SOUTH AUSTRALIA

HOLIDAY PLANNER & GUIDE
To Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road
To Darwin
To Perth

TRAVEL TIME
TOWN  REGION FROM ADELAIDE
Kingscote Kangaroo Island 30 minute flight
Port Lincoln Eyre Peninsula 40 minute flight
Coober Pedy Flinders Ranges and Outback 2 hour flight
Mount Gambier Limestone Coast 1 hour flight
Hahndorf Adelaide Hills 20 minute drive
McLaren Vale Fleurieu Peninsula 45 minute drive
Tanunda Barossa 1 hour drive
Victor Harbor Fleurieu Peninsula 80 minute drive
Mannum Murray River 90 minute drive
Clare Clare Valley 2 hour drive
Wilpena Pound Flinders Ranges and Outback 5 hour drive

EPICUREAN WAY
Australia’s Great Food & Wine Touring Route

EXPLORERS WAY
Journey through the heart of Australia’s outback

MIGHTY MURRAY WAY
Follow the journey of Australia’s largest river

SEAFOOD FRONTIER
A smorgasbord of nature’s generosity

SOUTHERN OCEAN DRIVE
The Great Southern Journey

COASTAL WAY
Explore Yorke Peninsula’s Sandy Playground

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRIPS

- Premier Wine Region
- Regional Food Experiences
- Opal Mine
- Wilpena Pound
- Whale Watching
- Shark Cage Diving
- Sea Lion
- Houseboat
- Beach

AUSTRALIA

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For more information visit www.myliscence.sa.gov.au/road-rules
SeaSalt, Adelaide

SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS THE COMPLETE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE YOU’VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF

Adelaide, South Australia’s capital, is a city of art, café culture, great restaurants, the iconic Adelaide Oval and the busy 145 year-old Adelaide Central Market.

Named as one of the Great Wine Capitals of the World, Adelaide is the gateway to 18 tantalising wine regions. Within an hour’s drive either north, east or south, you’ll find yourself enjoying a glass or two of the country’s finest. The iconic Barossa has more than 80 cellar doors and some of the finest regional restaurants in the country; the Adelaide Hills is known for its cool climate varieties, and McLaren Vale produces some of the best dry reds in the world. Further afield you’ll find the Clare Valley for Riesling lovers, and the Coonawarra for its big, hearty reds.

Adelaide is also the gateway to the outback. Five hours’ drive north of Adelaide is the beautiful, ancient rock formation and natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound. Further north in the underground town of Coober Pedy, go ‘noodling’ for opals, a beautiful multi-coloured gemstone unique to Australia.

For a coastal escape, the Eyre Peninsula is a short flight away. Feast on succulent fresh seafood or get close to nature with one of the many aquatic activities available, such as cage diving with great white sharks, or swimming with friendly sea lions and dolphins. For less open waters, hire a luxury houseboat on the great Murray River and relax as you slowly drift past the landscapes teeming with wildlife. The ultimate island escape can be found on Kangaroo Island where its conservation status means that the native Australian animals including kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, wallabies, sea lions and dolphins can be seen thriving in their island environment.

Get closer to the good things in life, and start your Australian holiday in Adelaide, South Australia.
AVIBRANT CITY

Riverbank Precinct, Adelaide
Don’t miss two of South Australia’s food and wine icons – a tour of Haigh’s, Australia’s oldest family-owned chocolate company, and Penfolds Magill Estate, home of Penfolds Grange, the wine that put Australia on the world wine map.

And then there’s the shopping! Rundle Mall is the heart of Adelaide’s shopping district, home to over 700 retail stores. Extending to Rundle Street east, it is a lively dining strip with plenty of designer shopping opportunities. Burnside Village is home to big name boutiques and smaller fashion houses and Harbour Town offers outlet shopping. Shopping highlights include South Australian specialties such as wine, food, outback wear (R.M. Williams), organic skincare (Jurlique, made in the Adelaide Hills) and opals mined in the South Australian Outback.

