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OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Let me introduce you to *A Taste of South Australia*.

From our beautiful and spectacular coastline to the majestic peaks and simmering deserts of the Flinders Ranges and the Outback, South Australia is full of wonder. But beyond the hospitality of its friendly people, there is another special ingredient, which makes up the essence of South Australia.

It is our wines.

South Australia is the Wine State and for generations its people have been bottling the gift of the world famous **Barossa Valley**, fertile **Clare Valley**, the lush cool **Adelaide Hills**, the picturesque **McLaren Vale** and the rich recesses of the **Coonawarra** in the South East.

I am delighted to offer visitors to South Australia an exclusive opportunity to visit these special places - to see the wonderful scenery, taste the wines, tempt their palates with some of the State's finest gourmet restaurants and simply indulge in all the things which make South Australia great.

My business - **A Taste of South Australia** - offers tours, events and products centred on the best of food, wine and lifestyle in South Australia. My guides are trained in wine and tourism with background training at Roseworthy Agricultural College and from within the Wine Industry. We offer personalised tours that are fashioned to meet your specific needs and requests.

Wine is a personal experience, best enjoyed in an intimate atmosphere with time and comfort on your side. I offer individuals or group the chance to enjoy the State's wine regions in air-conditioned comfort.

A Taste of South Australia gives visitors a unique opportunity to meet the winemakers, taste the fruits of their labour and learn more about the special features of South Australian wine.

We offer a diverse range of services from large conventions to personalised gourmet boxes. Whatever you require we can provide a package tailor made for you, limited only by your imagination.

I was born into the Hotel industry in South Australia, studied at the school of winemaking, at Roseworthy Agricultural College, worked in sales, marketing and PR for Chateau Commodore around Australia, the Intercontinental Sydney and Wirra Wirra winery in South Australia.

I have knowledge in wines to offer visitors with a taste for something special.... a taste for fine wines, food and lifestyle.

A Taste of South Australia Wine Tours Overview

Please join me on a tailor made tour of South Australia.

A Taste of South Australia offers personalised wine tours featuring fine wine and food, culture and heritage and offering visitors the chance to meet the personalities behind the wine industry. Visitors can take in any or all of the five main wine regions - Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills and Coonawarra (Coonawarra available with a minimum of two days), either private, shared tours or large groups.

Full or half-day touring program

All day tours can be combined to create multiple day itineraries for private tours.

Barossa Valley (private or share)

The Barossa Valley is South Australia's best known wine region and home to the largest wine companies in Australia. The landscape is interwoven with the unmistakable presence of rich Germanic/Silesian culture and heritage. This is a Wine lovers tour (known as the Best of Barossa on share basis) travels via the scenic Adelaide Hills, includes lunch at Vintners restaurant or a gourmet picnic and visits to leading wineries such as Rockfords, Peter Lehmann and Henschke.

Clare Valley (private)

The Clare Valley has a rich heritage originating from the English, Irish and Polish settlers who arrived in the 1840s. Viticulturally, Clare is classified as moderately warm to cool, similar to the Alsace, Burgundy and Rheingau regions. The area has been described as "the most unblemished wine region in Australia". Tours feature the Sevenhills winery run by Jesuit brothers, a visit to Mitchell's winery and lunch at the charming Skillogalee restaurant.

McLaren Vale (private or share)

McLaren Vale is dotted with over 50 small to medium wineries. It is situated near the coast; hence the area has a distinctly Mediterranean feel. Tours of the McLaren Vale wine region feature some of the most beautiful scenery in the State. Wineries include Wirra Wirra, d'Arenberg, Coriole and the historic Hardy's winery. Lunch is at the Salopian Inn and we return to Adelaide via the striking South Coast. (Available for half day)

Adelaide Hills (private)

The Adelaide Hills wine region is located in the picturesque Mt Lofty Ranges, within half an hour's drive east of Adelaide. The moist, cool, yet sunny climate combines with favourable soils and slopes to produce finely flavoured, long lasting sparkling and still table wines. Tours feature a visit to Shaw and Smith winery, Hahndorf Hill Wines just out of historic Hahndorf with lunch, tasting and tour of the Methode Champenoise cellars at the Bridgewater Mill, home of the renowned Petaluma wines. (Available for half day)

Coonawarra (private)

The Coonawarra wine region is famous for the red wines produced in this stretch of fine terra rossa soil. En route we visit the Naracoorte Caves and Wetlands and later the pretty coastal village of Robe (known for lobster). The tour visits wineries such as Wynns and Balnaves with lunch at Hollicks winery, plus visits to other notable wineries and optional visit to heritage. (2day tour)

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A Taste of South Australia Special Interest Tours Overview

Since A Taste of South Australia was founded just over fifteen years ago, there has been an increase in demand for special interest tours, with particular interest coming from the Conference and Incentive organisers. Special interest tours combine the richness of the wine industry with other areas and activities in the wine regions. Tours will always include simple, fresh food and local wines but incorporate beach, nature, botanic gardens and heritage. Including experiences that may include art, fine food, golf, wildlife, hot air ballooning and camel riding.

South Australia is known as the "Festival State" and festivals staged in the State's wine regions are plentiful. As A Taste of South Australia tours are tailor made, they can incorporate the colourful festivals held at various times throughout the year.

Gourmet Food Tour and Cooking Schools (private)

Suitable for groups and individuals, the Gourmet Food Tour is tailored to visitors' particular knowledge and levels of interest. The tour includes meeting with food producers and winemakers, visiting markets and eating at the finest restaurants throughout the Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale, incorporating Chapel Hill and Mount Lofty Cooking Schools. Highlights of the tour include visiting Springs Smoked Salmon, the nationally acclaimed Woodside Cheesewrights and dining in the regions most innovative restaurants. Tours can conclude with a stop at Medlow Fine Gels or Haighs Chocolates. Luxury country house accommodation is organised for 'two plus' day tours. Tasting Australia, Cooking School and Vintage Festival Packages are also available.

Wine and Wildlife - Southern Vales and Kangaroo Island (private)

This two-day tour combines the best of wine and wildlife in the State. The tour takes in some of the finest wine producers in the McLaren Vale Region, which has over 50 small wineries. We take a boat trip over to Kangaroo Island - an island of untouched natural beauty, which offers many sightings of birds, sea lions, penguins and kangaroos in their natural habitat. One day tours may include some wine and wildlife on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Gourmet Walking and Cycling Tours (small group)

With fine weather most of the year, cycling or walking around the premier wine regions of South Australia is the perfect way to travel! The gourmet cycle tour can be from one to several days and incorporates the Riesling Trail through the beautiful Clare Valley. A visit to the Barossa Valley may include cycling through the Eden Valley, as well as visits to some of the more exclusive, out of the way wineries in the State. McLaren Vale is just right for exploring some of the 50 small wineries in the area, as well as walking through almond and olive groves, and dining alfresco among the vines. Designed for small groups and tailored to levels of fitness and experience.

****Art of Food and Wine***

Features a visit to meet with famous landscape artist David Dridan, as well as winemakers of the McLaren Vale Wine Region. We meet with David Dridan a winemaker himself and talk wine and art. This tour also includes a visit to Tandanya, Australia's first Aboriginal multi-arts complex. If taken over two days the tour includes an informal dinner with the local art community. We stay at country houses nestled in the vines and enjoy masterclasses of wine, cooking with fine local produce and art.

****The Fine Antiques Tour***

Our Antiques tour gives lovers of antiques to visit the undiscovered treasures hidden in and around Adelaide. This tour can take place over one or two days, with fine food and hosted by a local Antiques dealer and bon vivant. You will stay in quality heritage accommodation and dine well.

The Wine and Great Ocean Road Tours (small group)

With a minimum of three day and two nights, lovers of wine have the chance to visit the fine cool climate wine regions of the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria and to taste the red wines from the famous stretch of terra rossa soil in Coonawarra. Tours depart from Melbourne or Adelaide and include the undiscovered treasures, hidden in and around the Great Ocean Road. These tours can take place over three, four or five days, always with fine food and wine, hosted by local experts. You will stay at premium guesthouse like Oscars or Hearn's Cottage in Port Fairy and with special food experiences like Mietta's in Queenscliff or include wildlife experiences in the Grampians.

A Taste of the Outback – refreshed!!

