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## CLIMATE

Because of its Mediterranean climate, Adelaide has hot dry summers and wet cold winters. Be aware of the harshness of the sun in summer and always wear a hat, sunscreen and cover up, particularly in the middle of the day. Very hot conditions can be experienced during summer, especially in the northern parts of the State, such as the Flinders Ranges and Outback regions. With much of these regions being desert, the days can be extremely hot; however the nights can be quite cold.

To avoid skin burn, seek shade whenever possible, particularly between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm. When out in the sun, wear a wide brimmed hat to protect the face, ears and back of the neck, and use a maximum protection, broad based spectrum sun screen of at least SPF30.

It doesn't snow in Adelaide but it does get pretty cold and wet in winter. Umbrellas and waterproof jackets are essential when you are out and about in the winter months. Rainfall is experienced mostly during the winter months of June, July and August.

### ADELAIDE'S CLIMATE

Season	Months	Conditions	Temperature
Summer	December – February	Mainly hot & dry	25°C – 35°C
Autumn	March – May	Mainly dry	20°C – 25°C
Winter	June – August	Cool & wet	10°C – 15°C
Spring	September – November	Little rain	20°C – 25°C

## ABORIGINAL CULTURE

The Kurna (pronounced Gar-na) people are the traditional owners and custodians of the Adelaide Plains. Adelaide is the ideal place for you to be introduced to the rich culture and history of the Kurna people and the Australian Aboriginal.

To Aboriginal Australians the land is not just the soil or rock or minerals, but the whole environment: the land, the water, the air, and all the life they support. Woman and man, all the elements, the sun, the moon, the earth and skies: All are related and are linked by spirituality, culture and country. This is known as the Dreaming.

The Dreaming means we humans were not separate from the environment, but indivisibly united with it.

Still today Aboriginal Australians see themselves as part of the land, and the land is part of us. Long before colonisation in 1788, other maritime cultures frequently visited this great southern land for exploration and to trade goods. Colonisation marked the beginning when Aboriginal people lost their land, and so lost themselves.

Australia is made up of several hundred language groups, each are aligned with Spirit Ancestors of the Dreaming. These Spirit Ancestors are commonly symbolised, as totems of native Australian animals such as the kangaroo, emu, snake, birds. This marks a deep respect for these animals.

Being related to one place and one creature meant

being related to all as the Dreaming is everywhere on earth. The skies at night are full of Dreaming stories, the family of man is the universe, and at the head of the universal family is the Great Spirit, the supreme creator.

Here are some examples of how you can experience Aboriginal Culture in Adelaide:

- The Aboriginal Cultures Gallery at the South Australian Museum houses the world's largest collection of Aboriginal antiquities. Adelaide is also home to Tandanya, the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. This makes the city the national gateway to Aboriginal culture.

## ABORIGINAL CULTURE CONTINUED

- At the Adelaide Botanic Garden you can learn about traditional Aboriginal foods and culture on the Tappa Mai tour. The trail demonstrates the ingenuity of Aboriginal people who use native plants for sustenance, shelter, ceremonial, medicinal and other practical purposes.
- Visit the vast Yalata Aboriginal lands which cover 458,000 hectares and are home to a community of approximately 400 people. From June to October each year,

Southern Right Whales visit this coastline on their annual breeding migration. You can try beach fishing in search of mulloway, salmon and shark.

- Long before European settlement, the Mount Lofty ranges in the Adelaide Hills were inhabited by the Peramangk people. The Peramangk managed and preserved the Adelaide Hills. They used fire to clear old grasses and promote fresh plant growth. Fresh water rock holes were covered

with slabs of stone or brushwood to keep the water clean and to prevent animals from drinking from them. At Cleland Wildlife Park the Yurridla Trail offers a chance to hear Aboriginal guides bring to life their Dreaming stories and explain the inseparable relationship between Aboriginal culture and Australian wildlife.