Adelaide really is the perfect place to start your South Australian holiday. Whether you plan to explore the vineyards, wildlife, beaches, Murray River or the Outback, you can enjoy short trips from the city or pick up a rental car and explore the neighbouring regions at your own pace, any time of the year.

A gourmet paradise renowned for its food culture including beachfront cafés, alfresco dining and the Adelaide Central Market, the largest undercover fresh produce market in the Southern Hemisphere. It’s a gourmet hub that literally lets you taste an entire state that’s famous in Australia for its brilliant produce. Take a market tour or discover the flavours and ambience for yourself.

The warm Mediterranean climate of Adelaide draws people out in their thousands, spilling on to footpaths for dining and socialising. Stroll down one of the bustling ‘eat streets’ – Hutt, Rundle, Waymouth or Gouger, lined with a range of Asian cuisines and fine dining options. Small, lively bars are springing up around the city, revitalising previously empty buildings and laneways such as Leigh Street and Peel Street. They’re serving South Australian craft beer, wine, and locally distilled gin, and others are specialising in cocktails, rum or whiskey, complete with nibbles, bar snacks and live music.

ADELAIDE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES
NOT TO BE MISSED

1. Adelaide Central Market
2. Art Gallery of South Australia
3. Small laneway bars
4. RoofClimb at Adelaide Oval
5. Swim with Dolphins, Glenelg Beach
6. Penfolds Magill Estate tour

Adelaide is a relaxed, sophisticated city, fringed by vineyards and long, sandy beaches. Discover North Terrace, Adelaide’s cultural precinct – home to the state’s Art Gallery, with permanent and temporary exhibitions and one of Australia’s finest collections of Australian and international art. The South Australian Museum exhibits the world’s largest collection of Australian Aboriginal Cultural artefacts with over 3000 on display. Along North Terrace you will also find, the State Library, Parliament House, the SKYCITY Adelaide and National Wine Centre of Australia. Nearby, the River Torrens Precinct is a place of pedal boats, cafés and walking paths, with the world-famous Adelaide Oval at its centre, as well as the Adelaide Botanic Garden and the Adelaide Zoo (home to Wang Wang and Fu Ni, the only Giant Pandas in the Southern Hemisphere).

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Pink Moon Saloon, Adelaide
EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

From world class summer sporting events such as the Santos Tour Down Under and World Tennis Challenge, to cultural highlights like the Adelaide Fringe and food and wine events such as Tasting Australia, South Australia’s festivals and events can be enjoyed all year round. In the cooler months get along to the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, McLaren Vale Sea & Vines Festival and the Barossa Gourmet Weekend. In February and March Adelaide stamps its authority as Australia’s cultural mecca with the culmination of the Adelaide Festival, Adelaide Fringe and WOMADelaide, a cultural feast unique to Adelaide.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Adelaide is renowned for its creative culture with eclectic street art popping up in Adelaide’s laneways, adding to the city’s character and vibrancy. Small independent galleries featuring local contemporary artists such as the JamFactory complement the historic Art Gallery of South Australia. Close by the South Australian Museum and Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute exhibits the work of Aboriginal Australian artists. Throughout the year choose from a stellar line up of theatre, music and dance acts at one of the many theatres and venues, including the Adelaide Festival Centre.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

Santos Tour Down Under
www.tourdownunder.com.au

Adelaide Festival
www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Adelaide Fringe
www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Adelaide Cabaret Festival
www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com.au

WOMADelaide
www.womadelaide.com.au

Adelaide 500
www.adelaide500.com.au

Tasting Australia
www.tastingaustralia.com.au

Barossa Vintage Festival
www.barossavintagefestival.com.au

World Tennis Challenge Adelaide
www.worldtennischallenge.com

Adelaide Fashion Festival
www.adelaidefashionfestival.com.au

ABORIGINAL CULTURE NOT TO BE MISSED

Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute
For visual art, performances and authentic arts and crafts for purchase.
www.tandanya.com.au

The South Australian Museum’s Aboriginal Cultures Gallery
Featuring more than 3,000 Aboriginal artefacts (guided tours available).
www.samuseum.sa.gov.au