This personalised 3 day adventure tour, encompasses the vast Outback of South Australia's Flinders Ranges, whilst incorporating the regions native gourmet delights, native wildlife and rugged country side that is interwoven with Aboriginal dreamtime stories. Enjoy touring that travels through the Clare Valley wine region, up to the Flinders Ranges whilst having a beer at the famous Prairie Hotel at Parachilna and staying in the heart of the Flinders Ranges. Tours visit surrounding highlights such as the stunning Brachina Gorge, historic township of Quorn and picturesque Melrose. Ideal for those who want the outback experience not far from the city!

A Taste of Real Australia

A Taste of the Real Australia gives visitors the opportunity to experience the best of all aspects of life in South Australia. We begin with a native bush food tour through the Botanic Gardens then through the Aboriginal Cultural Gallery with our Aboriginal guide. Visiting farms, interacting with animals, horseriding if you wish and crossing the mighty River Murray by ferry with a gourmet bush BBQ (or similar). We enjoy a taste of everything from the fine wines, an aboriginal culture and rural experience over the one to three-day tour. We also offer the 5 nights Fleurieu Peninsula, Coorong and the Limestone Coast which offers some of the best kept secrets.

The Great Australian Wine Tour

The Great Australian Wine Tour is based on a fourteen-day tour that features wine touring through the wine regions of Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales. The emphasis is on fine wines and food but also includes highlights and is tailored to all levels of wine experience. We can combine Australian wine Regions as modules of three days to create a program, which also can encompass new tours to Tasmania and Western Australia.

Wine Education and Appreciation Tours

Winemakers host our Wine Appreciation and Education tours and trained wine educators. Tours begin with a two hour Introduction to Wine, up to several weeks where people may make their own wines. Tours are designed for those who just want to understand our food and wine culture through to those who love wine and want to learn about it and come away with in-depth knowledge on Australian wine, and even take away some wine they made themselves.

Tours provides technical information but also includes some general and wine region touring to put that knowledge into context. Ideal for small groups.

Agricultural Technical Tours

The Agricultural tours give technical groups the chance to meet the producers and advisers in our agricultural industry and interact with them on a personal and professional level. The examples of two and 5 day tours give an excellent overview.

A Taste of South Australia tours are ideally suited to wine lovers and can be tailored to the expert or those who simply enjoy wine. All guides have technical wine knowledge, many work in the wine and tourism industry, all are enthusiastic about what South Australia has to offer. Guides with language skills available.

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Barossa Valley - Full Day Private or Share Tour

THE HISTORY

The Barossa Valley is South Australia's best known wine region and home to the largest wine companies in Australia. The landscape is interwoven with the unmistakable presence of rich Germanic/Silesian culture and heritage, which has made the region so special.

THE TOUR

At 9a.m. you will begin a personally escorted journey that includes a city orientation tour. You 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.

If time permits we may stop at a local bakery to taste the best of the fine German pastries.

We travel over the Jacobs Creek for our first tasting of the fine wines at the Peter Lehmann winery.

We 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.

Before 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 Angas park specializing in fine dried fruits or the local cheesemaker.

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

Our next stop may 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 or historic Yalumba the biggest family run winery in Australia.

If time permits we may visit small boutique producers such as Charles Melton or Turkey Flat. Private tours may include formal premium wine tasting at Penfolds in the morning (additional cost). A visit to Maggie Beer Farm shop is a must for food lovers.

Alternatively, we may continue through the picturesque villages of Hills as we travel to Hahndorf, the German village and taste the fine wines produced by Hahndorf Hill winery.

** Tours are personally escorted. The itinerary may change to accommodate special interest or seasonal highlights. Note: Henschkes is closed Sundays.

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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.

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McLaren Vale Wine Tour- Private or food & wine Tour

THE HISTORY

McLaren Vale is situated 40 kms south of Adelaide. The rolling vine-covered hills feed over 50 small, very individual wineries. The Region's wines are described as the "middle palate of Australia" because they produce soft full flavoured wines.

Each October the Bushing Festival takes place, during which colourful winemaking characters introduce the new vintages. The area enjoys a Mediterranean climate influenced by the St Vincent's Gulf only six kms away.

THE TOUR

At 9a.m. we travel through the scenic Hills via the picturesque town of Clarendon to Coriole winery. Coriole's cellar door is a beautiful little ironstone cellar surrounded by magnificent views and gardens. They produce an outstanding range of wines, olives, olive oils and cheeses with some exceptional wines styles unique to their winery.

We visit d'Arenberg winery, which feature a range of outstanding and innovative wines, made by Chester Osbourne from this 4th generation family run winery.

Lunch will be at the charming Salopian Inn restaurant(or tapas style at Penny Hill winery). After lunch we visit the rustic Wirra Wirra winery, one of the premium wine producers in the area. Here we will taste their fine wines and also tour though this state of the art winery.

In the afternoon if time permits, we will visit more boutique wineries such as Fox Creek winery who produces exceptional wines. To make the tour more gourmet food tour, we may visit Brian's Olives for a full introduction to Olives Oils and then focused and taste of the fine Tatchilla wines across the road. We may taste the locally produced Almonds at the Almond train and finish with a visit to Medlow Fine Gels and Chocolates.

Other interesting new wineries include Cascabel winery, with Spanish winemakers, and Hamiltons winery with wonderful views and great wines.

The area also abounds with almonds, flower farms, herbs, venison, yabbies and cheese producers or we may take a leisurely journey back to Adelaide via the Hills, visiting charming historic Willunga, an old slate mining town. We may also choose to return via the magnificent south coast. (Half day tours available)

Adelaide Hills Wine Tour

THE HISTORY

The lush, green Adelaide Hills are located in the picturesque Mount Lofty Ranges, within half an hour's drive east of Adelaide. It is fast becoming recognised as one of Australia's foremost 'cool - climate' viticultural regions, takes advantage of the altitude and rainfall of the Mount Lofty Ranges to produce wine similar to the wine regions of France. Piccadilly is comparable to Burgundy, Lenswood and Mount Crawford to the cooler parts of Bordeaux, and Mount Barker and Clarendon share much in common with the northern Rhone.

The region can also boast beautiful gardens, diverse orchards, boutique cheese & food producers plus creative influences from the many arts & crafts inhabitants.

THE TOUR - Full Day Tour

At 9 am and travel through the scenic Adelaide Hills to Mount Lofty Summit for an unsurpassed view over the City, we then begin to taste the fine wines tucked away in the Hills. We wander through the small villages of the Hills, Crafers and Stirling, with a short visit to the Organic Market before visiting Hahndorf.

We can stroll through the German village of Hahndorf then do a tasting of the excellent Hahndorf Hill wines. We may visit the stylish Shaw and Smith winery to taste their exceptional white wines and new reds.

We visit the Bridgewater Mill, home of the renowned Petaluma Wines. We tour through the Methode Champenoise Cellars and taste their. Lunch may be at their outstanding restaurant or similar at Logans in Hahndorf.

If time permits we travel further into the heart of the Hills to Chain of Ponds wines owned by the Amadio family. They produce a range of awarding winning white and red wines in their little piece of land reminiscent of Tuscany.

****An option may be to cuddle a koala and interact with other wildlife at Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary.***

THE TOUR - The Half Day Tour

We travel through the picturesque Adelaide Hills via the scenic Greenhill road. We may visit Tim Knappstein's Lenswood vineyards or Ashton Hills winery tucked away in Ashton both produce some of the finest wines in Australia.

We visit the Bridgewater Mill restaurant and winery, home to the world class Petaluma wines. We tour through the Methode Champenoise cellars, sampling their fine wines.

We continue through the Hills into the charming village of Hahndorf where we will do a tasting of the fine Hahndorf Hill wines, and Shaw and Smith wines nearby. Possibly with time to wander through the small German Village. Alternatively we may visit Magill Estate, home of Penfolds where you may wish to do a special Grange tasting (optional cost).

Please note that a maximum of three wineries is possible in half day and not all these wineries are open daily, so subject to change.

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Coonawarra (Limestone Coast) - Two Day Private Tour

THE HISTORY

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. There are over 25 wineries in the area; most are multi - award winning wine producers. The regions famous stretch of terra rossa soil lies on top of limestone and with its abundance of under ground water and cool climate for much of the year, results in outstanding wines, especially cabernet sauvignon.

