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Three Day Tour of the Coonawarra Limestone Coast and the Great Ocean Road

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Adelaide - Padthaway/Coonawarra – Port Fairy - Melbourne

Day One: *Adelaide - Padthaway/Coonawarra*

Our tour begins in Adelaide with a tour of City and Surrounds before moving into Wine Country and along the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

The capital of South Australia is Adelaide, which is a stylish and friendly City. It is meticulously planned and has virtually no traffic problems, which makes everything within easy reach- the beaches, the hills and the wineries.

We travel through the serene pastoral landscape to the heart of premium red wine production in Coonawarra We visit Padthaway Estate and taste their wines plus a selection of wines from the region. Padthaway is an area just recently recognised for the quality Chardonnay and the exceptional character of the varieties produced.

We make our way into the heart of the Limestone Coast to Coonawarra for an alfresco style lunch at Hollicks winery, overlooking the vineyards.

After lunch we meet some of the Coonawarra winemakers and sample their product. Coonawarra has over 25 wineries and has gained a reputation for producing some of the finest red wines in. The local winemakers consider one of Australia's most important wine awards, the Jimmy Watson trophy, as their own. The region's famous stretch of terra rossa soil lies on top of limestone and with its abundance of underground water and cool climate for much of the year, results in outstanding wines.

Distinguished wine producers we may visit include, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, which is the oldest, and perhaps the most spectacular in the area and also the most technologically advanced. Balnaves of Coonawarra is a small family maker of premium wines. Other notable winery include the small Italian family run, Zema Estate winery; famous for their full flavoured wines and Mrs Zemas preserves. Overnight Punters Retreat or similar.

Day Two: *Coonawarra- Port Fairy*

The next morning we may further explore the famous Limestone coast of Coonawarra. We may meet with Brian Lynn, a lecturer of Viticulture at the local college who also has his own vineyards and produces fine wines under his Majella Estate label. He will give us a brief tour of his vineyards and an introduction to the area and the opportunity to sample some of the wines he has made.

We head of through Mount Gambier, past the mysterious Blue Lake. We will stop for a picnic style lunch at the Blue Lake in summer or at Princess Margaret Rose Caves in Nelson, with stunning stalactites and stalagmites, if during winter.

We may visit Crawford River wines near Portland then continue onto Port Fairy for afternoon tea. Port Fairy is a small fishing village with Old World charm and pine-lined Georgian streets, where diverse visitors and antique hunters enjoy the towns' Irish-influenced hospitality. We have time to wander through the charming township before settling into Oscars or Hearn's Cottages.

Day Three: *Port Fairy – GOR- Melbourne*

In the morning we discover the natural beauty of the notorious Shipwreck Coast, where huge rolling waves have carved spectacular shapes like the Twelve Apostles. We then wind our way through the rainforests of the Otway Ranges. We stop for lunch at the famous Chris's Restaurant in the fishing port of Apollo Bay. We pass through the popular surfing area and coastal towns of Lorne, Anglesea and Torquay on our way into Melbourne

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Adelaide – Coonawarra (Limestone Coast) – Port Fairy - Queenscliff – Mornington Peninsula - Melbourne

Day One: *Adelaide –Padthaway/Coonawarra- Port Fairy*

Our tour begins in Adelaide with a tour of City and Surrounds before moving into Wine Country and along the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

The capital of South Australia is Adelaide, which is a stylish and friendly City. It is meticulously planned and has virtually no traffic problems, which makes everything within easy reach- the beaches, the hills and the wineries.

We quickly travel through the serene pastoral landscape to the heart of premium red wine production in the South East of Australia. We visit Padthaway Estate and taste a selection of wines from the region. Padthaway is an area recognised for the quality Chardonnay and the exceptional character of the varieties produced.

We make our way into the heart of the Limestone Coast to Coonawarra for an alfresco style lunch in a picturesque location (weather permitting).

After lunch we meet some of the fine Coonawarra winemakers and sample their product. Coonawarra has over 25 wineries and has gained a reputation for producing some of the finest red wines in Australia. The region's famous stretch of *terra rossa* soil lies on top of limestone and with its abundance of underground water and cool climate for much of the year, results in outstanding wines.

We visit many distinguished wine producers. We visit Wynns Coonawarra Estate, which is the oldest, and also the most technologically advanced. Balnaves of Coonawarra is a small family maker of premium wines who opened their new winery with the last vintage. Other notable winery we may visit is the small Italian family run, Zema Estate winery; famous for their full flavoured wines and Mrs Zemas preserves. We continue onto Port Fairy to overnight at Hearn Cottage or Oscars or stay in Coonawarra if the wine is more important focus.