Aboriginal Art Tour
(Kurrendi Kamanga – Travelling Together) with Tourabout Adelaide.
www.touraboutadelaide.com.au
THE BEST OF ADELAIDE & SURROUNDS

3 DAY ITINERARY INCLUDES ADELAIDE, ADELAIDE HILLS AND FLEURIEU PENINSULA

**DAY 1**

Start the day in Glenelg with an early morning dolphin swim tour. Spend some time on the beach and take a stroll down Jetty Road for shopping and cafes. Catch the tram into the city and have lunch at one of the pop-up food vans or food bikes that do the rounds of the city. Ride an EcoCaddy to the vibrant Adelaide Central Market. In the afternoon visit Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute to see Aboriginal Australian Art. Then head to the cultural precinct of North Terrace. Here you’ll find the South Australian Museum with the world’s largest collection of Aboriginal Australian artefacts. Overnight: Adelaide.

**DAY 2**

Drive (or join a tour) to the Adelaide Hills (20 minutes). Stop at Mt Lofty Summit for amazing views of the entire Adelaide region. Cuddle a koala at either Cleland Wildlife Park or Gorge Wildlife Park. In Hahndorf, stop for lunch at the Hahndorf Inn and walk the historic street, filled with artisan producers, crafts shops and cafes. After lunch try strawberry picking at Beerenberg Farm (late October to April) then tour the surrounding wine producers including Hahndorf Hill Winery, Nepenthe, The Lane and Shaw+Smith. Overnight: Hahndorf – either Bed and Breakfast or boutique hotel accommodation.

**DAY 3**

Drive (or join a tour) to McLaren Vale (one hour) on the Fleurieu Peninsula. This is one of the most picturesque wine regions in Australia: stop for lunch at the Star of Greece overlooking Port Willunga’s picturesque coastline, visit wineries like d’Arenberg, Gemtree, Hugh Hamilton and Wirra Wirra for tastings or blending experiences, then head south via Mount Compass into Victor Harbor. Take a Big Duck Boat Tour to see sea lions, fur seals and dolphins. Swim with tuna or ride the horse drawn tram onto Granite Island. Whales can reliably be seen between July and August. Return to Adelaide (1.5 hours).
LOCAL FLAVOURS
Wine connoisseurs around the world know that South Australia is synonymous with excellent wines. While the Barossa, McLaren Vale and Coonawarra are home to many world-class, award-winning wineries, they represent just a handful of the state’s great wine regions. In fact, there are more than 200 cellar doors on Adelaide’s doorstep. However, there’s more to South Australia than our wine. Our food is just as glorious!

Whether you’d rather meet the growers and makers, pick your own ingredients, or dine in any of our world-class restaurants, South Australians and our visitors are spoilt for choice. Visit the Adelaide Central Market in the city, or any of the regional farmers’ markets (Willunga and Barossa to name a few) to experience new flavours, fresh ingredients and taste a sample of what makes our produce sought after worldwide.

If you have more time, you might want to follow one of the many produce or wine trails – by car, foot, or bicycle.

From the cooler climate of the Adelaide Hills to the seafood frontier that is the Eyre Peninsula, the great food bowl that surrounds the Murray River to the natural wonder of Kangaroo Island, our wonderful state produces some incredible, and sometimes surprising, delicacies. This is the world of South Australian food and wine – it’s what we’re famous for.
FLAVOURS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
1. Penfolds Grange
2. Haigh’s Chocolates
3. Artisan Cheese
4. Coopers Beer and micro breweries
5. Craft distilleries
6. Seafood including oysters and abalone
7. Kangaroo Island Honey
8. Wagyu beef
EPICUREAN WAY
Australia’s Great Food and Wine Touring Route

3 DAY ITINERARY
INCLUDING MCLAREN VALE, ADELAIDE HILLS, BAROSSA AND CLARE VALLEY

DAY 1
Start your South Australian food and wine experience with a short journey to McLaren Vale. Try some wine tasting at one of the 70 cellar doors such as d’Arenberg, Coriole, Wirra Wirra, Hugh Hamilton and Gemtree. Enjoy fresh local produce including olives, cheeses and handcrafted beer and cider. In the afternoon drive to the picturesque Adelaide Hills. The region is well known for its cool climate wines. There are some amazing boutique wineries such as Shaw+Smith, Bird in Hand, The Lane, Hahndorf Hill and Golding Wines. A number of wineries have great restaurants. Overnight: Adelaide Hills.

