

RIVERLAND



Cumbunga Creek

Escape to a place where time doesn't matter, where the meandering Murray River meets ancient ochre-coloured cliffs and feeds wetlands and floodplain forests. With ever-changing landscapes, delicious home-made produce and a host of water-based activities, there's so much to do and explore in the Riverland.

- ▶ Blanchetown, the gateway to the Riverland, is less than a two-hour drive from Adelaide with most major towns less than an hour away from there.
- ▶ Over a quarter of Australia's wine grape production happens in the Riverland with major wine grape varieties, such as Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, all thriving in the Riverland's warm climate.
- ▶ Sample some of the local drops at cellar doors; Caudo Vineyard, 919 Wines, Angove and Banrock Station or try the local brew at the Wilkadine Brewery. A trip to the newly refurbished 23rd Street Distillery is a must, to taste their signature gin, brandy and whisky.
- ▶ Join in the festivities at the Riverland Food and Wine Festival in October. Set on the bank of the Murray river underneath a canopy of riverside trees, this relaxing event celebrates the local community of winemakers, farmers and artisans, and most importantly their beautiful produce. It doesn't get much more delicious than this.
- ▶ Experience luxury at its best at the Riverland's premier accommodation, The Frames - who have everything you need for a perfect romantic getaway.
- ▶ The Murray River, Australia's longest waterway, offers a myriad of water-based activities. From wakeboarding to waterskiing and kneeboarding, when it comes to the water, the Murray is a water lovers' heaven.
- ▶ Set your own pace on a houseboat, the perfect way to cruise down the mighty Murray River. You only need to be over 18 and have a driver's license to become your own houseboat captain. And there are options to suit all ages and budgets.
- ▶ Alternatively, the Riverland boasts numerous peaceful campsites along red gum-lined creeks and river banks. With more than 300 species of waterbirds and thousands of migratory birds that live around the Murray River, you'll want to bring your binoculars.



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Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery

- ▶ Try your hand at fishing for the legendary Murray Cod. Growing to more than a metre it's a prized catch, complete with bragging rights. However, as a protected species they must be returned to the water after you've taken a photo for proof.
- ▶ You can hire a canoe or kayak, or bring your own, and gain unique access to thousands of kilometres of pristine waterways.
- ▶ The Riverland has 23 rich and diverse nature reserves. Gluepot Reserve is an international birdwatchers' dream while Danggali Conservation Park and Wilderness Protection Area is Australia's first Biosphere Reserve and has been sanctioned by the United Nations for its international significance. The Riverland also boasts two wetlands of global importance.
- ▶ Monash Adventure Park is perfect for the kids. With the Burmese rope bridge, flying fox, and a huge maze there's plenty to keep them entertained and energised for hours.
- ▶ Go for a drive or moor your boat at the Woolshed Brewery. Situated on the banks of the Murray, this idyllic microbrewery was once a famous wheat and sheep station. Although you won't find any woolly heads in the shearing shed these days, you will find tasting paddles and refreshing schooners at their refurbished cellar door.
- ▶ Riverland towns of Barmera, Berri, Loxton, Waikerie and Renmark have a strong art scene with many galleries, exhibitions, and artists capturing the essence of the river's landscape and its people in many art forms.
- ▶ The Riverland is renowned for fresh and homemade products using local-grown oranges, lemons, limes, mandarins and grapefruit, as well as plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines and almonds. Not surprisingly, towns near the Murray River are responsible for 95% of South Australia's citrus, stone fruit and almonds.
- ▶ The Murray River is around 130 million years old. For thousands of years, it was home to the Ngarrindjeri and Nganguraku people. Europeans arrived in the 19th century and used the river for transportation and irrigation.
- ▶ The Murray River is Australia's longest river, travelling 2520 kilometres from its source in the Snowy Mountains in New South Wales, to the Southern Ocean in South Australia. There is 362 kilometres of river running through the Riverland.
- ▶ Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs dating back to the 1920s and 1930s. Six locks in South Australia are still in use today, along with 11 ferry crossings running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ▶ The Riverland has a Mediterranean climate, with dry summers and relatively mild winters, offering abundant sunshine for outdoor activities all year round. The average maximum daily temperature in winter is 17°C and 29°C in summer.

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