Day Two: *Port Fairy along the Great Ocean Road to Apollo Bay/Queenscliff*

Port Fairy is a small fishing village with old-world charm and pine-lined Georgian streets, where diverse visitors and antique hunters enjoy the town's Irish-influenced hospitality. We may wander around the town in the morning then discover the natural beauty of the notorious Shipwreck Coast, where huge rolling waves have carved spectacular shapes like the Twelve Apostles. We then wind our way through the rainforests of the Otway Ranges. We stop for lunch at the famous Chris's Restaurant in the fishing port of Apollo Bay. We pass through the

popular surfing area and either stay at the coastal towns of Apollo Bay (Chocolate Gannats) on our way into Queenscliff or get the ferry over to the Mornington Peninsula that night.

Day Three: *Apollo Bay/Queenscliff – ferry over to Sorrento through Mornington Peninsula to Melbourne*

We commence the day with a ferry ride over the charming seaside village of Sorrento. The Mornington Peninsula was originally the playground for Melbournians and in 20 years has emerged as a leading cool-climate region, producing excellent Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Our introduction to the region will be at Red Hill Estate for a taste of their new sparkling wine.

Next we visit Stonier's winery, famous Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and the interesting design of the building. We then visit Dromana Estate. Dromana Estate sources grapes locally and from the King Valley and focuses on classic Peninsula varieties and Italian-style reds.

Lunch will be at the rustic La Baracca at t'Gallant, with wines made by Kathleen Quealy. These innovative and unique wine styles with unusual labels complement the Italian style casual lunch of anti-pasta and homemade pizza and pasta. We then make our way into Melbourne for the evening.

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Four Day Tour of the Coonawarra (Limestone Coast) and the Great Ocean Road.

Option One: [Adelaide - Barossa - Coonawarra - Grampians-Port Fairy –GOR-Melbourne](#)

Option Two: [Adelaide - Barossa –Adelaide Hills- Coonawarra- GOR-Apollo Bay – Melbourne](#)

Adelaide - Barossa - Coonawarra -(via Grampians)- Port Fairy – Melbourne

Day One: *Adelaide – Barossa*

After breakfast, at 9.a.m you will begin a personally escorted journey which includes a city orientation tour. We travel through the scenic Torrens Gorge to the Barossa Valley. The Torrens Gorge is a natural chasm carved out of the Adelaide Hills by the River Torrens.

We travel over the Jacobs Creek along the Barossa Way to a private tasting at Peter Lehmann wines, We will taste some of the wine styles the Barossa is famous for such as .Riesling, Semillon and Shiraz

We may visit Torbreck wine cellars, a small winery with rustic charm, making wines in traditional Barossa methods. We will also include visits to other small wineries and meet well-known wine identities.

We stop for a stroll in the German town of Tanunda with time to discover the small shops, many of which specialise in crafts made by the locals.

We take the picturesque journey up to Menglers Hill for an unsurpassed view over the entire Valley.

Lunch will be alfresco under the vines or at Vintners restaurant just out of Angaston.

We then travel through to Angaston , if the cheesemakers are in residence, we may call in for a taste or visit the South Australian Company Store that offers dried fruits and an array of South Australian specialities.

Our next stop maybe be Henschkes winery in Keyneton (closed Sundays). This fifth generation German winery produces outstanding wines that incorporate the best of old world and state of the art winemaking. The Winemakers Stephen and Prue Henschke were recently awarded International Winemaker of the Year.

Tonight we will stay at the charming Abbotsford Country House and dine in-house.

Day Two: *Barossa – Coonawarra/Padthaway*

We travel through the beautiful Adelaide Hills and the German village of Hahndorf, through serene pastoral landscape to the heart of premium red wine production in Coonawarra.

Coonawarra has a reputation for producing some of the finest red wines in Australia. The local winemakers consider one of Australia's most important wine awards, the Jimmy Watson trophy, as their own. With over 25 wineries in the area, most are multi-award winning wine producers. The region's famous stretch of *terra rossa* soil, lies on top of soft limestone and with its abundance of underground water and cool climate, results in outstanding wines.

Lunch will be at Hollicks winery overlooking the vineyards

Distinguished wine producers we may visit include, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, which is the oldest, and perhaps the most spectacular in the area and also the most technologically advanced. Balnaves of Coonawarra is a small family maker of premium wines who opened their new winery with the last vintage.

Overnight accommodation at Punters Retreat or similar

Day Three: *Coonawarra –Grampians-Port Fairy*

Next morning we leave the Coonawarra Limestone Coast wine region and travel to the Grampians National Park. The Grampians is a magnificent fold mountain range rising out of the western plains. Try bush walking to an Aboriginal rock shelter and visit scenic lookouts such as the Balconies, and Boroka, Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre, wildflowers and even see wallabies, kangaroo and emus in the wild. We travel to Port Fairy, a small fishing village with old world charm and pine-lined Georgian streets. Where diverse visitors and antique hunters enjoy the town's Irish-influenced hospitality. We will stay in the charming Oscars or Hearn Cottage or similar.