DAY 2
From the Adelaide Hills it’s only a short drive to the Barossa. Meet local winemakers and personalities, take a vineyard tour at Two Hands Wines, Jacob’s Creek or Yalumba try the port from your birth year at Seppeltsfield Winery or try an ale at one of the craft breweries. Taste the region’s stunning and iconic produce at restaurants such as Appellation, fermentAsian, Hentley Farm and St Hugo or try a regional gourmet platter including local cheeses at one of the many cellar doors. Don’t miss Maggie Beer’s Farm Shop, a food haven that showcases the Barossa’s famous produce. For something special, some wineries provide visitors with the opportunity to blend their own wine and take it home as a souvenir. Many tour companies offer private day tours and some of the smaller luxury tour operators will personalise tours to cater for your particular interests. Overnight: Barossa.

DAY 3
From the Barossa it’s only a short journey to the Clare Valley. Hire bicycles and ride along part of the 35km (22 mile) Riesling Trail, stopping for wine tastings along the way. Explore the area, visiting art galleries and studios, wineries, gardens and historical buildings and townships. There are many excellent dining options including winery restaurants that blend the best of local wine and produce. Skillogalee and Seed Winehouse + Kitchen being perfect examples. Return to Adelaide on Day 3, or stay overnight in a heritage bed and breakfast or gourmet retreat guesthouse. Barossa and Clare Valley components can also be single day tours.

For a more detailed itinerary visit www.southaustralia.com/roadtrips
NATURE & WILDLIFE – KANGAROO ISLAND

Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island
Kangaroo Island promises abundant native wildlife, dramatic coastlines, secluded beaches, brilliant seafood and a small, friendly population.

Join a ranger on the beach at Seal Bay Conservation Park for a walk among a colony of Australian sea lions. You can also watch from boardwalks as the animals sun themselves in the dunes and frolic in the surf.

The landscapes on Kangaroo Island will never be forgotten. Don’t miss Remarkable Rocks, the precariously balanced, beautifully coloured formations perched high over crashing waters; Kelly Hill Caves, an ideal spot to try adventure caving; or Admirals Arch, a natural formation carved from water. Sandboard down the dunes of Little Sahara or find your own stretch of paradise – there’s no shortage of long, curved, white sand beaches, including Vivonne Bay and Stokes Bay. Experience the island’s rugged beauty on the 61 kilometre (38 mile) Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail.

Explore one of South Australia’s youngest food and wine regions and savour local produce, including honey from local Ligurian bees, gin from Kangaroo Island native juniper berries, figs, olives, wine and fresh seafood.

THE BEST OF KANGAROO ISLAND

2 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1
Catch a morning flight from Adelaide Airport to Kangaroo Island, or do the 2.5 hour drive/passenger ferry. (coach and tour operators offer packages from Adelaide.) Spend the afternoon exploring the east side of the island, including the town of Kingscote and any of the nearby beaches. Overnight: Kingscote.

DAY 2
Head west to the wild side of the island (one hour) for highlights including Seal Bay Conservation Park, Flinders Chase National Park, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and Little Sahara. Remember to stop and try the island’s amazing local produce. Return to Kingscote or Penneshaw late afternoon for return to Adelaide.

ONE-DAY EXTENSION
Stay overnight on Day 2 and spend a relaxing day doing a food and wine tour of the island, making sure to stop and try the amazing local produce, including Ligurian bee honey, wine, spirits and fresh seafood.
DAY 1
Drive one hour south from Adelaide to the Fleurieu Peninsula, one of the most picturesque wine regions in Australia. Tour McLaren Vale wineries then head south to Victor Harbor. Take a Big Duck Boat Tour to see sea lions, fur seals and dolphins or swim with tuna then ride the horse drawn tram onto Granite Island. Overnight: Victor Harbor.