THE TOUR

Depart Adelaide at approximately 8am you travel through serene pastoral land, in a chauffeur driven vehicle, with an experienced wine guide, to the heart of premium red wine production in Coonawarra.

We visit Padthaway Estate and taste a selection of local wines and tour the property. Padthaway is recognised for the quality Chardonnay and the exceptional character of the varieties produced. Later we travel into Naracoorte and explore the mysteries of the Naracoorte Caves and Bool Lagoon recognised by the United Nations as Wetlands of International importance. Wool products abound. Lunch will be alfresco or at the outstanding Hollicks restaurant.

After lunch an optional may be to stroll down Petticoat Lane in Penola. Penola is the oldest town in the South East and honoured as the workplace of Mary McKillop who is soon to be declared a Saint.

Alternatively we may resume visiting some of the fine wine producers of the Coonawarra wine region. Distinguished wine producers we may visit include, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, the oldest and perhaps the most technologically advanced. We visit Balnaves of Coonawarra and meet some of the Balnaves family maker of premium wines. Another notable wineries we may visit are the small Italian family run, Zema Estate winery; famous for their full flavoured wines and Mrs Zemas preserves.

That evening you will stay at elegant Padthaway Estate Homestead in the heart of the wine country and dine in-house or stay at Punters Corner guesthouse set amongst the vines and dine at Pipers. An alternative would be to stay in the charming seaside village of Robe.

Next morning we may meet Brian Lynn a lecturer of Viticulture at the local college who also has his own winery called Majella Estate. He has won many prestigious awards for his wines; he will give us a brief tour of his vineyards, an introduction to the area and the opportunity to sample his wines.

If time permits we may meet other local wine producers such as Penley Estate, Rymill Estate, Leconfield and Bowen Estate, tasting their fine wines we can return via the coast. We may visit the newest classified wine region, Mount Benson and travel past the wetlands of the Coorong, along the coast with a seafood lunch before returning to Adelaide.

** This tour can include Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

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The Best of Wine Regions Tour of South Australia

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One Day Tours

The main five wine regions can be combined with the city of Adelaide and other regional highlights to create an exciting one-day tour.

Below are examples of some of the popular options:

- [Barossa Valley](#)
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- [McLaren Vale \(Fleurieu Peninsula\)](#)
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A Taste of Adelaide – Half day Adelaide City and Surrounds tour

This private tour can commence with a meet-and-greet from Adelaide airport or from your hotel.

We travel to nearby Glenelg beach for coffee and to discuss what extra activities we can incorporate during the day.

Travel into the city via King William Road with its many specialty shops. Explore the city and North Adelaide and walk along the historic North Terrace to the Museum, Art Gallery and University. We visit the new National Wine Centre of Australia, the official headquarters of the wine industry, which offers range of must-see wine experiences. We can stroll through our famous Central Market to pick up some local gourmet foods.

We travel up into the Adelaide Hills to Mount Lofty for a view over Adelaide.

Options may include a visit to Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary and a wander through the little villages in the Hills such as the German village of Hahndorf.

If time permits we may visit wineries such as Shaw and Smith or Petaluma. Travel through picturesque countryside before checking into the charming Orangerie (or similar), tucked away in the Hills. Transfers are available of the fine restaurants in the city or you may wish to walk to local café.

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Fleurieu Fine Food, Wine and Wildlife Tour

THE HISTORY

The Fleurieu has the land, the produce, the wildlife and its people living in harmony. The aboriginal Kaurna people enjoyed the unspoilt habitat in ancient times. As did the French explorer Baudin who named the Peninsula. The rolling vine-covered hills in the McLaren Vale region, in the centre of the region, feed over 50 small, very individual wineries. The region's wines are described as the middle palate of Australia because they produce soft full-flavoured wines.

The vineyards snake down to the tumbling surf on the coast, where sea creatures such as whales and penguins thrive.

The area enjoys a Mediterranean type climate influenced by the St. Vincent's Gulf only 6 km away.

THE TOUR

The tour departs Adelaide and first takes us south to the picturesque McLaren Vale Wine Region dotted over 50 small to medium wineries. It is situated near the coast hence the area has a distinctly Mediterranean feel.

Tours of the McLaren Vale wine region feature some of the most beautiful scenery in the state. Wineries include Wirra Wirra, d'Arenberg, Coriole and the historic Hardy's winery. Other attractions include the Olive Grove and Medlow Fine Gels.

We head south to the coastal town of Goolwa, once a thriving paddle steamer port. Then enjoy lunch at the charming Flying Fish Café overlooking the sea.

After lunch we travel on the beach up to the Mouth of the River and travel to scenic lookouts in search of the Southern Right Whales that visit our shores with their newborn calves from June onwards.

We call into Victor Harbor and take a ride on Australia's only horse-drawn tram along the causeway, which links the mainland to Granite Island. See the fascinating fairy penguins through an interpretive center or view them at dusk as they make their way back to the island.

Return to Adelaide that afternoon or option to stay in charming B&B in coastal towns of Goolwa or Victor Harbour and connect with the Sealink Ferry over to Kangaroo Island.

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Two Day Wine Tours

Any of the main five wine regions can be combined to form a two-day tour.

Below are examples of some of the more popular options:

- [The Two Day Fine Wines of Barossa and Clare Tour](#)
- [The McLaren Vale and Kangaroo Island Two Day Tour](#)
- [Two Day Small Group Barossa and McLaren Vale](#)
- [Two Day Agricultural Tour of South Australia](#)
- [Gourmet Food Tour of McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills](#)
- [The Two Day Barossa Valley Indulgence](#)
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The Two Day Fine Wines of Barossa and Clare Tour

This package gives visitors the opportunity to experience the best of the wines and hospitality in both the Clare and Barossa Valleys. We spend the day exploring the Barossa Valley, highlights being lunch at the Vintners restaurant

and tasting at premium boutique producers such as Turkey Flat, Kaesler and Rockfords then traveling onto the Clare Valley to Sevenhills to the charming ThornPark Country guesthouse with dinner in-house. Next morning we visit some of the fine wine producers in Clare such as Knapsteins and Mitchells.

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The McLaren Vale and Kangaroo Island Two Day Tour

The McLaren Vale wine region is home to over 50 small wineries. As the region is situated near the coast the area has taken on a distinctly Mediterranean feel. Tours of the McLaren Vale wine region feature some of the most beautiful scenery in the State. Wineries include Wirra Wirra, Coriole and the historic Hardys winery, in Reynella.

Lunch is at the acclaimed Salopian Inn Restaurant or alfresco among the vines.

Late afternoon catch the Ferry over to Kangaroo Island and overnight at a charming guesthouse in Penneshaw with dinner in-house.

Day two includes personalised touring on Kangaroo Island to experience the natural beauty of this vast area, featuring lunch with wine produced from grapes grown in the Island.

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Two Day Small Group Barossa and McLaren Vale

This tour lets us enjoy the hospitality from two very different regions. Day One explores the Barossa Valley with its rich German heritage and on the second day we experience the Mediterranean atmosphere of the McLaren Vale Wine Region. Travelling with your own wine guide as part of a small group tour you will overnight in a charming country guesthouse in the Hills. You will taste some of the finest wines from small boutique wineries and meet regional food producers. Lunches included.

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Two Day Agricultural Tour of South Australia

Duration: 2 days/ 1 night

The primary industries of agriculture, forestry and fishing have played a lead role in South Australia's economic development since European settlement, and continue to be a major source of wealth creation and export earnings for the state.

The agricultural sector directly contributes about 4% of gross state product (GSP) in South Australia, with the major components being wheat and barley, and wool production, while the fisheries and forestry industries also are important income generating activities.

Although much of the state is arid, the southern areas receive suitable levels of rainfall for a wide array of agricultural-based activities, including wine and dairy production, growing of fruit and vegetable, cut flowers and poultry.

We have given an example of a two-day tour, which gives a taste of what can be visited

Day One

6.30 a.m. Travel to the Growers market at Pooraka to meet with fresh fruit and vegetable management and producers.

11:00 a.m. Arrive Bungaree Station said to be the most historical rural settlement in South Australia. Tour the complex surrounding the homestead, and then dine with your hosts Sally and George Hawker. Following lunch, tour this 10,000-acre grazing property with George or senior staff member.

