

Research Tours

Seal Bay Conservation Park



Experience Seal Bay like never before. This behind-the-scenes tour is guaranteed to make it onto bucket-lists everywhere and become a highlight of any trip to Kangaroo Island.

This 1 hour 45-minute tour is conducted by our experienced senior guides and gives guests exclusive access to the research that is currently underway to help monitor the Australian sea lion. This tour can be customised to take place at either sunrise or sunset.

Guests will learn about the life history and biology of the Australian sea lion, as well as, the latest research being conducted, how our research equipment is used (including methods of scanning sea lions) and how we record valuable data which is sent straight to the South Australian Research & Development Institute (SARDI).

There will also be plenty of time to take photos and enjoy your exclusive access to the park.

Tour Details:

Please contact our site for availability options

Number of participants: Minimum 2, maximum 6 guests

Duration of Tour: 1 hour & 45-minute tour

Please be at the Visitor Centre 15 minutes before tour commencement

Ticket Price: \$355 per person (prices valid until 31st March 2026)

Inclusions: Exclusive Park access within a small group
Entry onto the boardwalk before or after the tour depending on tour timings

Considerations: This is not a private tour
This tour does involve a steep hill, approximately 40 stairs and walking on soft, unstable sand
Please discuss this with us if you think it could be problematic for anyone in your group



How to secure your booking:

Bookings for this tour are essential. If you would like to book please contact one of our team via email sealbay@sa.gov.au with the below information:

- Preferred date(s) and time of tour
- Number of people
- Australian contact number and/or email (please note reception is limited on the island).

Booking Conditions:

- Pre-payment by credit card is required to secure your booking
- Tour is appropriate for people aged 16 years or above
- Cancellations by a customer require a minimum of 5 days' notice for a full refund. Cancellations shorter than this period will not be refunded. If a refund is authorised it will be processed within 28 days of tour date
- Management reserve the right to cancel tours for safety reasons at any time. Cancellations may occur due to Total Fire Ban days, extreme weather or other conditions outside of the park's control. You will be notified if this is to occur and will be invited to reschedule or refunded in full
- This tour cannot be used in conjunction with a Kangaroo Island Parks Pass
- Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear based on weather forecasts
- The Department for Environment and Water will not be responsible for any injuries or damage suffered unless the injury or damage was a direct result of the Department for Environment and Water's negligent act or omission
- Participants must follow all instructions given by Seal Bay guides for safety and animal welfare reasons
- It is an expectation that guests who book this tour have a moderate level of fitness