DAY 2
Visit Goolwa and either cruise the Coorong – 100km of dunes, fresh water wetlands and ocean or drive straight to Naracoorte. 3.5 hours south to see the impressive World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves. Here you can venture underground to see 350,000 year-old fossil beds. Continue on to Penola. Overnight: Penola.

DAY 3
Explore the Coonawarra wine region with 25 cellar doors within close proximity to each other. Order a picnic basket and hire a bike or take the Wineries Walking Trail. In the afternoon drive to Robe, a seaside resort famous for its lobster and beaches. The town has lovely beaches and a great shopping strip with galleries, cafés and local produce to tempt your tastebuds. Overnight: Robe.

DAY 4
Continue to explore Robe before travelling 50 minutes to Beachport Drive along Bowman Scenic Drive for impressive coastal scenery and the Pool of Siloam, a lake reputedly seven times saltier than the sea. Continue to Millicent and visit Mayura Station Tasting Room for premium quality Wagyu beef. Overnight: Mount Gambier.

DAY 5
Built on the side of an extinct volcano, Mount Gambier is the city of craters, lakes and caves. Take a tour of the magnificent Blue Lake and visit the beautiful sunken garden at Umpherston Sinkhole. Overnight: Mount Gambier.

DAY 6 – 7
Cross the border into Victoria and then on to Melbourne via The Great Ocean Road.
For a more detailed itinerary including Kangaroo Island visit www.southaustralia.com/roadtrips
The Limestone Coast is the ultimate self-drive destination, stretching along the coast from the Coorong National Park to the Victoria border and perfectly located between Adelaide and Melbourne. The region is home to the Naracoorte Caves National Park - South Australia's only World Heritage-listed fossil site.

Venture underground to see subterranean stalactites and stalagmites or for those adventurous enough, try Adventure Caving and crawl through the tight tunnels. The historic town of Penola is the oldest town in the region and full of hidden treasures worth exploring, including historic cottages, cafés, galleries and boutique shops. A few minutes away lies the Coonawarra wine region with its long strip of famous terra rossa soil. The region produces some of Australia’s finest red wine, unsurprisingly with the dozens of wineries lining the road.

A short drive to the coast takes you to the picturesque seaside towns of Robe and Beachport, offering great seafood, cafés and accommodation. Both are fishing ports and the pristine waters are perfect for sailing, surfing and swimming. Mount Gambier is home to the magnificent Blue Lake, which turns from grey to a brilliant turquoise blue every November. Visitors can take a guided tour to the water level or tour limestone caves beneath the city streets and walk through stunning gardens created inside sinkholes.

NOT TO BE MISSED

1. Blue Lake, Mount Gambier
2. The Tasting Room, Mayura Station
3. World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves
4. Seaside towns of Robe and Beachport
5. Indulge on local seafood
6. Coonawarra Wine Region
7. Bowman Scenic Drive, Beachport
South Australia’s coastline is dotted with towns, beaches, cliffs and jetties that are home to stunning natural beauty (gulfs, peninsulas, calm sheltered bays), memorable adventures, and great food and wine experiences.

The Eyre Peninsula is packed with adventure experiences – cage dive with great white sharks; surf on one of the many beaches; swim with sea lions. For something a little more leisurely, follow the seafood trail and sample some of the local delicacies.

The Limestone Coast, Fleurieu Peninsula, Kangaroo Island and Yorke Peninsula are equally action packed, with fishing, boating, skydiving, joy flights and scuba diving being just some of the activities on offer.

One thing you’ll notice as you tour the coast is that food and wine are woven into the South Australian lifestyle. The local produce is often freshest and the best. Taste fresh crayfish, oysters, farmed tuna, kingfish sashimi, delicate King George whiting and giant snapper. Many coastal regions offer award-winning wine to accompany this seafood – get tasting!