## GETTING AROUND

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Adelaide's public transport system includes buses, trains and trams and all of this can get you to the far reaches of the city. You'll find everything you need to know about Adelaide's public transport including timetables and route maps at the Adelaide Metro website.

### FREE CITY CENTRE BUSES AND TRAMS

The free 'terrace to terrace' tram service takes you through the city centre and connects with the Adelaide Railway Station and UniSA City West Campus. Also look out for the City loop bus that can take you on a ride past art galleries, museums and universities.

The Adelaide City Council also has a free bus service linking north and south Adelaide. The Adelaide Connector runs seven days a week (except public holidays) and generally during shopping hours.

### BUYING TICKETS

First buy a ticket and then validate it by inserting your ticket into the validating machine. Keep your ticket until the journey has ended and remember to validate the ticket on every journey (you could be fined if you don't). All local and international students are entitled to a concession when buying tickets. You will need to show your student identification card to gain a concession

and ensure you have your student card on you during your journey, as on-board inspectors may ask to see it.

### BICYCLES

Adelaide is a great outdoors city with good bike paths and cycling lanes, but there are a few things to remember before taking off on two wheels.

- By law you must wear a helmet at all times while cycling
- When using bicycle lanes or shared paths, always keep left and give way to pedestrians
- All bikes must be fitted with a working bell and brakes

- Front and rear lights are required for riding at night or during hazardous weather conditions – you must be visible from 200 metres. It is good idea to wear bright coloured clothing at all times.

You can hire free bicycles from the Adelaide City Council.

### TAXIS

Adelaide taxis are clean and convenient. To get a taxi phone for a driver to collect you or look for taxi ranks located around the city. Taxi fares are fixed by the meter and are not negotiable. Taxi drivers do not expect tips.

### BUYING A CAR

Planning to buy a second-hand car? Then visit Office of Consumer and Business Affairs website for information about consumer rights when purchasing a vehicle. You can search for new

and used cars at Cars Guide or The Trading Post websites. The Royal Automotive Association (RAA) can also help by carrying out a mechanical check of the car. A small fee will be charged for this service.

### RENTING A CAR

To rent a car you generally need to be aged over 25 and have a full driver's licence but conditions do vary between companies. Visit the Yellow Pages website for a full listing of rental car companies under 'Car and/or minibus rental'. Be sure to ring around to compare prices. If you hold a present foreign driver's licence, you can use it to drive in Adelaide if:

- You also hold a current driving permit
- Your foreign licence is written in English or is accompanied by an English translation of the details on the foreign licence; and

- You have not held a current permanent visa under the Commonwealth Migration Act 1958 for more than three months and you have not been disqualified from driving in South Australia or elsewhere.

Students, tourists and people working in South Australia on temporary visas are permitted to drive on their foreign licence only while it is current. If your foreign licence expires, you are required to obtain a South Australian driver's licence.

If you have permanent residency you are permitted to drive on an international driver's licence for only three months. After that you are no longer considered a 'visitor' and will need to gain a South Australian licence. This requires passing a theory test to obtain a licence and a practical test may be required.

## AUSSIE SLANG

While you are in Adelaide there are some local phrases that will help to dazzle your friends and make life in Adelaide that much easier.

### AUSSIE SLANG

When you hear some say 'g'day', 'how ya going' or 'no worries mate' don't be alarmed they are just being friendly.

### HERE IS A LIST OF OUR FAVOURITE TOP 10 AUSSIE SLANG WORDS OR PHRASES:

<b>G'Day</b>	the universal Australian friendly greeting, as in hello
<b>Mate</b>	buddy, friend
<b>No worries</b>	expression of forgiveness or reassurance
<b>Barbie</b>	barbeque
<b>Arvo</b>	afternoon
<b>Beaut, beauty</b>	great, fantastic
<b>Bloke</b>	man, guy
<b>Fair dinkum</b>	true, genuine
<b>You bet</b>	Absolutely!

