

Day 5 Saturday 31 August

**Smoky Bay Oyster Tour**

Travel to Smoky Bay this morning which is noted for its thriving oyster aquaculture. Here you board a tour to cruise the oyster beds, learn about the aquaculture and sample some oysters. At the conclusion of the tour there is free time to stroll the jetty with its large shark proof swimming cage or the beach and to have lunch. In the afternoon you drive to Thevenard lookout and historic site and past the West Coast Aboriginal Sports Facility; Ceduna cemetery; Mary Hattam's grave and Ceduna Waters. Return to your hotel with time to relax and enjoy an included farewell dinner tonight.

**Overnight Ceduna**

**Breakfast • Farewell Dinner**



Day 6 Sunday 01 September

**Ceduna to Adelaide**

Enjoy a long leisurely breakfast then have free time to relax and explore the surrounds. You might like to do the coast walk or stroll the esplanade and along the jetty. You could also visit the Ceduna Uniting Church known for its stained glass windows and there is a service at 10-00am. After lunch you transfer from the hotel to the local airport and board your return REX flight to Adelaide. The flight is currently scheduled to arrive in Adelaide in the late afternoon.

**Breakfast**



# Ceduna Far West Coast & Great Australian Bight



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**Ceduna • Denial Bay • Thevenard • Koonibba Mission • Minnipa  
Tcharkuldu Hill • Pildappa Rock • Poochera • Penong Windmill Museum  
Ceduna Aboriginal Cultural Centre & National Trust Museum  
Fowlers Bay Whale Watching & Wildlife Cruise • Smoky Bay Oyster Tour**

**C**eduna on South Australia's remote and beautiful Far West Coast is the eastern gateway to the famous Nullarbor Plain and the Great Australian Bight. The town sits on the Norfolk Island Pine lined shores of Murat Bay with its sheltered sandy coves and off shore islands and has a rich indigenous culture and European settlement history, breathtaking National Parks, magnificent dunes, cliffs and coastlines within easy reach and thriving aquaculture and agriculture industries. Flying with Regional Express Airlines and staying at the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel you enjoy quality food and accommodation as you explore quirky natural phenomena and out-back delights, historic ruins and cultural sites and soak up a feeling of wonder and surprise. Highlights include cruising Fowlers Bay in search of whales, dolphins and sea lions and an oyster cruise in Smoky Bay.

**Tour Leader:** Dr Denis Binnion AM is an experienced historical tour leader for WEA Travel's cultural and heritage tours to all corners of Australia. With a keen interest in geography, local heritage and history; he is a dedicated and friendly leader.

**Tour Includes:** Flights with REX Regional Express Airlines; Full escort; Comfortable accommodation; Full cooked breakfasts daily; All coach transportation; All cruises, fees, tours & sightseeing as per itinerary; Welcome & Farewell Dinners; regional study notes.

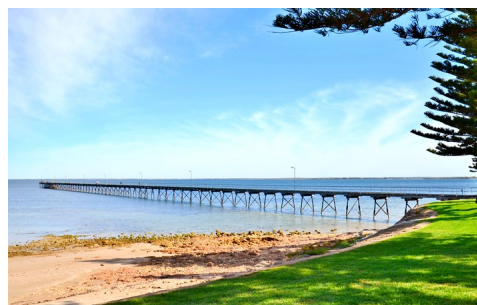


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**Day 1 Tuesday 27 August**

**Adelaide to Ceduna**

Depart from Adelaide airport this morning on your flight with REX Airlines to Ceduna on South Australia's Far West Coast. Set on the sandy shores of Murat Bay, Ceduna, 780 kms from Adelaide, is the last major settlement before crossing the Nullarbor Plain from east to west. On arrival you are met and taken to Ceduna town centre for morning tea and a visit of the Visitor Information Centre before driving to Denial Bay Lutheran Church and cemetery and McKenzie's homestead ruins and monument. William McKenzie was the first European settler in the region in 1889 and his original homestead became a small village as new arrivals were attracted to the surrounding land. Continue to Denial Bay township for a picnic lunch (bought by passengers in Ceduna and tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes provided). There is free time to enjoy the beach and jetty with its views across Murat Bay to the Thevenard silos. On



returning to Ceduna you stop at a monument to the Lutheran pastors who selected the site for the Koonibba Mission then check in to the Foreshore Hotel on Ceduna's Norfolk Island Pine lined beachfront then relax before a Welcome Dinner this evening.

**Overnight Ceduna  
Welcome Dinner**



**Day 2 Wednesday 28 August**

**Minnipa, Tcharkuldu Hill & Pildappa**

After a hearty breakfast you drive to the township of Poochera where you stop at the quirky park museum with its rare Dinosaur Ant statue, Peter's Humpy made from pressed tin kerosene cans and shed of pressed forty four gallon drums. Continue to Minnipa for a comfort and coffee break and on to Tcharkuldu Hill and rocks. There are good views from here to the out-back Gawler Ranges. Return to Minnipa for lunch then drive to spectacular Pildappa Hill. Pildappa is a huge rock formation resembling a giant wave, similar to well known Wave Rock in Western Australia. On returning to Ceduna you stop at John's Sweet Pea, Poppy and Sturt Desert Pea garden and briefly in Wirrulla before arriving back at the Foreshore Hotel for relaxation and dinner tonight at your leisure.

**Overnight Ceduna  
Breakfast**



**Day 3 Thursday 29 August**

**Ceduna & Surrounds**

Visit Koonibba Aboriginal Community this morning, formerly a Lutheran Mission. See the church and old school building and enjoy morning tea which has been arranged for you. Your tour leader has a connection to this site and is able to provide interesting aspects of Aboriginal life in the early 60's & 70's. You next visit Charra Woolshed Hall and stop at Uworra School, Woolshed School and Woolshed Hall School. Rejoin the highway to Penong with a photo stop at Bagster Church and visit the Penong outdoor Windmill Museum. After lunch you return to Ceduna after passing through the Quarantine checkpoint, and visit the Aboriginal Cultural Centre where over 100 Aboriginal artists and potters work is on display, and the Ceduna National Trust Museum (\$3 approx. conc. pay on the day).

**Overnight Ceduna  
Breakfast • Morning Tea**



**Day 4 Friday 30 August**

**Whale Cruise Fowlers Bay.**

Depart Ceduna today for Fowlers Bay at the beginning of the Great Australian Bight. Here you board the lovely Eyre Peninsula Cruises boat Asherah. Cruise for approximately three hours admiring the fabulous ocean cliffs from a water aspect as well as marine and birdlife. Highlights may include Southern Wright Whales, Dolphins, endangered South Australian Sea Lion and myriad birds. Lunch can be taken at the Fowlers Bay kiosk which is known far and wide for its King George Whiting and chips. After lunch drive past the ruins of Yalata Station where Anangu people were taken during British nuclear weapons testing at Maralinga in 1952. Stop in tiny Coorabie which lies 250 kms north west of Goyder's Line but is remarkably still a cropping district then return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

**Overnight Ceduna  
Breakfast**