Day Four: *Port Fairy - Melbourne*

In the morning we discover the natural beauty of the notorious Shipwreck Coast, where huge rolling waves have carved spectacular shapes like the Twelve Apostles then wind our way through the rainforests of the Otway Ranges. Stop for lunch at the famous Chris's Restaurant in the fishing port of Apollo Bay. We

pass through the popular surfing area and coastal towns of Lorne, Anglesea and Torquay on our way into Melbourne.

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Adelaide - Barossa –Adelaide Hills- Coonawarra – Robe -GOR- Apollo Bay – Melbourne

Day One: Adelaide – Barossa-Adelaide Hills

Our tour begins in Adelaide with a tour of City and Surrounds before moving into wine Country and along the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

The capital of South Australia is Adelaide, which is a stylish, and friendly City. With a meticulously planned city centre of tree-lined boulevards, this elegant city of wide streets has little traffic problems, which makes everything within easy reach- the beaches, the hills and the wineries.

We depart at 9.a.m. you will begin a personally escorted journey which includes a city orientation tour. We travel through the scenic Torrens Gorge to the Barossa Valley.

We travel over the Jacobs Creek for our first tasting of the fine wines at the Peter Lehamann winery. We visit the Torbreck wine cellars, a small winery with rustic charm, making wines from traditional methods. We will also include visits to other small wineries and meet well-known wine identities.

Lunch will be alfresco under the vines or at Vintners restaurant just out of Angaston. After lunch we take the picturesque drive up to Menglers Hill for an unsurpassed view over the entire Valley. We continue into historic Angaston - the more English of the villages in the Barossa. Taking time to visit Maggie Beers Farm shop a, “must see” for food lovers.

Our next stop will be Henschkes winery in Keyneton. This fifth generation German winery produces outstanding wines that incorporate the best of old world and state of the art winemaking. The Winemakers Stephen and Prue Henschke were recently awarded International Winemaker of the Year. Tonight we travel through the hills to stay at the Mount Lofty House in the Adelaide Hills and dine inhouse or similar.

Day Two: Adelaide Hills –Padthaway- Coonawarra-Robe

We travel through the beautiful Adelaide Hills and travel through the charming village of Hahndorf with time for a small tasting of the fine Petaluma wines. We pass serene pastoral landscape as we travel to the heart of premium red wine production in Coonawarra. We visit Padthaway Estate and taste their wines Padthaway is an area recognised for the quality Chardonnay and the exceptional character of the varieties produced. Later we travel into Naracoorte and visit the Naracoorte Caves and Bool Lagoon recognised by the United

Nations as a Wetlands of International importance. Lunch will be at Hollicks winery overlooking the vineyards.

After lunch we explore the famous Coonawarra wine region. The region famous stretch of *terra rossa* soil lies on top of soft limestone and with its abundance of underground water and cool climate, results in outstanding wines.

Distinguished wine producers we may visit include, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, which is the oldest, and perhaps the most spectacular in the area and also the most technologically advanced.

Balnaves of Coonawarra is a small family maker of premium wines who opened their new winery recently. We travel to the coastal town of Robe and overnight at Robe Lifestyle properties.

Day Three: *Robe – Port Fairy –GOR-Apollo Bay*

After breakfast at the Wild Mulberry and a walk through Robe we head off through Mount Gambier, past the mysterious Blue Lake. We continue onto Port Fairy. Port Fairy is a small fishing village with old world charm and pine-lined Georgian streets, where diverse visitors and antique hunters enjoy the town's Irish-influenced hospitality.

We discover the natural beauty of the notorious Shipwreck Coast, where huge rolling waves have carved spectacular shapes like the Twelve Apostles then wind our way through the rainforests of the Otway Ranges. We will spend the evening in Apollo Bay at Chocolate Gannets (or similar) and dine at the famous Chris's Restaurant with unsurpassed views over the ocean.

Day Four: *Apollo Bay - Melbourne*

We pass through the popular surfing area and coastal towns of Lorne, Anglesea and Torquay on our way into Melbourne.

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Five-Day Wine and Food route via the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne

Option One: [Adelaide - Barossa – Hills- McLaren Vale – Padthaway Coonawarra –Robe-Grampians- Port Fairy –GOR- Melbourne](#)

Adelaide - Barossa - McLaren Vale - Coonawarra - Port Fairy – Melbourne

Day One: Adelaide – Barossa

Our tour begins in Adelaide with a tour of City and Surrounds before moving into wine Country and eventually along the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

The capital of South Australia is Adelaide, which is a stylish, and friendly City. With a meticulously planned city centre of tree-lined boulevards, this elegant city of wide streets has little traffic problems, which makes everything within easy reach- the beaches, the hills and the wineries.