3.30 p.m. Depart "Bungaree " and travel to Hallett and Tooralie Station, where the Pohler family will welcome you for an overnight stay. Dinner will be with your hosts.

Accommodation: *Tooralie Station*

Day Two

After breakfast time spent touring this 4,500-acre semi-arid, sheep, cattle, horse and grain farm with your hosts.

The property abounds with native bird life, kangaroos and emus.

Lunch will be at Tooralie Station

1:00pm Depart Tooralie and travel to Waikerie to arrive at 3.45 p.m. at "Borong", a 15,000-acre grain and stud merino farm. Tour the property with owner Peter and Kerry Kroehn and dine at Borung homestead with local farmers.

After dinner return to Adelaide for the evening or overnight in the Barossa Valley.

For a three-day tour we stay in Riverland and visit large vegetable farms and stone fruit orchards then visit the Barossa Valley for wine tasting and vineyard visits. There are also large piggeries in the area.

Tour includes; Trained Agricultural guide, luxury coach, all touring, meals and one nights accommodation

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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 wines 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.

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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.

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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.

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Tour de Foodies - keeps it real

A Taste of South Australia Launches foodie fun for travellers

What's the point of traveling half way round the world and wandering around by yourselves?

To really get to know South Australia and enjoy yourself it helps to meet interesting people and learn by experiencing the best food and wines that this wondrous place has to offer

A melting pot of cultures from all over the place, South Australia boasts some of the best food and certainly the best wines in the country. SA food has become the benchmark for the Australian restaurant culture as a rich immigrant cultural mix pushes the foodie envelope. Aboriginal and bush tucker provide a unique and exciting dimension.

A Taste of South Australia, a quality-focused niche tour operator, has developed a Tour de Foodies series to help tourists uncover the best of what S.A has to offer with an unprecedented standard of comfort, service and experiences.

Tour de Foodies presents food and wine experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Tour guide, Mary Anne Kennedy, who heads up A Taste of South Australia, says she has developed Tour de Foodies because SA foods have become a unique selling proposition for upmarket travellers looking for a real foodie experience.

"Don't watch cooks have all the fun" says Kennedy. "Tour de Foodies gets you in the action. Learn first hand how to knock up a picnic rusticana. Unlock the secrets of an Italian mama's roasted zucchini.

"Experience the perfect union of fresh exciting food and fantastic wines to heighten your holiday pleasure".

Tour de Foodies has several tours from which you can choose.

Adelaide and Hills with Italian highlights

Visit the famous Adelaide Central Market- a culinary trip in itself, and wander around with Rosa Matto choosing the freshest produce. After a light and tasty lunch at Ying Chow it is off to Rosa's Cooking school for an interesting afternoon delving into why Italian food tastes so great.

After freshening up back at the hotel you will be sufficiently rested to enjoy the fruits of your labour as you dine in style on what you helped cook up.

We may join the Tasty Tuesdays at Mount Lofty and savour some of the fine foods and wine of the cooler Adelaide Hills. Lunch at the Bridgewater Mill is not to be missed!

Barossa

In the Barossa we celebrate the regions heritage and rituals as well as its produce and distinctive German heritage, we will meet the butcher, baker and winemakers that make the region famous.

The Barossa Farmers Markets on Saturday mornings is a foodie Heaven, Almonds and olive oils to kick start any dish, real old fashioned butter, yoghurts, cheeses and unpasteurised milk, homemade breads, olives, organic fruit and vegetables fit for a king. Fresh coffee with a bacon and egg roll, in a friendly, chatty environment is great fun. And so cheap.

For longer tours a highlight will be joining Salters cooking school which finishes with a dinner that shows a perfect food and wine marriage.

Fleurieu

The options are endless but a combination of Russell's for gourmet pizza on a Friday night followed by the quirky Willunga farmers market and the rest of the day tasting McLaren Vale top drops is a definite winner!

Coriole's fattoria is another highlight, with tastings of olives , olive oil, cheeses , vinegars and wine overlooking the vineyards and down to the sea.

We will taste the famous Willunga almonds in the Almond train and visit David Dridan fine gallery. Many special experiences are all within walking distance such as Brian's olives and with a sweet finish at Menz/Medlow fine gels.

Lunch at d'Arry verandah with a dreamy view and even dreamier gustatory high's. We stay in very charming country houses around the Country.

Clare Valley

In the he Clare it is possible to get on your bike and go on a trail discovering what riesling is all about.

Overnighting at the elegant ThornPark Country House we spend the next day at the Thorn Park Cooking school. Or do an art class or take in a Sevenhills tour and meet the famous Brother May, the humble vigneron genius.

While Tour de Foodies offers a number of relatively fixed itineraries, A Taste of South Australia specializes in arranging tours to suit particular tastes.

If you have a particular interest in cabernet – or goats cheese- or Chinese cuisine- we can arrange a trip to suit.

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Three Day Best of Wine Regions Tour of South Australia

This tour offers the best of the wines and hospitality in the Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale Wine Region.

Day One- A Taste of Adelaide and McLaren Vale

Commence with a brief City sights tour then takes you through the Hills to the McLaren Vale wine region. You will meet the makers and visit the food producers in this region. Lunch will be at the delightful Salopian Inn and highlights will include winery visits to Wirra Wirra, Coriole and d'Arenberg wineries.

You will overnight at the stately Mount Lofty House or one of the charming guesthouses like the Cladich Pavillon with dinner at the Summit Restaurant overlooking the City.

Day Two-A Taste of the Hills and Barossa

You will visit Hills wine producers such as Petaluma, Shaw and Smith winery, Nepenthe, Chain of Ponds and other small producers. Lunch will be at the Bridgewater Mill or we may move further into the Barossa Valley and dine at Barr Vinum Restaurant. If weather permits you will dine alfresco. That evening stay in the Barossa, if you have not discovered enough of the fine wines of the Region and stay at the charming Jacobs Creek Retreat. The owner/chefs Wyndham and Trisha House, will create a degustation menu, the new alternative in the Barossa is the acclaimed Appellation restaurant at Peppers in the Barossa that evening. Alternatively we may continue our journey into the Clare Valley and overnight at Thorn Park Country House and dine in-house. Highlights of the day will include Torbreck, Yalumba and Peter Lehmann wineries.

Day Three- Barossa and Clare Valleys

Our final day will allow you a leisurely return to Adelaide exploring the Clare Valley. Highlights will include Mitchells winery, Mount Horrocks, Knappstein wines and with lunch at Skillogalee. You may wish to cycle the Riesling Trail or visit Martindale Hall and historic Mintaro, an old slate mining town.

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Seven Day Wine Tour of South Australia

This tour is flexible and offers a total grand experience for the wine and food lover. The Tour departs Melbourne or Adelaide and feature some of the fine Victorian wine regions, and the beautiful Coonawarra wine region, home to some of Australia's best Cabernet Sauvignons, which many of the wine tours leave out. Highlights will include Bowen, Balnaves and Wynns wineries and we will overnight at the stately Padthaway Estate with travels along the spectacular Great Ocean Road.

Day One and Two take you via wineries of Geelong or the Mornington Peninsula, travelling by ferry over to Queenscliff at the end of the day (or next morning) to spend your second day along the Great Ocean Road overnighiting at Oscars in Port Fairy on the second night.

Day Three will take us through the Coonawarra and Padthaway wine regions and we will make our way through rich dairy country to McLaren Vale.

We will overnight at Willunga House and spend our *fourth day* tasting wine and delighting in the fine foods of the region. Highlights will be lunch in Salopian Inn and visits to such wineries as Wirra Wirra, Coriole and d'Arenberg. We will also visit the Olive Grove renown for its extra virgin olive oil and olives. Tonight we dine at the exemplary Magill Estate restaurant after have a Penfolds Grange tasting.

Day Five takes through the Adelaide Hills wine region with highlights such as Petaluma, Shaw and Smith and Hahndorf Hill wines just out of the charming German village of Hahndorf. We will also include lunch at the exemplary Bridgewater Mill (or similar). That evening we will stay at Abbotsford Country House or Jacobs Creek Retreat in the Barossa and dine with a special gourmet degustation menu in-house.