## THINGS TO DO IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide is one of Australia's most affordable and liveable capital cities, as well as the perfect base for exploring some of the country's diverse attractions.

From rugged outback, deserts and mountain ranges to spectacular coastlines, pristine beaches and a vibrant capital city, South Australia is an ideal place to live, learn and experience Australia.

### GO TO THE BEACH

Snorkel, windsurf or take surfing lessons at one of the many great local beaches. Watch the whales frolic off the south coast. Take a bike ride along one of Adelaide's many Esplanades or eat fish and chips while watching the sunset. Dolphins cruise the Port River just 30 minutes from the centre of town and so can you.

### OUT WITH FRIENDS

Catch a movie at one of Adelaide's mainstream or art house cinemas. There's even an outdoor cinema in the park on summer evenings. Visit a pub for great beer, meals and live music. Or dress up and head out to a bar or lounge for cocktails and cool grooves.

### EAT AND DRINK

Local food and wine festivals let you sample fabulous food in a holiday atmosphere. The central market has produce from around the state and the world. Gouger Street restaurants serve up everything from Chinese dim sum to healthy organic fare, steaks and fresh local seafood. World renowned wineries have cellar door samples and sales.

### ENJOY THE CULTURE

North Terrace houses the museum, art gallery and library in modern and heritage buildings

as fascinating as their exhibits. The botanic gardens are perfect for a picnic. Multicultural events celebrate the diversity of South Australia. World class music dance and theatre is on offer. And there's football in winter and cricket in summer!

### EXPLORE THE HILLS

Bushwalking, coffee and cake in picturesque villages, quality arts and crafts and a chance to get close to kangaroos and koalas – the spectacular Adelaide Hills are just 30 minutes from the city.

### SHOP

Markets abound – from the largest produce market in the southern hemisphere to locally made crafts, trendy clothes and farmers' markets selling direct from the land – giving shoppers plenty of options. Add funky Rundle Street and up-market King William Road and you'll be spoilt for choice.

## ART AND CULTURE

South Australia has earned a reputation for enjoying the finer things in life. Adelaide is renowned across Australia as being a festival city. The love of the arts goes hand in hand with having a good time. So, don't be surprised if you spend as much time shopping or at a day spa as you do admiring a dance company in action,

or watching a Verdi opera. This brilliant blend of culture and lifestyle stretches across South Australia. It's why you'll find local art on the walls of an Outback pub. It's why you'll see landscape paintings by masters such as Sir Hans Heysen in village museums, and then look out a window and see the very same landscape.

### EVENTS IN ADELAIDE

If you love being part of an enthralled theatre audience, dancing to international music, listening to readings from the world's great writers, laughing at cheeky comedians, or being mesmerised by innovative visual arts, then come to South Australia.

Here are some key events;

- The Adelaide Festival of Arts is one of the world's great arts festivals. This is a large-scale multi-arts event of extraordinary diversity.
- The Adelaide Fringe is so popular; it's become an annual event. It's the second biggest Fringe in the world after Edinburgh. The Adelaide Fringe features theatre, comedy, dance, circus, spoken word, poetry, film and video, visual arts and more, from some of the finest independent artists from Australia and overseas.
- The exciting Adelaide Film Festival is where you'll catch movie world premieres, film forums and more. It's the only Australian festival that both screens and finances films.
- WOMADelaide is four days and nights of heavenly music from around the globe. Set in the heart of the city at Adelaide's Botanic Garden, giant Moreton Bay Figs provide shady groves for performances, while the lawns provide plenty of room to dance.
- The Cabaret Festival, as the name suggests, offers a dazzling assortment of old-world and innovative cabaret acts.
- And our Feast Festival is one of the three major queer festivals in Australia. Enjoy a program of theatre, cabaret, comedy, film, forums, literature,

dance, visual arts, tourism, sporting and community events.