We depart at 9.a.m. you will begin a personally escorted journey which includes a city orientation tour. We travel through the scenic Torrens Gorge to the Barossa Valley.

We travel over the Jacobs Creek for our first tasting of the fine wines at the Peter Lehmann winery. We visit the Torbreck wine cellars, a small winery with rustic charm, making wines from traditional methods. We will also include visits to other small wineries and meet well-known wine identities.

Lunch will be alfresco under the vines or at Vintners restaurant just out of Angaston. After lunch we take the picturesque drive up to Menglers Hill for an unsurpassed view over the entire Valley. We continue into historic Angaston - the more English of the villages in the Barossa. Taking time to visit Maggie Beers Farm shop a, “must see” for food lovers.

Our next stop will be Henschkes winery in Keyneton. This fifth generation German winery produces outstanding wines that incorporate the best of old world and state of the art winemaking. Tonight we will stay at peppers Hermitage and dine in-house.

Day Two: Barossa - Padthaway (via Hills & McLaren Vale)

Early next morning we may continue through the picturesque villages of Hills as we travel to Hahndorf, the German village, where we can stroll the myriad of little shops. We can taste the nationally acclaimed cheeses from Woodside Cheese Wrights while tasting the fine wines produced by Hahndorf Hill wines and Nepean the wineries just out of Hahndorf.

We make our way through the Hills to the McLaren Vale Wine Region.

McLaren Vale is one of Australia's least publicised wine regions. It is only 40 minutes from the centre of Adelaide and produces some of the finest wines in Australia. The region and the wines are described as Mediterranean. We visit selected wineries, olive groves, and other fine regional produces of food, such as almonds. The McLaren Vale wine region feature some of the most beautiful scenery in the State. Wineries we may visit include Wirra Wirra, Coriole and Pennys Hill.

That evening you can stay in and dine at the elegant Padthaway Estate Homestead in the heart of the wine country and dine in-house.

Day Three: Padthaway - Coonawarra - Robe

We visit Padthaway Estate wines and do a tasting of their wines plus a selection of wines from the region. Padthaway is an area just recently recognised for the quality Chardonnay and the exceptional character of the varieties produced. Later we travel into Naracoorte and explore the mysteries of the underground world at the Naracoorte Caves and Bool Lagoon recognised by the United Nations as a Wetlands of International importance. Wool products are also abundant. Lunch will be alfresco picnic style at a picturesque winery (weather permitting).

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We may visit Penola, the oldest town in the SouthEast and honoured as the workplace of Mary McKillop who is soon to be declared a Saint.

We visit some of the fine wine producers of the Coonawarra wine region. Distinguished producers such as Wynns Coonawarra Estate, which is the oldest, and perhaps the most spectacular in the area and also the most technologically

advanced. Balnaves of Coonawarra is a small family maker of premium wines who opened their new winery with the last vintage. Other notable winery we may visit is the small Italian family run, Zema Estate winery; famous for their full flavoured wines and Mrs Zemas preserves.

Late afternoon we meet Brian Lynn a lecturer of Viticulture at the local college who also has his own vineyards and produces a wine called Majella Estate. He will give us a brief tour of his vineyards and an overview of the area and the opportunity to sample some of the wines he has made.

This evening you will continue to the coastal town of Robe to stay in Robe Lifestyle property overlooking the sea

Day Four: Robe-Port Fairy - *(via the Grampians)*

We leave charming coastal village of Robe and head inland as we travel to the Grampians National Park. The Grampians is a magnificent fold mountain range rising out of the western plains. Try bush walking to an Aboriginal rock shelter and visit scenic lookouts such as the Balconies, and Boroka, Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre, wildflowers and even see wallabies, kangaroo and emus in the wild. We travel to Port Fairy is a small fishing village with old world charm and pine-lined Georgian streets, where diverse visitors and antique hunters enjoy the towns Irish Irish-influenced hospitality. Overnight Oscars, Hearn's Cottage or similar

Day Five: Port Fairy – Melbourne(*via GOR*)

In the morning we discover the natural beauty of the notorious Shipwreck Coast, where huge rolling waves have carved spectacular shapes like the Twelve Apostles then wind our way through the rainforests of the Otway Ranges. Stop for lunch at the famous Chris's Restaurant in the fishing port of Apollo Bay. We pass through the popular surfing area and coastal towns of Lorne, Anglesea and Torquay on our way into Melbourne.

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