



TASTE

OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# **Gourmet Food Tour of McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills**

*Duration: 2 days / 1 night*

## **Day One**

Your driver/guide will pick you up from the City and you will travel in comfort as we explore the City and the magnificent Adelaide Hills.

We first tour the Central Markets in Adelaide and see a large variety of fresh foods. We visit Haighs Chocolate for a special tour and tasting at their famous factory. They make the purest form of chocolate using premium cocoa beans sourced from around the world.

We may do a bush food tour of the Botanic Gardens followed by tour of the Aboriginal cultural Gallery with an Aboriginal guide.

We travel to Mount Barker, home of Springs Smoked Salmon, Here we meet Richard Harris, whose family has been producing smoked salmon in England for 25 years. He has carried on the traditions for over 10 years. The salmon is flown in fresh from Tasmania and he has introduced Australians to the Champenoise cellars and tastes their fine wines.

Lunch will be at the magnificent Bridgewater Mill, where they pride themselves on using fresh local produce. It is also the home of Petaluma wines and we have the chance to tour the Methode Champenoise cellars and taste their fine wines.

An alternative may be Logans in Hahndorf or over looking vineyards at Hahndorf hill surrounded by Gardens or similar.

In the afternoon we continue to explore the Hills and visit local herb, fruit and vegetable gardens and then taste some of the fine local products showcased at the Organic Markets.

We also must include the nationally acclaimed Woodside cheese factory in their tiny premises in an old cheese factory.

If time permits we would include a visit to the Beerenberg Strawberry Farm to pick your own berries or taste some of the many outstanding Adelaide Hills wines.

That evening you will stay in one of the charming Orangerie (or similar) in the Adelaide Hills. For groups we would stay at Mount Lofty House and have a cooking School with them or at the Chapel Hill Cooking School in McLaren Vale.

## **Day Two**

Next morning travel south through the Adelaide Hills to the McLaren Vale Wine Region. Nestled among the vineyards are a feast of fine and exotic foods, from almonds and olives to pheasant and venison. We travel through the picturesque Mount Lofty Ranges, through picturesque towns like Clarendon, over the Onkaparinga River to arrive in the heart of the McLaren Vale Wine Region and to Coriole winery.

Coriole's cellar door is a beautiful little ironstone building surrounded by magnificent views and gardens. They produce an outstanding range of wines, olives, olive oils and cheeses with some exceptional wine styles unique to their winery. We will do a tasting of a range of these products.

Our next visit is to the Olive Grove. Here we will tour the olive groves and factory and continue to learn about and taste the fine kalamata olives, olive oil and various locally produced products.

We will do a tasting and tour at d'Arenberg winery then continue into Willunga to meet Russell Jeavons, one of South Australia's most talented chefs who will introduce you to seasonal fresh produce of South Australia and make lunch using his wood fired oven. Russell was one of the first to introduce Dukkah to South Australia. Alternatively we may take part in a Cooking School at Chapel Hill or similar.

The area boasts over 60 small wineries and many excellent food and wine producers, almond groves, venison farms, yabby and trout farms and berry farms that can be incorporated into our tour.

We can finish with a visit to Medlow fine gels and chocolates before returning to Adelaide via the coast.

Note: On Saturday we will include the farmers Markets in Willunga or Barossa.

Foodie day tours are available to the Barossa, City & Hills and McLaren Vale.

## **The Two Day Barossa Valley Indulgence**

On Day One we travel by luxury vehicle with accommodation at Jacobs Retreat or the Peppers Hermitage in the Barossa with a gourmet degustation dinner. On day two you will be again with your experienced wine guide for a personalised tour of the Barossa. You will have gourmet lunches and include premium private tasting and visit some of the out of the way wineries and many quaint townships.

## **A Taste of Adelaide and the Barossa**

This tour commences from the Airport or the City. We visit the beach and the City's many specialty shops. We explore the City and walk along the cultural precinct of North Terrace and visit the new National Wine Centre of Australia. We stroll through the Markets then travel up into the Hills to stay at the charming Orangerie. Next morning we take the scenic route into the famous Barossa Valley. You will be introduced to the delights of the Barossa Valley and its rich Germanic/Silesian culture and heritage. This is a Wine lovers tour that includes lunch at Vintners restaurant and visit leading wineries such as Torbreck, Yalumba and Henschkes. If time permits we will call into Maggie Beers Farm Shop, a "must-see" for lovers of fine food.

# **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.

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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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