## ART GALLERIES

See the work of generations of artists who have been inspired by South Australia – its landscapes and towns, its people and their lives and its ideals and ideas.

Painters, sculptors, weavers, photographers, musicians, writers – you'll find their work in galleries, museums, studios and arts centres (and wineries, visitor centres and public spaces) all over South Australia.

- The major art museum is the Art Gallery of SA on North Terrace. It is home to one of Australia's finest art collections, housed in one of Adelaide's most beautiful historic buildings and has been an important cultural focus since its establishment in 1881, only forty-five years after the first European settlers arrived. The gallery has the most comprehensive collection of Australian colonial art (including the much-loved Australian Impressionists), and fine examples of Western Desert dot paintings, Rodin sculptures, British art, Islamic Art, with a collection of Southeast Asian trade ceramics from Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- Within close proximity to the Art Gallery of SA is the Flinders University City Gallery, housed in the State Library of South Australia. Its dynamic exhibition program includes the National

Touring Network and the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

- Adelaide Festival Centre has an ever-growing art collection, displayed throughout the foyers and grounds of the centre, with special exhibitions held in the ArtSpace. The performing Arts Collection is based here and its treasures are shown in the main box office.
- You can watch artists in action at the Jam Factory Contemporary Craft and Design in the West End. Its four studios specialise in glass, ceramics, furniture and metal design, and its three gallery spaces show works by established and emerging Australian craft designer and makers. The shop is perfect for unique gifts.
- Hill-Smith Fine Art Gallery has two exhibition spaces, featuring works of Australian emerging and established contemporary artists. Greenaway Art Gallery in Kent Town is a large converted warehouse showing contemporary Australian and international art, including painting, sculpture, photography and installation. Art Images Gallery at Norwood is a contemporary art gallery showing artwork by local and interstate emerging and established artists. You can't miss the David-Sumner Gallery just up the road for more fabulous contemporary art.

## ART AND CULTURE CONTINUED

- In Port Adelaide, New Land Gallery exhibits works of country-based artists in a series of exhibitions. Its part of the Country Arts Trust that also organises tours to more than 20 galleries in our major regional area.

### MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS

South Australia's flagship museums are easily found on leafy North Terrace in the heart of Adelaide.

- At the South Australian Museum, explore the life and science of explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. You can see his sled, tools, boots, camel-hair sleeping bag and a model of his Antarctic hut. Find the opalised skeleton of a six-metre-long plesiosaur and other stunning opal fossils in the Fossil Gallery. Wander through six floors of exhibits

revealing fascinating stories. See the Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery, the largest Aboriginal cultural exhibition in the world, with more than 3000 items on display.

There's an exhibition devoted to ancient Egypt, rare fossils of the Flinders Ranges and more. You can even see one of Adelaide astronaut Andy Thomas's space suits. See 40,000 year old mega fauna fossils in the Origin Energy Fossil Gallery, as well as 120 million year old opalised fossils and Ediacaran fossils, such as the 550 million year old chordate, possibly the oldest ever found.

- See the Bradman Collection, a tribute to Australia's cricketing icon, Sir Donald Bradman at the Adelaide Oval. The memorabilia documenting his career from 1925 to 1948,

includes personal items including trophies, bats, clothing and oral recordings. Other items from the collection can also be found at the State Library of South Australia.

- Learn the stories of the many immigrants who helped to shape South Australia at the Migration Museum.
- "Do time" at the old Adelaide Gaol historic site. Take a tour – you can even sleep there overnight on the ghost tour.
- Just 20 minutes from the city centre, visit Port Adelaide – it's an amazing hub of museums all within walking distance of each other, including the South Australian Maritime Museum and National Railway Museum.

## SHOPPING IN ADELAIDE

From the city to the regions, South Australia can provide retail therapy for the most enthusiastic shoppers. Whether you're after fashion bargains, designer labels, shoes of all shapes and sizes, jewellery, fresh fruit and veg, furniture or that special bottle of wine... South Australia can satisfy your shopping urges.