Day Six commences with some exploring of the homestead then takes us into the renowned Barossa Valley for lunch at the charming Barr Vinum Restaurant. Highlights in the Barossa include visits to Torbreck, Henscke and Peppers Lehmann wineries. That evening travel to Sevenhills to the charming Thorn Park Country House for another fine dining experience.

Day Seven gives us the opportunity to further experience the best of the wines and hospitality of the Clare. We walk over to the historic Sevenhills Cellars after breakfast. We will visit some of the fine wine producers in Clare such as Knapsteins, Mount Horrocks and Mitchells and dine at the rustic Skillogalee

winery. You may wish to cycle and walk along the famous Riesling trail to balance or the fine food and wines. We return to Adelaide that evening.

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A Taste of the Outback: 3 Days /2 Nights

Day 1: Your Outback adventure starts with a city hotel pick up, we then head North toward the famous Clare Valley. The Clare Valley has a rich heritage originating from the English, Irish and Polish settlers who arrived in the 1840s. Viticulturally, Clare is classified as moderately warm to cool, similar to the Alsace, Burgundy and Rheingau regions. The area has been described as "the most unblemished wine region in Australia". Tours feature the Sevenhills winery run by Jesuit brothers, a visit to Mitchell's winery and lunch at the charming Skillogalee restaurant.

After lunch the country side becomes more rugged as the outback starts to unwind. Kangaroos and emus abound as Australian reptiles and many amazing Australian bird species can be found. The landscape is interwoven with tales of the Aboriginal dreamtime. We arrive at our accommodation in time to watch the sun go down on the veranda of the Prairie Hotel, at Parachilna, we sample the native Australian cuisine in their award winning restaurant. Here we get a sense of the Outback, as we join local characters as we enjoy a cold beer under the Veranda & wait for the train to chug through town. We can sit back look into the sky of a million stars!!

Day 2: The next day we are joined by local guide Hardy, as he takes us West into the plains through Nilpena Cattle Station, to the edge of the salt Lake Torrens National park. We travel past salt bushes, red sand hills and creek beds as we search for creatures of the desert. From Lake Torrens we see a vast expanse of sediment that contrasts with the ranges in the background. The Australian film "Rabbit Proof Fence" was filmed in this area and we see many of the old historic station buildings featured.

We return back for lunch at the Prairie Hotel, as often the heat in the summer months can be very extreme, if weather permits we may opt for a gourmet picnic lunch outdoors. Late afternoon we head to the Southern Flinders Ranges and follow the corridor of time through Brachina Gorge. As the sun goes down, the wildlife come out to visit. With a glass of sparkling wine in hand we may spot rare yellow footed Rock Wallaby's, which are a protected species.

Tonight we may stay at the Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, or stay in the lower Flinders Ranges at Wilpena Pound Resort, or spend a night at the Rawnsley Park Eco Villa's.

Day 3: Today we venture South through the historic town of Quorn, made famous by the Pichi Richi steam train & the railway industry that surrounds it. We continue through the picturesque town of Melrose and enjoy lunch whilst sitting back and taking in the unique towns ambience. For those who are more active, Mount Remarkable is directly behind us. This features outstanding walking & mountain bike trails. We may visit the local Bundaleer Wines cellar door & local produce for tastings. If time permits we visit to the charming Stone Hutt bakery, which features local game pies, and a vast array of fresh cooked goodies. We return to Adelaide.

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A Taste Of the "Real" South Australia

Duration: 3 days / 2 nights

Day One- Adelaide City and Surrounds (available as a day tour)

Arrive Adelaide and visit all the major attractions of the City, including a personally escorted walking tour of North Terrace, discovering some of the special attractions in Adelaide. We start with a bush tucker tour with our Aboriginal guide through the Botanic Gardens and through the Aboriginal cultural centre. (Note for Groups of 12 or more we can arrange an aboriginal dance troupe to perform and also a didgeridoo player.) If time permits we visit Tandanya which houses one of the finest collections of Aboriginal art in Australia.

The afternoon takes us to Mannum where we get the ferry across the mighty River Murray to visit Manaroo Farm to interact with the farm animals.

Later in the afternoon you may wish to go horseriding or 4 wheels drive through countryside.

That evening we will dine at the Red Ochre Grill restaurant, which serves gourmet native bush cuisine (Alternatively stay out at Portee Station if you prefer farm experience).

Note: Day One available as a day tour

Overnight : North Adelaide Heritage property

Day Two –River Murray

The next day's adventure gives the opportunity to experience a taste of the real Australia on a 6,000-acre grazing property on the eastern slopes of the Mount Lofty Ranges. We travel through the Adelaide Hills to arrive at Portee Station; on the edge of the River Murray. We have a morning tea in the shearers' quarters, followed by introduction to the stud merino sheep and possibly a sheep shearing demonstration. After an adventurous 4 WD vehicle tour through steep rugged hills we arrive at the tranquil spot by a natural spring to enjoy a BBQ lunch of damper, billy tea and homegrown chops! Walk through the timeless towering gums, rocky outcrops and babbling creeks and see native flora, and an abundance of kangaroos and bird life. We may take a boat ride along the Murray River. This unspoilt, peaceful area offers the opportunity to cruise the river and relax whilst taking in the river sights of the soaring red cliffs, ancient gums and lagoons teeming with bird life. This famous Australian River, once busy with the Paddlesteamer trade of wheat and wool, is now home to pleasure craft and water sports. Overnight dinner and accommodation at Portee Homestead or similar.

Day Three- Barossa -Adelaide

Travel through rural country side to the famous Barossa Valley. Home to the largest wine companies in Australia and many unique small family run wineries tucked away in the Valley.

We will travel into the charming town of Angaston and visit Collingrove Homestead where we will have morning tea in this historic stately home.

We will visit Yalumba winery; the largest family-run winery in Australia. We will visit the South Australian Company Store before traveling up to Menglers Hill to enjoy the view over the whole of the Valley. We will wander through the historic town of Bethany and lunch at the Maggie Beers farm shop overlooking the dam. After lunch we wander through the town of Tanunda, the most German influenced of the villages of the Barossa and have a private tasting at Peter Lehamann winery with local Barossa produce. Our return to Adelaide is via the long avenue of palm trees at Seppeltsfield, where the Seppelts' legacy lingers.

5 night Fleurieu Peninsula, Coorong & Limestone Coast

Sample Shiraz, enjoy fresh seafood and see the mouth of the Mighty River Murray. Relax in the delightful seaside fishing village of Robe and explore the fascinating Naracoorte Caves and sample wines in the newly developed wine region of Koppamurra. This is a personalised tour discovering some of Australia's best kept secrets that departs from Adelaide.

Day 1(L,D) - Mc Laren Vale, Victor Harbour and Goolwa

We journey south to the wine region of McLaren Vale, famous for producing world class Shiraz. Enjoy visits to a number of unique character wineries before lunch on the veranda at d'Arenberg winery overlooking the Vale. Perhaps see a pod of whales close to shore and if not visit the whale centre at Victor Harbour. Then onto the native wildlife park followed by a leisurely afternoon spent strolling around the historic township of Port Elliot before settling into the comfort of Trafalgar House. In the evening enjoy fine local produce in this charming seaside village (Optional extra, evening tour to see the fairy penguins at sunset).

Day 2 (B, L, D)-Goolwa, Coorong and Poltalloch

From the historic river port town of Goolwa we travel to view the mouth of the mighty Murray River teeming with bird life. Visit the quaint antiques town of Strathalbyn for morning tea and then to another premium wine growing region at Langhorne creek for a picnic lunch amongst the vines. We cross the Murray River on a punt at Wellington and head south along the coast road to the Coorong Wilderness Lodge at Salt Creek, which is owned and run by the local native Aboriginal people set right in the heart of the Coorong. Here we will tour the pelican rookeries before heading nearby to Poltalloch Station, overlooking Lake Alexandrina.

Day 3 (B, L, D)-Kingston and Robe

We head south along the Limestone coast which has claimed many ships over the past century and a half through. We pass through Kingston famous for its giant rock lobster and onto a small coastal wine region called Cape Jaffa for a tasting. We then make our way to Robe, one of the jewels of the Limestone coast. This small historic fishing village was a landing port for the Chinese during the gold rush last century and boasts beautiful beaches, spectacular coastline, historic buildings and a sheltered harbour.

