

10

DAYS

9

NIGHTS

7

PAINTING DAYS

3

BASES

14

MAX PARTICIPANTS

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Paint the landscapes that *inspired* a nation

Join us for an unforgettable **10-day watercolour retreat** tracing the landscape legacy of **Sir Hans Heysen** — Australia's most celebrated landscape painter — from his historic studio in the **Adelaide Hills** to the ancient ochre walls of **Wilpena Pound** and the vineyard villages of the **Clare Valley**.

Under the expert guidance of watercolourist **Chan Dissanayake**, each day brings a carefully chosen painting location — from intimate gorge passages to vast outback panoramas. *All levels welcome.*

PHASE 1 — ADELAIDE HILLS

Hahndorf & The Cedars

19 – 22 Aug · 3 nights · D1 – D3

PHASE 2 — FLINDERS RANGES

Wilpena Pound

22 – 26 Aug · 4 nights · D4 – D7

PHASE 3 — CLARE VALLEY

Clare & Sevenhill

26 – 28 Aug · 2 nights · D8 – D9

"The Flinders Ranges is the most paintable landscape in Australia — the light, the colour, the ancient silence."

Tour Highlights

- ✓ **The Cedars, Hahndorf** — Private guided tour of Heysen's historic homestead & working studio, garden plein air session
- ✓ **Brachina Gorge** — Paint narrow red-walled passages, fossil beds and dry creek studies; spot rock-wallabies
- ✓ **Arkaba Hills & Blinman** — Dramatic ochre slopes and SA's highest historic copper-mining village
- ✓ **Sevenhill Cellars (1851)** — Exceptional bluestone architecture & vineyard panoramas, Clare Valley
- ✓ **Wilpena Pound** — 4 nights at Discovery Resorts, the only quality accommodation inside the ancient Flinders Ranges
- ✓ **The Cazneau Tree** — The great River Red Gum, *Spirit of Endurance*, that Heysen himself painted
- ✓ **Burra Heritage Sketch Stop** — Included 2-hour lunch & sketch at a Cornish-era stone township (D4)
- ✓ **Daily Demonstrations** — Morning demos tailored to each day's subject by Chan Dissanayake

Phase 1 — Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf

19 – 22 Aug · 3 nights

D1

 19
Aug

Arrival · Welcome Drinks & Dinner

Fly into Adelaide, transfer to Hahndorf (~30 min). Orientation walk through the elm-lined village. Welcome drinks and included group dinner. Chan introduces the tour.

WELCOME DINNER

INCLUDED

HAHNDORF

D2

 20
Aug

The Cedars — Heysen Studio & Garden Painting

Private guided tour of The Cedars — Heysen's historic homestead, working studio and new gallery. Afternoon plein air session in the garden, painting the subjects that defined Australian landscape art.

THE CEDARS

PRIVATE TOUR

PLEIN AIR

PAINTING DAY

D3

 21
Aug

Adelaide Hills Villages & Landscape Painting

Full painting day in the surrounding Hills — Birdwood, Stirling, Mount Lofty or Aldgate Creek. Chan selects the best location based on morning light. Dinner at leisure.

HILLS VILLAGES

LANDSCAPE

PAINTING DAY

Phase 2 — Wilpena Pound · Flinders Ranges

22 – 26 Aug · 4 nights · Discovery Resorts Wilpena Pound

D4

 22
Aug

Long Transfer · Burra Heritage Sketch · Arrive Wilpena Pound

Early 7am departure. Included 2-hour lunch & sketch stop at historic Burra (Cornish-era stone buildings, ~halfway). Continue to Wilpena Pound Resort, arriving ~5:30 pm. Orientation walk and early dinner.

BURRA SKETCH

LUNCH INCLUDED

TRANSFER DAY

D5

 23
Aug

Old Wilpena Station · Wilpena Pound Interior Walk

Morning at the historic pastoral ruins against the dramatic Pound walls. Afternoon walk into the Pound interior — ancient amphitheatre walls and cycad palms. Chan demonstration on painting red rock and desert light.

HISTORIC RUINS

POUND WALK

DEMO

PAINTING DAY

D6

 24
Aug

Brachina Gorge · The Cazneaux Tree · Full Day Excursion

Morning in Brachina Gorge — narrow red-walled passages, fossil beds, rock-wallabies. Afternoon at the iconic Cazneaux Tree — the great River Red Gum that Heysen himself painted.