Shopping hours – Trading hours are generally:

- Monday to Friday 9am – 5.30pm
- Saturday 9am – 5pm
- Sunday 11am – 5pm

Adelaide shopping in Rundle Mall and Rundle Street are open every Friday until 9pm and many are open week nights until 7pm. Adelaide suburban stores

have late night shopping every Thursday until 9pm.

### THINGS TO BUY:

- South Australian opals – the world's best are mined in our Outback and sold in Adelaide
- Haighs Chocolates – the best in Australia (and, we think, the world)

- Dried or glace fruit – our climate gives us quality and quantity
- Clothes and gear from RM Williams – Australia’s legendary bush outfitters
- Brilliant design and craft pieces from the studios of the Jam Factory Contemporary Craft and Design
- Wine – South Australia boasts 70 per cent of Australia’s wine exports
- Fashion and accessories from South Australian designers
- Pure and luxurious skin and body care essentials from Jurlique and Janesce

These are just some of the popular Adelaide shopping precincts we’ve listed below for you:

- Rundle Mall – explore its elegant arcades including Adelaide Arcade, its department stores and boutiques, cafes, flower stalls and street performers.
- Adelaide Central Market for fresh food and speciality stalls, Asian grocery stores, cafes and food halls and South Australian products.
- King William Road at Hyde Park for fashion and design.
- Glen Osmond Road at Eastwood for designer seconds and clearance shops.
- The Parade at Norwood for cafes, restaurants and boutiques.
- Jetty Road at Glenelg – a good excuse to mix shopping with a stroll on the beach.
- Harbour Town at West Beach for more than 50 quality brand outlets.
- Suburban shopping centres at Tea Tree Plaza, West Lakes and Marion have enough shops to browse and things to do to take up a whole day.
- Mile End Homemaker Centre offers furniture, bedding, sporting goods and home wares and nearby Bunnings covers your hardware and gardening needs.

## WINE AND FOOD

Some of the most famous wine regions in the world are dotted across South Australia. From Shiraz in the Barossa, Riesling in the Clare Valley, to the big reds of the Coonawarra, your wine holiday will be as rich and seamless as the wines. South Australia’s success in winemaking began in 1841 when the first vintage was recorded in the Adelaide Hills. More than 160 years on, South Australia continues to dominate Australia’s wine industry. While visiting these regions you may also get the chance to meet many of the expert winemakers in person, at wineries and cellar doors throughout South Australia. You’ll get to see the faces behind the labels, and talk about the craft they love.

You can visit nine distinct wine regions within an hour and a half of the Adelaide city centre – Barossa and Eden Valley, Adelaide Plains, Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale, Southern Fleurieu, Currency Creek, Langhorne Creek and Clare Valley. And it’s just a 30 minute flight to the Kangaroo Island wine region.

### SOME OF THE WINE HIGHLIGHTS AND REGIONS INCLUDE:

- **The National Wine Centre** is a showcase for Australia’s wine industry and includes a wine-tasting gallery, an interactive exhibit that covers all aspects of winemaking and a working vineyard. You’ll find Penfolds
- **Magill Estate** in the Adelaide foothills. Drop in for tastings, or join a winery tour – including one about Australia’s most famous wine, Grange.
- **Adelaide & Adelaide Plains** – Tour the National Wine Centre in Adelaide’s city centre, and historic Magill Estate, home of Penfold’s Grange.
- **Adelaide Hills** – With more than 60 wineries just outside Adelaide, it’s worth the scenic drive to Adelaide Hill’s wineries.
- **Barossa & Eden Valley** – With around 500 grape growing families, many sixth generation, it’s no surprise the Barossa is one of the world’s leading wine regions.

