

LIMESTONE COAST



Long Beach

Journey to a place where the rich landscape is characterised by dramatic contrasts, breath-taking scenery and unique experiences. Explore endless beaches and picturesque seaside villages, knock-on cellar doors in the famed Coonawarra wine region and walk through some of the world's oldest caves. Create lifelong memories on a family road trip to the Limestone Coast.

- ▶ The Limestone Coast is one of the most diverse regions in Australia, with visitors able to experience lush farmland, spectacular caves, captivating wilderness and world-famous vineyards.
- ▶ Formed by tonnes of marine life falling to the sea floor, the Limestone Coast is book-ended by rivers. The coast heads south from the Coorong at the Murray River mouth and east to the Glenelg River. This region is a treasure trove of natural wonders including the stunning Blue Lake at Mount Gambier and South Australia's only World Heritage Listed site, the Naracoorte Caves, which contains fossils of animals who called the Limestone Coast home for over half a million years.
- ▶ Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop, can be discovered in Penola with opportunities for visitors to delve into the history of this extraordinary Australian.
- ▶ The Limestone Coast's burgeoning wine industry was founded in 1891. Today, the region is home to the Coonawarra, Wrattenbully, Mount Benson and Padthaway wine regions, with more than 40 cellar doors to choose from. The secret to the region's success lays in the regions unique geological and climate characteristics.
- ▶ A 12km strip of precious terra rossa soil, called the Coonawarra, is the jewel in the region's wine making crown and is well-regarded as one of Australia's top producers of premium red wine.
- ▶ Mount Gambier, the region's biggest town, is situated beside the Blue Lake. The Blue Lake fills the crater of a dormant volcano and is world famous for its seasonal colour change, transforming from grey in winter to a brilliant turquoise blue in summer. It's also the town's water supply, containing 30,000 mega litres and reaching a depth of 70m.



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The Obelisk, Robe

- ▶ Mount Gambier is also renowned for their Generations in Jazz festival. A melting pot of Australian and international jazz legends and rising stars, the festival brings together over 4,400 musicians. With trumpet hero James Morrison in charge, it's the ultimate three-day boogie.
- ▶ Robe, one of the State's favourite seaside towns, is a popular holiday destination with a variety of eateries, art galleries and boutiques lining the main street. 'Gather Food and Wine' is fast becoming the town's most sought-after dining experience.
- ▶ The Limestone Coast has more than 400 kilometres of coastline to explore with one of the world's longest jetties found in Beachport and the world's largest crustacean, The Big Lobster, found in Kingston South East.
- ▶ Nature enthusiasts will love Little Dip Conservation Park near Robe with its 4WD track providing solitude and a truly Australian escape.
- ▶ From the succulent seafood harvested from the clear, cold waters of the Southern Ocean to some of the nation's most unforgettable lamb, beef and dairy experiences, the Limestone Coast is a gastronomic adventure.
- ▶ The Limestone Coast Real Food Trail provides visitors with the means to discover the regions hidden gems by linking together more than 47 local producers, farm gate sales outlets, cellar doors, restaurants and cafés to create a South Australian feast.
- ▶ Taste a little piece of history at The Cheese Factory Restaurant in Meningie. Part restaurant, part museum, this quaint eatery has something for everyone. Stop by for a bite and enjoy beautiful views of Lake Albert, or learn the art of cheese-making at the community-run museum.
- ▶ Travel back in time to discover the rich fossil history of Naracoorte Caves. Tour the cave system to see spectacular stalactites and stalagmites and reconstructed skeletons of megafauna that roamed the Earth half a million years ago.
- ▶ Port MacDonnell is known as Australia's Southern Rock Lobster Capital and is a seafood and blue water fishing paradise.
- ▶ More than 100 ships have sunk off the Limestone Coast with visitors able to explore the Southern Ocean Shipwreck Trail.

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- ▶ The history of the Limestone Coast stretches back thousands of years with a longstanding Aboriginal history. Traditional guardians of the land belonged to the Ngarrindjeri and Booandik tribes.
- ▶ The Limestone Coast's Mediterranean climate of warm to hot, dry summers and cool winters enhance its appeal as a year-round holiday destination. The average maximum daily temperature during winter is 14°C and 30°C during summer.

