-out, jump aboard the expedition boat for an intimate half-day adventure within the safe and shallow waters of Baird Bay. Begin with a short cruise to Jones Island, the natural home and habitat of the sea lions. Learn a bit about the life cycle and behaviours of this endangered species whilst getting ready to snorkel. Mooring in chest-deep water where the sea lions will come to guests, in their time, on their terms. They are not feed, and guests simply join their aquatic playtime in the calm and protected rockpools surrounding their home. Witness their agility in the water and playful nature as they summersault and dart around swimmers.

Depart for another nearby rockpool to experience ultimate tranquillity, swimming alongside friendly dolphins. These fiercely intelligent and playful dolphins use Baird Bay as a nursery as well as feeding grounds, so keep an eye out for youngsters.

Following the on water tour, take the chance to freshen up with a warm shower and enjoy lunch on the deck out the front of the lodge.

Afternoon Activity

Guided Kayak Tour | Kayak | 2hrs approx.

Dive into an engaging kayak fishing adventure where guests will do more than just cast a line. Whether paddling out to a nearby sandbar or wading through the shallows of the beaches of Tawonga, each excursion is designed to actively participate. With a focus on the natural synergy of nutrient flows, tidal movements, and moon phases, gain an insightful look at the local marine life and their behaviours. Get up close to local birdlife like cormorants, pelicans, heron and black swans.

The evening meal will be served a la carte inside the lodge.



DAY 3

Morning Activity

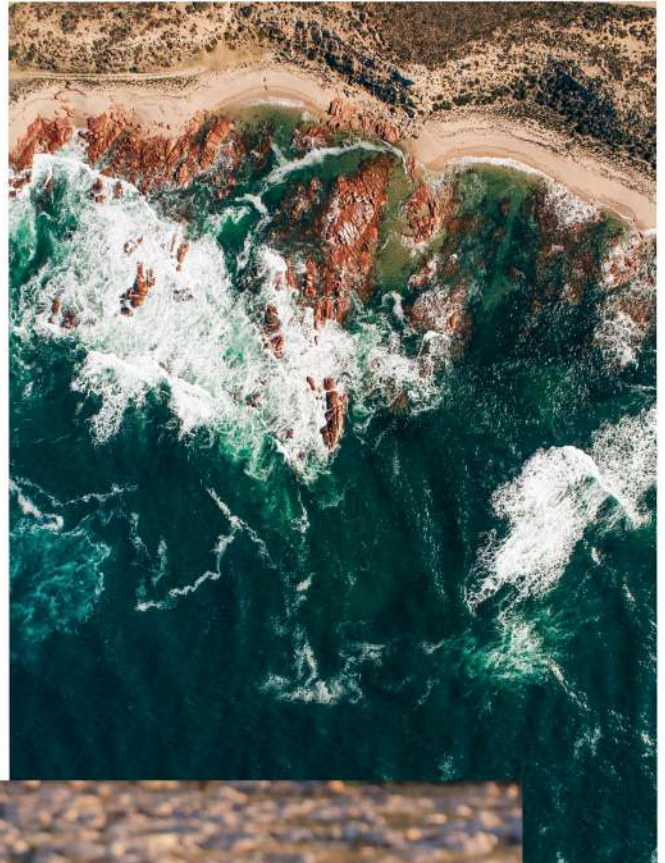
Fishing from Neo Phocus | Boat | 2-4hrs approx.

Head further afield aboard a private charter, to fish within the bay. Fun for the whole family, keep an eye out for bird activity and learn how to read the water to find the next prime fishing spot. Australian salmon, trout, snook and King George whiting are the most common catches. Head back ashore for a waterside cook-up as Head Chef Calvin prepares the catch of the day, while pelicans wait patiently nearby for a share of the feast.