## WINE AND FOOD CONTINUED

- **Clare Valley** – The Clare Valley is considered one of the most picturesque wine regions in South Australia, and with ample vineyards and cosy cellar doors, it's easy to see why.
- **Fleurieu Peninsula** – Home to famed wine regions McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek and Currency Creek.
- **Limestone Coast** – Boasting names like Coonawarra, Wrattontully, Mount Benson and Padthaway, wine lovers are sure to head straight for the Limestone Coast.
- **Riverland Wineries & Cellar Doors** – The Riverland is Australia's largest wine grape growing region. Visit Berri Estates, Angove's, Kingston Estate and more.

South Australians have also dedicated themselves to the art of food. The locals have mastered every style of cuisine you could name, and even created some of their own – such as the gourmet 'Feral Food' of the Outback.

- If fresh produce markets are an indication of a city's quality of life, then Adelaide holds the nation's trump card. The celebrated Adelaide Central Market has been trading ever since 1869 when a band of industrious market gardeners first carted their home-grown fruit and vegetables to the market site between Grote and Gouger Streets.

- The Sunday morning Adelaide Showground Farmers Market has also opened its gates, with growers and producers from all over South Australia bringing premium foods and goods to the city.

- Any visit to South Australia isn't complete without a visit to Haigh's Chocolates, the only chocolatier in Australia that still imports and roasts their own beans.

- Adelaide climate is perfect for alfresco dining much of the year, and international influences range from the Mediterranean and Asia. All this makes for a relaxed and high-quality food and wine culture where fine dining, café culture and great pubs and bars mix together. You'll find entire streets devoted to dining – check out the list below:

- ▶ Gouger Street is Adelaide's key eat street. It's the gateway to the Adelaide Central Market and the exotic, bustling mall and food halls of Chinatown. Take a five-minute stroll and you'll be embarking on a world tour of restaurants. Traditional Thai, Vietnamese, Malaysian and Japanese, Asian fusion, noodle bars, regional Chinese and yum cha, French and Argentine cuisine, and a number of seafood restaurants.

- ▶ Rundle Street, in Adelaide's East End, has a popular casual atmosphere and is recommended for lunch and night dining. It's bursting with alfresco dining – a vibrant food, wine and coffee experience not to be missed. Nearby Hutt Street is a great breakfast spot.

- ▶ O'Connell Street and Melbourne Street are fashionable dining locations in North Adelaide, five minutes drive north of the city. Just ten minutes from the city centre, The Parade in Norwood is alive with cafes, Italian and Thai restaurants, pubs and more.

- ▶ Coastal suburbs Glenelg and Henley Beach are also popular dining precincts. Dine outdoors while you watch the sun set over the ocean. Henley Beach Road has a cornucopia of food stores and eateries – Asian, African, Mediterranean and Indian.

- ▶ Of course Adelaide's shopping hub, Rundle Mall, has an excellent range of food courts and dining venues when you need to take a breather from shopping.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

South Australians love to play and watch sport – for many it's a passion and a way of life. If you enjoy active holidays, then South Australia is the holiday destination for you. South Australians are mad about sports and outdoor activities, and when you arrive you'll find the enthusiasm infectious.

South Australia boasts picturesque cycling trails, hiking tracks suitable for both leisurely walks and for serious trekking, thousands of fishing spots, and a wide range of golf courses to suit both casual and seasoned players. And if you're a golfer looking for a completely new golfing experience, there's even a desert golf course with no grass – a green without the green.

Rather be watching your sports than participating? No problem. With major sporting events and numerous professional sporting teams, there's always something for you to cheer along to. While you're in South Australia, be sure to visit beautiful Adelaide Oval – revered as a sporting mecca by cricket fans the world over.

### SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Surfing** – South Australia's capital is a city by the sea. Adelaide boasts 30 kilometres of sandy beaches, some only a 15 minute drive from the city centre.
- **Fishing** – Grab a rod and head out to South Australia's top fishing spots, for one of the best ways to relax on holiday. You can dangle a line from a jetty or riverbank, rake for crabs just off the beach, take the boat out where the whiting are biting, or join a charter out to big fish territory.
- **Spectator Sports** – You'll find plenty of sports action in South Australia to help you enjoy your holiday here, including monumental motorsports, international cycling races, prestige golf tournaments and plenty of opportunities to be a spectator in some of the most picturesque surrounds in the country.
- South Australia is home to the exciting **Clipsal 500 V8 Supercar race** and the **Tour Down Under**. Sports include Australian Rules Football, Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Netball and Tennis.
- **Walking** – South Australia has a myriad trails designed to show off our native wildlife, birds and flora. Many walking trails are in national parks and regional areas, passing vineyards, historic towns and spectacular landscapes. You can take a relaxed one-hour stroll along Adelaide riverbanks, or a five-day trekking adventure in the Flinders Ranges. South Australia has a trail for you!
- **Camping** – Go on a camping holiday in South Australia to soak up the natural environment on offer – spectacular scenery, plenty of wildlife, footprint-free beaches and magical night skies. There's no better way for those keen to get off the beaten track and see South Australia in its natural state than to pack the tent and find your ideal location at any number of peaceful South Australian camping spots.
- **Horse riding** – If you're after a relaxing horse ride through beautiful scenery, try South Australia's forests, offering plenty of trails ideal for horse riding.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA – FROM COAST TO OUTBACK

Stay in an underground hotel in the Outback opal mining town of Coober Pedy and visit authentic Aussie pubs along the way. In South Australia's Flinders Ranges you can visit magnificent Wilpena Pound.

Adelaide has 30 kilometres of unbroken Adelaide metropolitan coastline. You can also tackle the secluded surf beaches of the Fleurieu Peninsula and the highly acclaimed Cactus Beach on the Eyre Peninsula.

### COASTAL

With thousands of kilometres of coastline, South Australia is a place for ocean lovers and great coastal holidays. South Australian beaches are crowd free, making them the ideal place to surf, swim, and lounge around in peace. In fact, Kangaroo Island's Vivonne Bay was selected by researchers from a leading national university as Australia's best beach. But there's more to the coast than just the beach. You can go diving through shipwrecks, see giant whales, seals, and chameleon-like cuttlefish. You can camp next to the coast and enjoy ocean views and refreshing sea breezes. And you can go fishing just about anywhere – from a beach, from a jetty, or from a chartered tour boat.

### SOME OF THE COASTAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Kangaroo Island** – It's been called Australia's Galapagos – a wildlife sanctuary, boasting luxury accommodation. Beautiful Kangaroo Island is a microcosm of different landscapes and environments – stunning beaches, forests, desert dunes and farmland. It's the place to go, to see amazing native wildlife in the wild. So it's no wonder that it's one of Australia's National Landscapes. Kangaroo Island is a short ferry ride or plane trip from the mainland. And there's plenty of accommodation there for you to enjoy – from wilderness retreats, through to new luxury lodges.
- **Fishing & Boating** – Take your rod and reel to Yorke Peninsula, a favourite South Australian fishing destination.
- **Seafood & Aquaculture Trail** – Go behind the scenes and tour the seafood commercial facilities while experiencing fine dining at the seafood restaurants along the way.

### OUTBACK

For many people, the Outback is an unknown place, a world away from their daily lives. For us, the Outback is just out back. It's this ease of access that makes South Australia the ideal place to explore the Outback. You can learn about the rich heritage of the Outback's Aboriginal nations. You can look up at the night sky and see it filled with a million stars – a view that you won't get in any city. You can venture into the Flinders Ranges and see Wilpena Pound, a giant stone amphitheatre that is millions of years old. And you can venture into the deep desert and experience the same sense of wonder and discovery as the explorers who opened up the continent – all from the comfort of a 4WD. Best of all, you get to share a drink and yarn with the locals at an Outback pub.

