

YORKE PENINSULA



Pondalowie Bay, Innes National Park

If you're craving a little barefoot fun in the sun, it's hard to go past the Yorke Peninsula; boasting crowd-free beaches, picturesque seaside townships and spectacular national parks. So, whether you're looking to drop a line at the jetty, or drop into the local country pub there's something for everyone.

- ▶ The Yorke Peninsula, or 'Yorke' as the locals call it, is right on Adelaide's doorstep with Port Wakefield, an easy 60-minute drive north of Adelaide.
- ▶ Blessed by nature and embraced by sea, the Yorke Peninsula is only two and a half hours' drive from top to bottom and around 30 minutes from coast to coast, making it easy to get around.
- ▶ Yorke is home to magnificent beaches and jagged shorelines, friendly locals and rich farmland. With its distinctive 'boot' shape, the Yorke Peninsula boasts more than 700 kilometres of coastline, ensuring you're never far from the perfect beach spot.
- ▶ Surrounded by coastline, the Yorke Peninsula is one of the few places in Australia where you can see the sun rise and set over the sea.
- ▶ Perfect to explore by foot or bike, 'Walk the Yorke' maps out more than 500 kilometres of continuous walking and cycling trails stretching from Port Wakefield to Moonta Bay.
- ▶ Innes National Park is one of the most famous wildlife havens in South Australia, with 9,200 hectares of untouched flora and fauna and some spectacular rugged cliffs. Visitors can see water holes carved from limestone by the traditional owners and on clear days you can see Kangaroo Island shimmering in the distance.
- ▶ Yorke Peninsula's waters provide some of the best fishing in the State with great action to be had from boat, shore or jetty.
- ▶ If you love seafood, you can rake the shallows for blue swimmer crabs, dive for crayfish and scallops or drop a line for King George whiting. If you prefer to leave the catching to the locals, there are many eateries where you can dine on scrumptious seafood.
- ▶ With dozens of country pubs and taverns, a great range of restaurants and two cellar doors, the region contains many hidden dining gems featuring local produce.
- ▶ Yorke Peninsula is one of South Australia's key diving areas with a combination of unspoilt ocean waters and habitats, including sandy beaches, reefs and islands.

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Hillocks Ocean Pod, Butler's Beach

- ▶ Two underwater dive trails provide excellent diving opportunities for beginners and the experienced. The Warding Island Maritime Heritage Trail off Port Victoria has eight shipwrecks while the Investigator Strait Shipwreck trail highlights 10 of the shipwrecks between Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.
- ▶ The south-west corner of Yorke Peninsula is one of Australia's great surfing locations. It boasts a number of excellent surfing spots ranging from fast, hollow beach breaks to powerful reef set ups. Or if you need a little extra help, zip up your wetsuit with Neptune's Surf Coaching. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, this registered Surfing Australia school will teach you everything you need to know before you hit the surf.
- ▶ There is a large range of golf courses available for visitors around the Yorke Peninsula including the Greg Norman designed nine-hole links golf course at The Dunes, Port Hughes.
- ▶ For some family fun in the sun, take the kids to Splash Town Water Park. Located in Moonta Bay, this free aquatic playground is sure to provide hours of entertainment. With four large waterslides for the older kids and raining mushrooms for the littlies, there's something to keep everyone happy.
- ▶ Kadina is the largest town on the Yorke Peninsula and features one of the largest collections of historical farming implements at the Farm Shed Museum. Kadina together with Wallaroo and Moonta form "The Copper Coast."
- ▶ In 1919, World War One pilot and aviation pioneer, Captain Harry Butler made the first airmail flight from Adelaide to the Yorke. His Red Devil Bristol, on display in Minlaton, is believed to be the only genuine one of its kind left in the world.
- ▶ The Yorke Peninsula history sees the traditional owners of the land as the Narungga people. The culture and history of the Narungga people can be discovered with Aboriginal Culture Tours.
- ▶ A rich pioneering history saw the Yorke Peninsula experience a copper mining boom in Kadina during 1859 and an explosion of the agriculture trade. Main industries today are agriculture, tourism, fishing, salt harvesting and extractive industries such as limestone, gypsum and dolomite.
- ▶ The Yorke Peninsula has a desirably Mediterranean climate with delightful sea breezes moderating the summer heat making it perfect for outdoor living. The average maximum daily temperature in winter is 16°C and 30°C in summer.

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