Afternoon Activity

Peninsula by Vehicle | Bus | 2hrs

Embark on a captivating journey around Baird Bay and the surrounding peninsula, guided through both stunning natural landscapes and the local community's daily life. Begin your adventure at Point Labbatt Conservation Park, perched atop the dramatic cliffs of the Great Australian Bight. Here, observe Australian sea lions and long nose fur seals frolicking in natural rock pools below, while raptors soar overhead and the dark waves of the Southern Ocean relentlessly sculpt the coastline. Venture inland through nearby farmland, offering a glimpse into the main industry of the locals and an opportunity to spot reptiles and large macropods, especially active during the late afternoon.



DAY 4

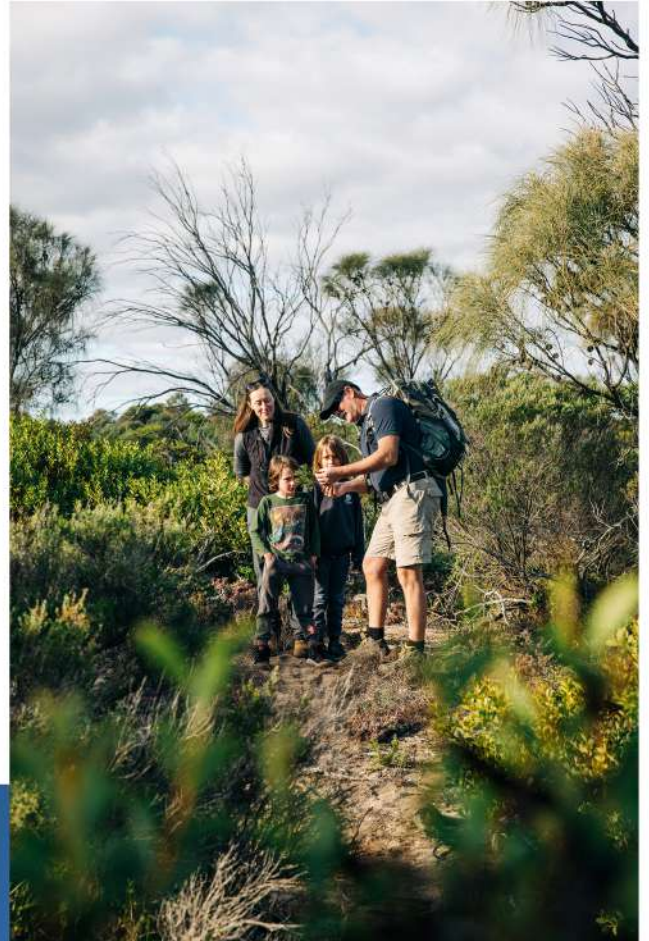
Three-quarter Day Activity

Bush & Beach Walk | On foot from lodge | 6hrs+

Depart from the lodge and venture into the bush behind to trek through diverse vegetation biomes. While exploring, note native plants and communities of interest. Distinctive calls of woodland birds provide a contrast to the shorebirds familiar from the lodge, and use binoculars to catch a glimpse of these elusive creatures. Along the way, discover mammal tracks and scats, and observe smaller insect organisms, gaining insights into the relationships between the flora and fauna. The journey leads to Tyinga Beach, southwest of the lodge, where the vegetation gradually transitions to low-lying shrubs sculpted by the wind. Upon arrival, Head Chef Calvin will be preparing a pop-up picnic lunch. Spend time fishing from the beach, or spotting oceanic bird species like petrels and sea eagles that hunt along the coastline.

After lunch, choose to return by vehicle or continue the guided exploration along the southern coastline, culminating in a return to Baird Bay Beach for a comprehensive 6-7.5 mile (10-12 kilometre) hike.

Relax with some leisure time after the hike until canapes are served at the pool deck lounge.



DAY 5

Full Day Activity

Streaky Bay Regional Tour | Bus | 8hrs+

An excursion that begins with a visit to the picturesque Sceale Bay and Surfers Beach, where between November and May, guests can participate in a surf lesson with local surf experts.

