19 September, 2024

The countdown is on and we now have just over 4 weeks left to go before our Kangaroo Island adventure begins.

Here are a few more things to think about to help you plan and prepare.

#### Weather Outlook

It is probably still a bit early to be making any firm predictions on what the weather will be serving up each day. What we can say is that spring has well and truly arrived and we have been enjoying some lovely days in Adelaide. Kangaroo Island is always cooler – and the weather can change dramatically in one day!

If you have not already thought about what sort of kit you are bringing, please check out the My Gear – What do I need to bring along? information sheet. If you are someone who particularly feels the cold, you may wish to consider bringing some thermals to wear at night. A lightweight down puffer jacket is also recommended. We will keep our fingers crossed that the weather gods will look favourably upon us.

## **Route Maps**

Daily route maps are now available to view on interactive online platform ridewithgps.com Click Here to download a pdf with links to the route for each day.

Note: some routes may be subject to change pending weather and road conditions

### Have you filled out our Bike Survey Yet?

If you haven't already done so, please assist our bike mechanic by completing the following survey to help him prepare for the tour

BIKE SURVEY - PLEASE COMPLETE https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AT24bikesurvey

### Luggage

A reminder that we limit the weight of each rider's luggage to 25 kilograms. This needs to be contained in 2 separate bags with no bag weighing more than 14 kilograms. Please refer to the detailed LUGGAGE SPECIFICATIONS AND HANDLING information in the Annual Tour Ride Guide – available to download in the Participant Information tab <a href="https://bikesa.asn.au/fag-annual-tour">https://bikesa.asn.au/fag-annual-tour</a>

We suggest that you use waterproof duffle bags, as these are easy to manage for both yourself and our hardworking volunteers. Yes, handling up to 400 pieces of luggage twice a day certainly gives our luggage team healthy appetites by dinner time! Dry Sacks are ideal to put your tent into, quick and easy. Check your local camping/outdoor store for a variety of brands. Making sure that your luggage is waterproof is important, as it is not always possible to protect your luggage during loading/unloading.

# **Crockery and Cutlery**

As an ongoing consideration of Covid-19 food service and hygiene protocols, crockery and cutlery will be provided for all meals. In some cases, meals will be served on biodegradable or compostable disposable plates and bowls. Where provided, hot beverages will be served in take-away cups. Stainless steel /disposable cutlery will be provided for all meals. This means that you will **not need** to bring any eating or drinking utensils with you and you will not have to do any washing up.

# **Labelling**

Please make sure that any personal items including mobile phones and charging cords are clearly labelled with your name.

Please take time to review our previous updates as well.

- Annual Tour 2024 Rider Update #1
- Annual Tour 2024 Rider Update #2
- Annual Tour 2024 Rider Update #3
- Annual Tour 2024 Rider Update #4

Stay tuned for the next update coming soon.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in the meantime.