Day 4 (B, L, D)-Robe and Penola

We begin with breakfast at the Wild Mulberry café and we then head east to visit a working farm with sheep, cattle and crops run by a local family. Onto Penola, famed as the home of Mother Mary McKillop who began the order of Saint Josephs. Penola is attached to the world famous Coonawarra wine region and is surrounded by premium wine grapes, particularly cabernet sauvignon. Visit a couple of the more famous wineries to taste the local produce before settling into your peaceful accommodation among the vines. Lunch at MaHollicks Winery.

Day 5 (B, L, D)- Boolagoon, Naracoorte, Coonawarra and Padthaway

Visit a large modern winery with great views over the vines before visiting the birdlife sanctuary of Boolagoon and venture out onto the board walk to the hide to view migratory water birds. Visit the heritage listed Naracoorte caves and enjoy a picnic lunch. We then make our way through the newly developed wine region of Koppamurra with its undulating rolling red hills a contrast to the flat Coonawarra region. We head to Padthaway Estate an historic icon nested among vineyards. Relax and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon before dinner within this beautiful old heritage listed homestead.

Day 6 (B, L) –Padthaway, River Murray and Adelaide

A relaxing breakfast overlooking the delightful garden is followed by a brief tour of the estate. We then head west along the 90 mile desert a farming area developed in the 1940's and back to the river Murray for a picnic overlooking the water. Unfortunately it is then time to make our way back to Adelaide to arrive in the city of churches late afternoon. **5 day 4 nights package also available**

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The Best Taste of South Australia – Three Day Tour (modules)

Personalised touring that incorporates the secrets of Adelaide, the Hills, the Barossa Valley and Clare Valley, included a meet and greet and all transfers. Modules can be picked up as day tours or combined to create a three or four day itineraries.

One Day - *A Taste of Adelaide – Half day Adelaide City and Surrounds tour*

This private tour commences with a meet-and-greet from Adelaide airport. We travel to nearby Glenelg beach for coffee and to discuss what extra activities we can incorporate during the day. Travel into the city via King William Road with its many specialty shops. Explore the city and North Adelaide and walk along the historic North Terrace to the Museum, Art Gallery and University.

We visit the new National Wine Centre of Australia, the official headquarters of the wine industry, which offers range of must-see wine experiences. We can stroll through our famous Central Market to pick up some local gourmet foods.

We travel up into the Adelaide Hills to Mount Lofty for a view over Adelaide. Options may include a visit to Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary and a wander through the little villages in the Hills such as the German village of Hahndorf. Travel through picturesque countryside and if time permits we may visit wineries such as Petaluma and Shaw and Smith. That evening check into the charming Orangerie (or similar), tucked away in the Hills. Transfers are available to one of the fine restaurants in the city or you may wish to walk to local café.

Day Two – *Best of the Barossa*

Next morning we take the scenic route into the famous Barossa Valley. The Barossa Valley is South Australia's best known wine region and home to the largest wine companies in Australia. The landscape is interwoven with the unmistakable presence of rich Germanic/Silesian culture and heritage. This is a wine lovers tour that includes lunch at Vintners restaurant or a gourmet picnic and visits to leading wineries such as Rockford, Yalumba, and Henschke. If time permits, we will call into Maggie Beers Farm Shop, a must-see for lovers of fine food. Transfer to your accommodation or back into the city or Airport, or continue your wine journey through to the superb Thorn Park Country House in the heart of Clare and dine in-house.

Day Three – *A Taste of the Clare Valley*

The Clare Valley has a rich heritage originating from the English, Irish and Polish settlers who arrived in the 1840s. Viticulturally, Clare is classified as moderately

warm to cool, similar to the Alsace, Burgundy and Rheingau regions. The area has been described as the most unblemished wine region in Australia. Tours feature the Sevenhills winery run by the Jesuits, a visit to Kilakanoon winery and lunch at the charming Skillogealee restaurant. Late afternoon, return to Adelaide with options to visit attractions such as the old slate mining town of Mintaro and stately Martindale Hall.

Module Options

Please note: The Best of South Australia has the option to be booked as separate day tours:

Option One: [A Taste of Adelaide](#) – half-day tour plus one night at Orangerie guesthouse (or similar) plus breakfast and transfers.

Option Two: [A Taste of Adelaide](#) plus [Best of the Barossa](#) – One and a half day tour includes one night accommodation, breakfast, transfers, and personalised touring of the city, Hills and Barossa plus a gourmet lunch in the Barossa.

Option Three: [A Taste of Adelaide](#), [Best of the Barossa](#) and [A Taste of the Clare Valley](#) – Two and a half day tour includes two nights accommodation (at Orangerie and Thorn Park), transfers, two gourmet lunches and one dinner, plus touring in Adelaide Hills, Barossa and Clare.

This program can also be linked to become a four day tour with the [McLaren Vale Food and Wine Tour](#) or the [Fleurieu Fine Food, Wine and Wildlife Tour](#).

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

Option One: [Adelaide - Padthaway/Coonawarra –Port Fairy – Melbourne](#)

Option Two: [Adelaide – Coonawarra \(Limestone Coast\) – Port Fairy –Apollo Bay Queenscliff – Mornington Peninsula - Melbourne](#)

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).

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 regions 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 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.

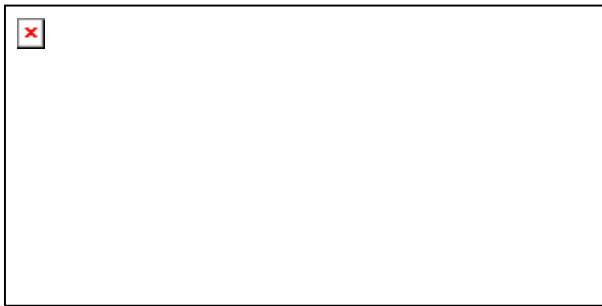
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Gourmet Cycling Tours of South Australia

A Taste of South Australia and *Ecotrek* have combined their services to offer special tours through the premier wine regions of South Australia.

“Less hectic (although no less scenic)... South Australia is in so many ways a cycle tourists paradise...diverse in terrain and ranges of scenic attractions ensures the visitors is spoilt for choice. South Australia abounds in beautiful unpolluted countryside that caressed by the mild Mediterranean weather, produces some of the finest wine and food in the world. Mediterranean in climate, but distinctly Australian in taste.



Cycling offers a unique and refreshing way to really experience the famous wine areas of this beautiful part of the world. All cycles used are state of the art mountain bikes and feature 21 gears to make all terrains easy going and fat tyres to give you a safe and comfortable ride. Our backup bus and trailer is

on hand at all times which gives you the flexibility to bike as much or as little as you desire.

South Australia is the Wine State, acknowledged around the world for the quality wine produced from the famous Barossa Valley to the rich red earth of the Coonawarra of the South East. While wine may be the essence of our international reputation, South Australia's gourmet foods are truly the flavour of the month- any month - for people who like to indulge in local customs and cuisines.

For generations people have been bottling the liquid gifts of the world famous Barossa Valley, fertile Clare Valley, the picturesque Southern Vales and the beautiful Coonawarra district.

We are delighted to offer visitors to South Australia an exclusive opportunity to visit these places - to see the wonderful scenery, taste the wines and tempt their palates with some of the things which make South Australia so special.

We offer cycling tours for individuals or regular small group tours for one day only, two days and one night, or three days and two nights. An ideal 3 day tour would have us cycle for a day in McLaren Vale, part of the day in the Barossa but with the majority of time focusing on the Riesling Trail in Clare.

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Walking Tour of the Wine Regions of South Australia

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Day One: *Adelaide*

The first half of the day exploring the City, following the scenic heritage walks through North Adelaide. There will be an opportunity to walk through the Museum, Art Gallery and University along the picturesque North Terrace and do an introduction to Wine, at the National Wine Centre. We travel up to Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary to walk among the kangaroos and cuddle a koala. We visit the Bridgewater Mill, one of the finest restaurants in Australia for lunch. We then tour the Methode Champenoise Cellars and taste a selection of fine Petaluma wines. For those energetic, an afternoon walk can be arranged through the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens.

The first evening we dine at the Apothecary wine bar and taste a selection of fine South Australian wines. You may wish to walk back to your hotel and call into the Casino across the road from hotel or stay for a drink or coffee at one of the cafes nearby. Overnight The Medina Treasury.