For more coastal experiences refer to the Kangaroo Island itinerary on page 13 and Limestone Coast on page 14.
COASTAL EXPERIENCES NOT TO BE MISSED

1. Swim with tuna, Fleurieu Peninsula
2. Gather and shuck your own oysters
3. Port Willunga Beach
4. Aboriginal Cultural Tours, Yorke Peninsula
5. Nature wildlife cruise
6. Close encounters with sea lions

THE BEST OF THE EYRE PENINSULA

3 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1
Self-drive 2 hours 30 minutes from Adelaide to Port Vincent and hire a kayak or stand up paddleboard. Continue on to Stansbury and indulge in oysters plucked from the sea. Arrive at Innes National Park and soak up the spectacular coastal views and diverse wildlife. Book overnight accommodation at Innes National Park.

DAY 2
Today commence a tour with Aboriginal Cultural Tours at Innes National Park. Receive a rare insight into the world’s oldest living culture by experienced, knowledgeable Aboriginal guides. Stay overnight at Marion Bay or again at Innes National Park.

DAY 3
Return to Adelaide via the heritage town of Moonta (4 hours drive) or stay an additional day and learn more about the Copper Triangle towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. There are various accommodation options in the nearby coastal towns.

For a more detailed itinerary visit www.southaustralia.com/roadtrips

4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1
Fly from Adelaide to Port Lincoln (40 minutes) and collect a hire car or join a tour group. Explore Port Lincoln’s sea front and thriving marina, take lunch at the Marina Hotel to watch the largest fishing fleet in the southern hemisphere at work. Be sure to try premium seafood at one of the restaurants. Overnight: Port Lincoln.

DAY 2
Visit Lincoln National Park, taking in views from the cliffs and exploring the huge dunes. Drive up the west coast, stopping at Coffin Bay to taste premium oysters; or charter a fishing boat. Continue on the Seafood Frontier drive for three hours to Baird Bay. Overnight: Baird Bay or Streaky Bay.

DAY 3
Get ready for the experience of a lifetime – swimming with dolphins and sea lions. Afterwards, check out Murphy’s Haystacks before returning to Port Lincoln. Overnight: Port Lincoln.

DAY 4
Relax in Port Lincoln or send your adrenalin through the roof by joining an operator out to the Neptune Islands where you’ll cage dive with great white sharks. Take an evening flight to Adelaide.

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The Flinders Ranges and Outback has some of Australia’s most legendary countryside and one of the oldest mountain ranges on earth. There are vast dramatic landscapes, spectacular gorges, towering rock walls, and Aboriginal Australian culture that dates back 45,000 years. Watch native animals wander freely, eagles circle clear blue skies, emus casually cross the road and kangaroos lazily resting in golden grass. There are perfect trails for nature walks and some adventurous off-road cycling tracks. Be captivated by iconic attractions such as the huge natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, the razorback ridges and astronomical observatory at Arkaroola, the unusual outback town of Coober Pedy - the largest producer of precious opal in the world and where half the residents live underground in dugouts. Nearby is the striking rocky landscape of the Kanku-Breakaways, best seen at sunset. Take a scenic flight over Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre, a vast salt lake that rarely fills with water but when it does it’s a magnificent sight attracting an enormous number of waterbirds. Make sure you call into one of the outback pubs for friendly local hospitality and to sample some creative menus.

SO MANY WAYS TO DISCOVER THE SPLENDOUR AND BEAUTY OF THE MAJESTIC FLINDERS RANGES.
THE BEST OF THE FLINDERS RANGES

3 DAY ITINERARY INCLUDING CLARE VALLEY

DAY 1
Join a tour in Adelaide or drive north through the Clare Valley and taste wines at some of the region’s best-loved wineries. Hire bicycles and ride along part of the 35km (22 mile) Riesling Trail, wine tasting along the way.

DAY 2
From Clare travel two hours north to Melrose in the southern Flinders Ranges, then two hours to Wilpena Pound. Follow bushwalking trails around this natural amphitheatre and surrounding gorges, looking out for the local wildlife. Scenic flight options, guided 4WD tours and Aboriginal cultural experiences are available. Overnight: Wilpena.