Out of the surf, continue exploring along the Eyre Peninsula's Westall Way Loop. Start with a snorkelling session at Smooth Pools, where guests can spot the world's smallest sea stars, exclusive to this region. Next, walk across the striking orange granite formations at the Granites.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch at Drift, overlooking the Streaky Bay jetty. After lunch, visit Jeff Schmucker's crab shed for a direct look at the life of a commercial fisherman and big-wave surfer. Learn about local fishing techniques and the coastal lifestyle that shapes this community.

End your day by taking some fresh catches back to the lodge, where Head Chef Calvin will prepare a delicious dinner featuring the fresh selections.

Example itinerary, can be further customised based on personal preferences.



OPTIONAL EXTRA EXPERIENCES

Scenic Flights

Choose from a range of scenic flight options that provide an aerial view of the Eyre Peninsula and its rugged coastline. In winter, fly over Fowlers Bay to witness the largest gathering of southern right whales in Australia or head inland to view the red expanse of the outback and the mesmerising salt lake, Lake Gardiner.

Whale Watching (seasonal)

Between May and September, Fowlers Bay, a three hour and 15-minute drive from Baird Bay, hosts the largest gathering of southern right whales in Australia. Head out on to the water to view these gentle giants in close range.

Giant Cuttlefish Annual Aggregation (seasonal)

Each year from May to August, Whyalla (4-hour drive from Baird Bay) hosts an incredible natural spectacle: the aggregation of giant cuttlefish. These vibrant creatures converge in their hundreds to form the largest aggregation in the world, providing a unique and mesmerising underwater display that attracts divers and marine enthusiasts from around the world. Dive, snorkel or tour on a glass bottom boat to witness these phenomenally beautiful creatures in large numbers.

Gawler Ranges Wilderness Safari

Explore the diverse landscapes of outback Australia. Under three hours inland from Baird Bay, the Gawler Ranges are known for its ancient volcanic terrain, vast salt lakes, and rich biodiversity. This region offers a unique glimpse into both the natural world and the area's deep Aboriginal history. It's a place where guests can experience the vast untouched wilderness and the dramatic beauty of the Australian outback.

Port Lincoln Regional Tour

Explore the seafood capital of Australia and the rich diversity of experiences around Port Lincoln, blending rugged coastal beauty with intimate wildlife encounters. Activities range from exploring secluded beaches, hunter and gather seafood experiences, swimming with great white sharks and observing koalas up close in their natural habitat. Approximately a three hour drive from Baird Bay.



SAMPLE MENU 1

Breakfast

- Fresh fruit & bircher muesli
- Banana bread & jams
- Scrambled eggs, toasted sourdough, Port Lincoln smokehouse kingfish, horseradish

Lunch

- Fish & Chips - King George whiting, hand cut chips & preserved lemon tartare
- Cantaloupe (rockmelon) sorbet & ouzo

Dinner

- Smoky Bay oysters au naturel with house condiments
- Tempura saltbush with honey hot sauce
- Boston Bay chopped pork belly, quandong sweet & sour sauce, kohlrabi slaw
- Nannygai (fish) over the coals, pearl barley, confit fennel mayo, saffron butter
- Wattleseed milk tart



SAMPLE MENU 2

Breakfast

- Fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, Haystacks honey & granola
- Quandong pastries
- Boston Bay bacon, smoky tomatoes, toasted sourdough, poached eggs

Lunch

- Bay trout over the coals, mayo & chilli chatta
- Sides of roasted beets (beetroot) & potatoes
- Apple pie with maple ice cream

Campfire Dinner

- Cocktail of Venus Bay prawns & Streaky Bay blue swimmer crab
- Arrow squid salt bush skewers, coriander root
- West Coast Eyre Peninsula vongole (clams) & damper (biscuits)
- Lamb neck potjie, mint yoghurt, silverbeet, bulgur
- Lemon curd brûlée, labneh, urfa biber





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