



Flinders Ranges & Outback SA

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Rawsley Park Station (p797)
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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ North Star Hotel (p796)
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Why Go?

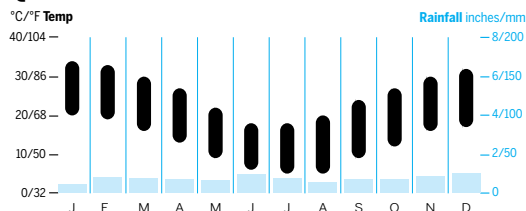
If you want to experience the Outback (the loose geographic zone comprising 70% of mainland Australia) wheeling into the Flinders Ranges is a great way to start.

Approaching the Ranges from the south, the wheat fields and wineries of South Australia's midnorth district give way to arid cattle stations beneath ochre-coloured peaks. This is ancient country, imbued with the Dreaming stories of the Adnyamathanha people. Emus wander across roads; yellow-footed rock wallabies bound from boulder to boulder.

Further north on the Stuart Hwy and along the legendary Oodnadatta and Strzelecki Tracks, eccentric outback towns such as Woomera, William Creek, Innamincka and Coober Pedy emerge from the heat haze. This is no country for the faint-hearted: it's waterless, flyblown and dizzyingly hot. No wonder the opal miners in Coober Pedy live underground!

When to Go

Quorn



May Sunbaked desert colours shimmer as the Outback cools at the end of autumn.

Jun–Aug Winter is peak season in the Outback: mild temperatures, clear skies and Grey Nomads.

Sep Last chance to hit the Outback without 35-degree days. Spring flowers in the Flinders Ranges.



Flinders Ranges & Outback SA Highlights

- 1 Exploring the gorges and scenic slopes of **Mt Remarkable National Park** (p796).
- 2 Kicking back with a cold beer at the **North Star Hotel** (p796) in Melrose.
- 3 Checking out the old buildings and Wild West vibes in **Quorn** (p796).
- 4 Hiking up to Wangarra Lookout at **Ikara** (Wilpena Pound; p798).
- 5 Jumping in a 4WD and truck along the **Oodnadatta Track** (p805), a great Australian adventure.