DAY 3
Early morning, drive through Brachina Gorge, an important refuge for the yellow-footed rock-wallaby, and head for the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna for a quirky Outback pub experience. Return to Adelaide in the afternoon.

ONE-DAY EXTENSION
On Day 3, after Parachilna, continue another 2.5 hours via Blinman to Arkaroola, a private wilderness sanctuary. Explore Chambers Gorge and join Arkaroola’s famous Ridgetop Tour. Overnight: Arkaroola.

1. Scenic flight over Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre
2. Wilpena Pound
3. Mine Tour and opal noodling in Coober Pedy
4. Walking Trails
5. Ridgetop Tour at Arkaroola
If you’re looking for indulgence, South Australia has plenty of experiences to offer, ranging from beautiful secluded coastal lodges to outback station stays, with delectable food and wine experiences in between.
ADELAIDE
- Stay in a five-star hotel or Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the heart of the city or by the beach at Glenelg.
- Visit Penfolds Magill Estate and take the Ultimate Penfolds Experience to taste the iconic Penfolds Grange.

ADELAIDE HILLS
- Lunch at The Bridgwater Mill or The Lane.
- Day Spas for visitors who want to be pampered.

BAROSSA
- Experience the region on a private tour with an expert wine guide.
- Stay overnight at The Louise, a luxury vineyard retreat surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines. Its restaurant, Appellation, is one of Australia’s finest regional dining experiences offering seasonal cuisine, an outstanding wine list and a chef’s tasting menu that changes daily.
- Stay two nights at Kingsford Homestead – a luxury country retreat on the edge of the Barossa and once home to a wealthy nineteenth-century pastoralist and the main setting for the popular television series McLeod’s Daughters.
- Dine at the intimate and elegantly restored restaurants at Hentley Farm and St Hugo.

CLARE VALLEY
- Lunch on the veranda at Skillogalee Restaurant.

EYRE PENINSULA
- Sleep in luxury safari tents at the Gawler Ranges Wilderness Safaris – Kangaluna Camp.
- Chinta Air Tours offer air tours of the Eyre Peninsula and Outback.

FLEURIEU PENINSULA
- Discover the d’Arenberg Cube or experience Chapel Hill cooking school in McLaren Vale.
- Stay overnight at The Australasian circa 1858 in Goolwa and dine in-house.
- Journey through the Fleurieu Peninsula with Off Piste 4WD Tours.

FLINDERS RANGES AND OUTBACK
- Tour the magnificent Flinders Ranges by 4WD or air.
- Stay overnight at Rawnsley Park Eco Villas, Ikara Safari Camp at Wilpena Pound or Arkaba Homestead.
- View spectacular outback landscapes on The Arkaba Walk – one of the Great Walks of Australia.

KANGAROO ISLAND
- Tour the Island in comfort with a 4WD operator – gourmet lunch in the bush.
- One Kangaroo Island provides exclusive luxury accommodation on the beautiful coastline of Kangaroo Island.
- Lifetime Private Retreats offers tailored luxury private accommodation set in a stunning coastal landscape.
- Sea Dragon Lodge & Villas are set in secluded bushland with private beach access.

LIMESTONE COAST
- Private tours of Coonawarra wine region with expert wine guides.
- Taste Wagyu beef at Mayura Station Tasting Room on the Great Wagyu Adventure tour with Air Adventure Australia.
- Stay overnight and enjoy breathtaking beach views in one of the well-appointed Robe Lifestyle Properties.

MURRAY RIVER
- Stay onboard a luxurious Unforgettable Houseboat or overnight at The Frames, luxury villas overlooking the Murray River.
- Explore Australia’s greatest river on a four-day Murray River Walk.

OTHER LUXURY EXPERIENCES
- In RM’s Footsteps: A rare chance to explore the world of RM Williams, visiting the Outback landscapes that shaped his life and work on a 4-day journey with The Tailor.
- South Australian Air Charters: Private air transfers to luxury wilderness destinations.
- Platinum Rail Experience on The Ghan and Indian Pacific: a luxury level of train travel like no other Australian train accommodation.
Discover the very best South Australia has to offer by combining the Adelaide, Epicurean Way, Kangaroo Island and Flinders Ranges and Outback itineraries into an unforgettable, extended adventure. Or if you’d like to explore more of South Australia, consider one of these itineraries.

