



TASTE

OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Clare Valley Wine Tour

THE HISTORY

The Clare Valley has a rich heritage originating from the English, Irish and Polish settlers who arrived in the 1840s. Names like Penwortham, Skillogalee, Watervale, Sevenhills and Armagh are reminders of these early settlers. Viticulturally, Clare is classified as moderately warm to cool, similar to the Alsace, Burgundy and Rheingau regions in Europe.

The Valley has been described as " the most unblemished wine region in Australia". It catches the cool, moist westerlies that blow in from Spencer Gulf. The warm ripening period causes a concentration of grape flavour resulting in the distinctive Riesling and red wine styles produced.

THE TOUR

At 9 a.m. you are collected from your hotel and escorted along the scenic route passing picturesque rural landscapes and small towns as we head towards the Clare Valley, in the direction of the Flinders Ranges.

Our first introduction to the Valley is the quaint little town of Auburn where we will stop for morning tea with time to a short wander through antique shops. We taste the product of the small winemakers of the Clare Valley. If it is the right time of year, we will visit the exemplary Grosset's winery and then the stylish wines from Mount Horrocks nearby (limited opening hours).

We visit the Sevenhills Cellars, which is run by the Jesuit brothers. Here we can visit the historic church and explore the heritage of the first vineyard in the region. Ideally, we will meet Brother May the winemaker and see the original Cellars.

We travel up to the main historical town of Clare where we visit the innovative Knapstein winery. Their outstanding wines are generally not exported, so a treat to do a tasting and pick up a few bottles.

We travel through Penwortham and along to the scenic route to Mitchell's winery, where Jane and Andrew Mitchell may show us their fine wines.

Lunch will be at the charming Skillogalee restaurant/ winery where a gourmet lunch will be served, under the Olive Groves. After lunch if time permits, we may travel next door to taste the fine wines of Kilakanoon wines with Kevin Mitchell.

Our journey back takes us through the old slate mining town of Mintaro. If time permits we will have a drink at the old Magpie & Stump or have coffee at the stately Martindale Hall before our return to Adelaide.

*For an additional cost you may hire bikes and cycle the Riesling Trail that runs through the centre of the region.

Terms, Conditions and Contact details for A Taste of South Australia

Prices and itineraries stated are subject to change without notice due to road, weather, seasonal variation and other unforeseen situation that may arise, over which the operator has no control.

A Taste of South Australia reserves the right to substitute vehicle, restaurants and accommodation, of the same value, other than those specified.

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A deposit of \$100 per person is required. Full payment 30 days prior to departure. Cancellations notified less than 30 days but more than 7 days prior to the scheduled departure will be charged a cancellation fee of \$100 per person. Cancellation notified less than 7 days prior to the scheduled departure date will incur a 50% cancellation fee. Less than 24 hours notification charged at 100%.

Any additional fees incurred by the operator will be charged accordingly.

Non-contracted agents will pay on invoice, with payment arriving within 7 days.

Group Tour Payment: For group tours, a deposit of 10 % will be sent 30 days prior to tour departure, with final payment within 7 days of completed tour.



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