Day Two: *McLaren Vale*

The McLaren Vale Wine region is only 40kms south of Adelaide and has over 50 small wineries. The close proximity to the coast gives the region its distinctly Mediterranean feel. We commence the morning at the Onkaparinga Gorge and walk to fine boutique wineries and olive groves in the region. We finish for a late lunch at the innovative d'Arrys restaurant at d'Arenberg winery overlooking the town of McLaren Vale.

We walk for four hours, which would include Chapel Hill, Rosemount, Coriole, Kays and the Olive Grove prior to lunch. We would walk for about two and a quarter hours and spending about a half hour at each winery. (We travel a distance of about four kms in four hours). In the afternoon we walk the old railway line route through to Willunga where we stay for the night. Overnight at Willunga House or similar in the McLaren Vale region, dine with local wine personalities

Day Three: *McLaren Vale*

Next morning we visit the wineries around Ingoldby Road and start at Stevens winery then visit the Scarpantoni family at Scarpantoni wines, we then walk along Ingoldby road and Hoffmans wines. We stop at Woodstock for gourmet lunch prepared by renowned chef Kay Cazzolatto. (Four to four and a half hours traveling time including winery visits of half hour, traveling about five kms). After

lunch we walk three kms before visiting the wineries on Kangarilla Road including Serafino Wines, Dennis of McLaren Vale and Wayne Thomas wines, travelling about seven kms. We travel a total of fifteen kms in one day. Dinner that evening will be at Mount Lofty House and dine in-house.

Day Four: *Barossa Valley*

The Barossa Valley is home to over fifty wineries, a combination of the largest wine companies in Australia to the small boutique wineries. The combination of large multinational wineries and tiny boutique wineries plus the influences of its German heritage has produced a region of unique character. We travel up to Barossa Valley and begin walking through the Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park, which abounds with Kangaroos and brings us to Bethany. We walk to the picturesque Grant Burge wines then nextdoor to have a gourmet lunch overlooking the famous Jacobs Creek. In the afternoon we would travel along Krondorf Road to visit more of the small boutique wineries like Rockfords, Vino Tinto, Kabinge and Charles Melton, which will be another six kms. That evening we stay at Kabminye the Peppers Hermitage and dine in-house at their new gourmet restaurant, Appellation.

Day Five: *Barossa Valley & Clare Valley*

Next day we explore the little villages of the region and commence our walk along the Barossa Way through the town of Tanunda then walking to visit Richmond Grove, crossing over the little bridge to Peter Lehmann where we have a traditional Barossa German style lunch in the cellar with the Lehmanns. After lunch we drive up to Menglers Hills for a last look over the Valley and drive to the Clare Valley for an afternoon walk that ends at Thorn Park Country House. The walk follows the old train line into Clare and is known as the Riesling Trail.

Day Six: *Clare Valley*

Next morning we continue to walk the Riesling Trail, stopping for lunch at the charming Skillogalee winery. We will visit around six wineries in total and return to Adelaide that evening.

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Wine Appreciation and Education Tours

One of South Australia's greatest assets is its world-class wines. From light dry white wines to full bodied reds to delicate dessert wines, South Australia is fast gaining a following around the world.

A Taste of South Australia has compiled a range of tours in conjunction with the National Wine Centre to let you discover the secrets of our famous wines. Our wine education tours are suited to all levels of expertise- whether you want to better appreciate our liquid art or learn how to create your own with some help from leading winemakers.

All courses include tutoring by winemakers and wine educators and some courses will be certified by examination.

Courses are ideal for group education of minimum of eight people but we can certainly undertake variations of tour for individuals but ideal for group of eight people.

Introduction to Wine (2 hours)

This is a short course that involves one-hour theory and one-hour tasting. The venue can be changed to suit the group or individual. Can be held at the National Wine Centre or more informally at the Apothecary Winebar.

Topics covered will be Australian wine styles, wine labels, wine technology and the taste of wine or tailored to group requirement. Includes wine tasting and tutoring by winemakers/educators.

Wine Appreciation Day Tour

This tour includes four hours total of theory and tasting. We will also travel into the wine country for lunch with wine tasting to put our knowledge into practice and touring in the afternoon. Options can be to learn about corks and see wine barrel production.

Topics covered will be the comparison of styles between Australian and other Wine Producing Countries, wine labels, wine technology and the taste of wine. We also include Australian Wine regions and climates and dry table wine styles. Includes four hours tutoring, executive travel, two-course lunch with wine and all tastings.

Vintage Wine Education Tours

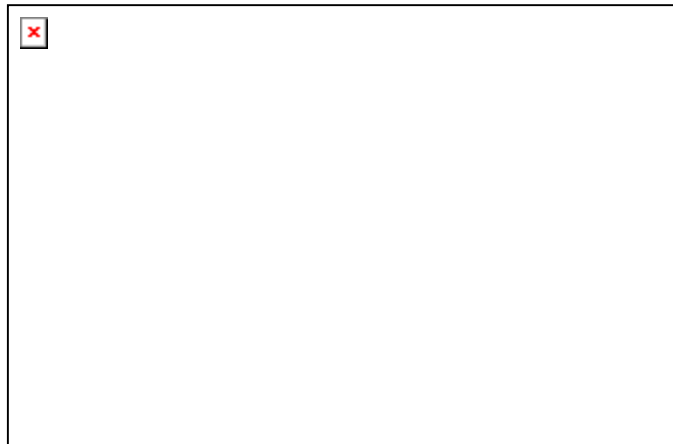
We offer a series of educational wine tour options that are available during Vintage (from late February to late April) to get a "hands on wine " experience of wine.

Half day Vineyard tour with variety identification and tasting.

Options are also available to make your own wine depending on time allowed.

For One day we include Winemaking theory, grape picking and crushing and pressing.

Each participant receives one dozen bottles of wine from the grapes they picked after four to twelve months depending on the wine style made. Ideal for small groups of ten to fifteen. The smaller the group, the greater the participation.



Two day tour includes winemaking theory and tasting, grape picking and crushing, pressing, racking and inoculating with yeast.

The opportunity to finish the wine to bottling stage can also be done but needs to be complete in two stages. We can send the wine made to your home.

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The Great Australian Wine Tour

Duration: 14 days / 13 nights ex Sydney **Cost:** POA

Day One: *Arrival SYDNEY AUSTRALIA*

Welcome to Sydney, Australia! On arrival you will be met and assisted with your hotel transfer. The Saville Bond Street welcomes you with traditional elegance and genuine hospitality and is centrally located in the heart of Sydney's business district. Enjoy the remainder of the morning at leisure before transferring to Circular Quay for your afternoon cruise on magnificent Sydney Harbour. Savour the splendour of the harbour with a cruise on board Solway Lass, a 125-ft rigged topsail schooner authentically restored and totally rebuilt from her timbers to her 10 working sails. See spectacular views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Fort Denison, and the bays and inlets that dot the Harbour.

Accommodation: Saville Park Suites

Day Two: *SYDNEY CITY SIGHTS - OPERA HOUSE - KOALA AND WILDLIFE PARK*

This morning enjoy a city highlights tour visiting the historical Rocks area, where the first Fleet landed in 1788 to establish Australia's first European settlement. Observe examples of early architecture and the beautiful sandstone buildings, made out of the same rocks, which give this area its name. Continue on your tour through cosmopolitan Kings Cross, exclusive Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay and famous Bondi Beach. Visit the Sydney Opera House, described as the Eighth Wonder of the World for a special guided tour. Mid- afternoon visit Sydney's leading Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary where you will meet our cuddly koala "bear". This park has a large collection of Australian Native animals and birds on display. Feed the kangaroos, view the flora and fauna reserves and reptiles-such as many species of lizards, snakes and goannas. This evening enjoy a "Welcome to Australia" dinner with wine at a lovely waterfront Seafood Restaurant.

Accommodation: Saville Park Suites

Day Three: *SYDNEY - HUNTER VALLEY WINERIES (coach)*

This morning travel by coach to the Hunter Valley via Cessnock, the Gateway to the Pokolbin Wineries and Hunter Valley. Savour the different characteristics of great Australian wines with a tour and tasting at McWilliams Mt Pleasant Winery. Continue on to Rothbury Estate for a tour of this spectacular winery, situated on 500 acres of undulating countryside. Enjoy lunch in the Medieval Great Cask

Hall, where you will sample the excellent Chardonnay, Shiraz and Semillon, for which this winery is renowned. Afternoon transfer to guesthouse in preparation for special wine dinner this evening at the Branxton Inn.