EXPLORERS WAY
Journey through the heart of Australia’s outback

ADELAIDE TO ALICE SPRINGS 6 DAY ITINERARY INCLUDING CLARE VALLEY, FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK AND COOBER PEDY

DAY 1
Drive north from Adelaide into Clare Valley for wine tasting. Overnight: Clare or the historic mining town of Burra.

DAY 2
Continue north to Flinders Ranges. Stop in Melrose; then onto Quorn to ride the Pichi Richi Railway (from April to October). Drive to Wilpena Pound in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. Overnight: Wilpena.

DAY 3
Tour the region on a walking trail or a guided 4WD tour; climb Wilpena Pound for remarkable views or take a scenic flight. Then drive to Brachina Gorge ending at Parachilna staying at the Prairie Hotel (1.5 hours).

DAY 4
Parachilna to Coober Pedy is a long drive, but there’s plenty to see along the way. From Parachilna take the sealed road to Port Augusta and explore Wadlata Outback Centre. Continue on to the opal mining town of Coober Pedy via Woomera. Overnight: Coober Pedy (8 hours).

DAY 5
Coober Pedy is Australia’s unique ‘underground town’ and largest opal producer. Tour the town, fossick for opal and stay overnight in underground accommodation.

DAY 6
Travel along the Stuart Highway to Alice Springs (7 hours). Detour east of Cadney Roadhouse to The Painted Desert (three hours return). Overnight: Alice Springs.

4WD ROUTE DAY 4 & 5
For the more adventurous, from Parachilna drive to Arkaroola and take the famous Ridgetop Tour. Drive from William Creek via Outback towns of Copley and Maree. On the Oodnadatta Track be sure to stop at Coward Springs siding to soak in hot springs. Overnight: William Creek, home to the world’s most isolated pub. Continue on to Coober Pedy. Total (allow 2–3 days).

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DAY 1
From Adelaide take a 40 minute flight to Port Lincoln or drive to Cowell via Port Augusta and Whyalla. Cowell is known for its oysters and jade minerals. Continue on to Tumby Bay, a small coastal town with stunning beaches. Arrive in Port Lincoln – the seafood capital of Australia (8 hours). If flying, hire cars are available here.

DAY 2
Port Lincoln is home to some of the most unique marine wildlife experiences available. Swim with sea lions or for an adrenalin rush, try cage diving with great white sharks – the only place in Australia that you can see these predators up close from the safety of a cage. A little less fearsome, Lincoln National Park and Coffin Bay National Park feature cliffs, sand dunes, sheltered bays and sandy beaches, both are a short drive from Port Lincoln. Tempt yourself with the one kilogram oyster challenge at one of the local hotels, other fresh seafood available on the plate includes, abalone, blue fin tuna, whiting, mussels, prawns and lobster.

DAY 3
Make your way up the west coast to Streaky Bay, passing some spectacular coastal areas such as Venus Bay and Baird Bay where you can swim with sea lions and dolphins. A unique outcrop of granite boulders, known as Murphy’s Haystacks, offer a great photo opportunity.

DAY 4
At Streaky Bay you can purchase fresh, local seafood at various locations throughout this very relaxed and idyllic coastal town. On the way to Ceduna call into Smoky Bay – another oyster growing spot on the Eyre Peninsula. Overnight: Ceduna.

DAY 5
Make a stop at Head of Bight for spectacular views of the Nullarbor cliffs. Just 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) by sealed road from the Eyre Highway, a short walk to a boardwalk and viewing platforms is rewarded with uninterrupted views of the dramatic Bunda Cliffs. Between May and October, you may see whales frolicking with their calves in the water below.

DAY 6
Return to Adelaide or continue on through Western Australia. For a more detailed itinerary visit www.southaustralia.com/roadtrips.
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