BRACHINA GORGE

CAZNEAUX TREE

FULL DAY

PAINTING DAY

D7

 25
Aug

Arkaba Hills · Blinman · Final Group Critique

Morning painting in the Arkaba Hills — dramatic colour-shifting slopes at their best in morning light. Afternoon at Blinman, SA's highest town with sweeping panoramic views. Return for group critique and artwork display.

ARKABA HILLS

BLINMAN

GROUP CRITIQUE

PAINTING DAY

Phase 3 — Clare Valley

26 – 28 Aug · 2 nights

D8

 26
Aug

Transfer · Arrive Clare Valley

Comfortable 3 hr 45 min drive south. Arrive Clare mid-afternoon. Check in, explore the historic township and cellar doors. Dinner at leisure — Clare has excellent restaurants within walking distance.

TRANSFER DAY

CLARE TOWNSHIP

CELLAR DOORS

D9

 27
Aug

Sevenhill Cellars · Mintaro Village · Farewell Dinner

Morning at Sevenhill Cellars (1851) — bluestone architecture and vineyard panoramas. Afternoon at Mintaro village or optional Barossa excursion (45 min). Included farewell dinner in Clare Valley.

SEVENHILL CELLARS

MINTARO

FAREWELL DINNER INCLUDED

PAINTING DAY

D10

 28
Aug

Departure — Clare Valley to Adelaide Airport

Relaxed checkout after breakfast. Just ~138 km (~1 hr 40 min) to Adelaide Airport. Comfortable time before afternoon or evening flights. Optional final morning sketch at a Clare vineyard.

DEPARTURE DAY

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

PRICING OPTIONS

Choose your package

TWIN SHARE · PER PERSON

AU\$3,999

Per person, twin share

9 nights accommodation · All painting sessions & demos · Private Cedars tour · Daily breakfast · Welcome dinner (D1) · Burra lunch (D4) · Farewell dinner Clare Valley (D9) · All local transport during the tour

SINGLE ROOM · PER PERSON

AU\$4,999

Per person, private room

All inclusions from the Twin Share package · Private room throughout the entire tour

PAINTING ONLY · NO ACCOMMODATION

AU\$2,599

Per person, own accommodation

All painting sessions & demos · Private Cedars tour · Burra lunch (D4) · Farewell dinner Clare Valley (D9) · All local transport · Accommodation & breakfast not included

NON-PAINTING PARTNER

-AU\$350

Discount off twin share price

Partner sharing a room but not participating in painting sessions — deduct 50 from the twin share per person price

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Full package inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation (Adelaide Hills 3 · Wilpena Pound 4 · Clare Valley 2)
- Daily breakfast throughout the tour
- Welcome dinner — Hahndorf, Day 1
- Burra lunch stop — transfer day, Day 4
- Farewell dinner — Clare Valley, Day 9
- Private guided tour of The Cedars, Heysen's studio
- All painting sessions, demos & individual tuition
- Transport for all painting day excursions

NOT INCLUDED

Own arrangement

- Airfare to/from Adelaide, Australia
- Art materials — please bring your own
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Airport transfers on arrival & departure (available on request)
- Personal expenses & additional meals not listed above

CANCELLATION POLICY

- **90+ days before:** Full refund (minus holding deposit)
- **30-90 days before:** 50% refund
- **Under 30 days:** No refund
- **If we cancel:** Full refund or transfer to future tour

TRANSFER LOGISTICS — ALL ROADS SEALED

DAY	ROUTE	DISTANCE	DRIVE TIME	NOTES
D1	Adelaide Airport → Hahndorf / Adelaide Hills	35 km	~30 min	Easy arrival transfer — sealed road
D4	Hahndorf → Burra (lunch & sketch) → Wilpena Pound	~450 km	~5 hr 30 min	7am start; 2 hr Burra break — arrive Wilpena ~5:30 pm
D8	Wilpena Pound → Clare Valley	~300 km	~3 hr 45 min	Comfortable drive south — arrive Clare by 4 pm
D10	Clare Valley → Adelaide Airport	~138 km	~1 hr 40 min	Relaxed final leg — no early start required

Ready to paint the Ranges?

Limited to 14 participants — contact us to reserve your place today.

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