### SOME OF THE OUTBACK HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Flinders Ranges have been recognised as one of Australia's great National Landscapes – an area of natural and cultural significance, that's just waiting to be explored. These are one of the oldest mountain ranges on earth and typify the peaceful open spaces that are here waiting to be explored.

- In the Flinders Ranges, you'll find Wilpena Pound. Soar above its ramparts, valleys and plunging gorges on a scenic flight from one of many Flinders Ranges and Outback centres – from Rawnsley Park and Wilpena Pound Resort to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and Marree. This majestic natural amphitheatre is best captured from above, to fully appreciate its scale and beauty.
- Go to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary for spectacular scenery and rare flora and fauna. You can take one of Arkaroola's famed four-wheel-drive Ridgetop Tour then travel the universe on a journey to the stars from one of three astronomical observatories.
- The famous Parachilna's Prairie Hotel is in the Flinders Ranges where groups enjoy gourmet "Flinders feral food".
- There are also Aboriginal artworks to be seen here, from the Yourambulla Caves near Hawker, to Arkaroo Rock and Sacred Canyon near Wilpena Pound. Beside the stunning Cullyamurra Waterhole, way up north near Innamincka, you'll also find Aboriginal rock carvings.
- Coober Pedy is known as the Opal Capital of the World. See its beautiful underground church. Play golf on a course without grass. Noodle for opals and keep what you find, or buy up big at more than 30 gem shops in Coober Pedy. Then discover the landscapes beyond – the ochre hills of the Breakaways, the barren Moon Plains and the 5300 kilometre Dog Fence, the longest fence in the world. Stay overnight in an underground hotel.
- Be a postie for the day on the Outback Mail Run from Coober Pedy, travelling more than 600 kilometres to the legendary Outback towns of Oodnadatta and William Creek. En route you'll deliver the post to remote cattle stations and pass historic ruins, monuments and the Overland Telegraph line.
- And soak in the soothing thermal waters of Dalhousie Springs, Australia's largest complex of artesian springs and used for tens of thousands of years by desert Aborigines. Camp overnight before wandering through the Dalhousie ruins and jumping back into the four-wheel-drive to explore the awesome Simpson Desert and its sea of parallel red sand ridges.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ADELAIDE

### CITY IN A PARK

Adelaide was designed by Colonel William Light to be completely encircled by expansive parklands – 7.7 square kilometres in all – to create a city within a park.

### FESTIVAL CITY

The Adelaide Festival of Arts is regarded as the pre-eminent cultural event in Australia. Featuring artists and performers from all over the world, from 2012 the Festival will be an annual event held early in autumn.

### LIFE'S A BEACH

Adelaide is flanked by over 30 kilometres of clean sandy beaches with the nearest being less than 30 minutes by bus or tram from the CBD.

### WINE STATE

More than half of Australia's wine is produced in South Australia and Adelaide is no more than an hour's drive from some of the world's most famous wine regions including Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Eden Valley and Mount Lofty Ranges.

### CHANCE ENCOUNTER

The South Australian coastline was first charted by two separate expeditions captioned by Matthew Flinders and Nicolas Baudin. The two parties met in 1802 on the part of the coast which they aptly named 'Encounter Bay'.

### GOING TO THE MOVIES

South Australia was the first state to establish a film corporation to foster and nurture a fledgling industry. Since the 1970s South Australia has been the set and centre for hundreds of movies.

### MANY CULTURES

With a population of a little over a million, Adelaide has a very diverse cultural mix with more than 100 different ethnic groups represented.

### WORLD CLASS CYCLING

Adelaide hosts the Tour Down Under bicycle race, the largest cycling event outside Europe and the first event outside Europe with UCI ProTour status.

### ANCIENT CULTURE

The South Australian Museum in Adelaide houses the most significant collection of Aboriginal Artefacts in the world, a culture, it is said, that is as diverse as the cultures of Europe.

### NOBEL CAPITAL

Having been home to three Nobel Laureates, Adelaide is sometimes referred to as the Nobel capital of Australia.

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