Accommodation: Peppers Guest House/ Hunter Resort

Day Four: *HUNTER VALLEY WINERIES (coach)*

This morning, travel to one of the oldest established family wineries, Tyrrell's Winery. For a tour and tasting of their classic light reds and whites, Continue on your tour to Lindemanns Ben Ean Winery, which is part of the Penfolds winery, the most successful Australian export winery. The Lindemanns winery in the Hunter Valley is a small boutique winery, and a special attraction is the winemaking museum, lovingly collected by this unique family. This evening enjoy Dinner at your GuestHouse.

Accommodation: Pepper Guest House/Hunter Resort

Day Five: *HUNTER VALLEY (coach) - Sydney - Adelaide (air)*

Morning coach to Sydney airport for your flight to Adelaide. On arrival your wine escort, will meet you. Enjoy a half-day city sights tour including Lights Vision and Tandanya, Australia's only Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy at your own leisure. Take a stroll along historic North Terrace or relax in the comfort of your hotel. This evening dine at the Red Ochre Grill. This restaurant is the first in Australia to feature native food or "bush tucker". You will be joined by a wine master who will tempt your pallet with tasting of some of the best wines produced in South Australia.

Accommodation: Saville Park Suites

Day Six: *BAROSSA VALLEY WINERIES (coach)*

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 may stop for morning tea at a local bakery famous for its vast selection of fine German pastries.

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

We may visit Wolf Blass wines for another private tasting in their new state of the Art winery. 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 Angas park that offers dried fruits and an array of South Australian specialities.

We may visit Yalumba, the oldest family run winery in Australia. We will taste some of the wines that make them famous such as Sparkling wines and Eden Valley Riesling.

If time permit, and the group size small enough, we may visit other small boutique producers such as Charles Melton or Turkey Flat or visiting Maggie Beere Farm shop to taste her fine foods and having a coffee overlooking the lake.

We may stay in the Barossa Valley at the Novatel or return to Adelaide.

Accommodation: Barossa Valley Novatel/ Medina Treasury

Day Seven: *ADELAIDE HILLS SIGHTSEEING - McLaren Vale (coach)*

This morning enjoy a walking tour of the Central Markets, which have been the culinary centre for Adelaide for 123 years and still supplies Adelaide with a dazzling array of foodstuffs. (Not included if we stay in the Barossa)

Travel into the picturesque Adelaide Hills to Piccadilly, the home of Petaluma winery. Take time to explore this famous winery then travel to the Bridgewater Mill for lunch and tasting of their fine wines along with a selection of the top wines produced in the Adelaide Hills. Savour the splendour of the picturesque Hills on your way to Shaw and Smith winery for a tasting of their fine cool climate wines, we will also visit Nepenthe and Hahndorf Hill where we will have lunch with a winemaker. The Adelaide Hills region has 17 wineries and is situated just east of Adelaide, 400 metres above sea level.

Here the moist, cool yet sunny climate and favourable soils and slopes produce finely flavoured, long lasting sparkling and table wines.

We continue on your journey and travel into the McLaren Vale Wine Region to experience the hospitality and taste the fine wines produced in this region. The McLaren Vale wine region is home to over 50 small to middling wineries. The region is described as the middle palate of Australia, producing lovely soft full flavoured reds. Visit the the Coriole Winery. Coriole 's cellar door is a beautiful little ironstone cellar surrounded by magnificent views and gardens. They produce an outstanding range of wines, olives, olive oils and cheeses with some exceptional wines styles unique to their winery.

This evening dine at Penny Hills Winery where you will be served a Gourmet BBQ joined by local winemakers. Taste a selection of locally produced wines and meet winemakers such as Ben Riggs. This state of the art winery produces a full range of consistently excellent wines.

Accommodation: McLaren on the Lake

Day Eight: *McLaren VALE - COONAWARRA (coach)*

Following breakfast next morning, we tour Serafino winery with owner and wine maker, Steve Maglieri, the rustic Wirra Wirra Winery. Travel along the Coorong and the coast towards the Coonawarra Wine Region. Stop for a late lunch at Hollicks winery for an overview of locally produced wine mid-afternoon. Check into the Chardonnay Lodge, within walking distance of the Jamiesons Run winery or alternatively enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. This evening enjoy a tasting of local wines with winemakers at the Pipers Restaurant followed by a fine dinner to compliment the wines. You will be joined by winemakers such as Ian Hollick, Doug Balnaves, Doug Bowen and also taste the wines from the Padthaway region.

Accommodation: CHARDONNAY LODGE

Day Nine: *COONAWARRA WINERIES-GEELONG VIA THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD (coach)*

This morning, visit Wynn's winery and enjoy a tour and tasting with the winemaker. This winery is considered to be one of the most technologically advanced wineries in Australia. Tour the region with Dr. Brian Lynn, viticulturist to see what makes the wines produced from this stretch of "*Terra rossa*" so famous. Following lunch begin your journey along the Great Ocean road, an unforgettable journey along the world's most inspiring coastal drive. It takes you through the contrasts of unique wildlife and fauna in the lush Otway of Torquay, Apollo Bay and Lorne, nestled beside the waters of Loutit Bay, shadowed by the Otway Ranges. At Loch Ard Gorge the poignant story of the Loch Ard unfolds and The Twelve Apostles at Port Campbell, a major coastal landmark is testament to the

true spirit of this historic coastline, the "Shipwreck Coast". Enjoy Dinner this evening at Fishermen's Pier.

Accommodation: GEELONG MOTEL

Day Ten: *GEELONG - BALLARAT - ARARAT - STAWELL (coach)*

This morning travel to the National Wool Museum, a must for all visitors to the Geelong area. Enjoy devonshire tea then continue on to Idyll Vineyard, the winery which began the renaissance of the Geelong region and which remains its most ardent supporter. Owned and operated by Nini and Daryl Sefton, these wines are often unusual and always good value - some are excellent, particularly the Cabernet and the Gewurztraminer. While tasting view Nini's original oil paintings which make up the painters series of Idyll wine labels. Continue on your journey to Ballarat, and go back in time to the 1850s and the infamous gold rush days. Journey through Bacchus Marsh, famous for its apple orchards. Visit the sight of Australia's only civil war, Eureka Stockade. Lunch at the beautiful Craigs Hotel before continuing on to Mt Langi Ghiran Vineyard. This lonely, very cool breathtaking vineyard at the foot of Mount Langi Ghiran houses superb reds and whites full of graceful flavour. Travel on through picturesque countryside to the township of Stawell. Visit the Best's Great Western Vineyard and bring back a sense of history. The winery has seen over 100 vintages in its time and the old tasting area could tell a few tales. Creating a wide range of wines to suit all palates, this winery is a definite must. This evening dine at Magdala by the Lake Restaurant in the company of a Speaker from a local winery.

Accommodation: STAWELL MOTEL

Day Eleven: *STAWELL - MALDON - BENDIGO - HEATHCOTE - NAGAMBIE (coach)*

Travel this morning through picturesque countryside to the township of Maldon. Enjoy morning tea and a chance to browse through this quaint village set in among the old goldfields. Visit Balgownie Estate Winery, one of the first vineyards to be planted in the resurgence of winemaking in the late 1860s. Continuing to produce wines of stature is winery is now owned by Mildara/Blass but the winemaking remains in Lindsay Ross's capable hands. Continue on to the town of Bendigo for lunch at the Shamrock Hotel, a beautiful old hotel dating back to the gold rush days. Your journey then takes you to Heathcote Winery, with its distinct shop-front cellar door; this winery has made some great wines over the years. In a region dominated by reds it remains a white wine specialist and has made its point with some gracefully balanced Chardonnays and wonderfully spicy Gewurztraminers. Your tour concluded this afternoon in a small town called Nagambie. A breathtaking winery and a large one, the vision that

created Mitchelton winery in the late 1960s has certainly paid off. Moulded by Masterminds of the industry today Don Lewis, who won the coveted Jimmy Watson Trophy in 1991, guides winemaking and the stream of confidence continues. This evening, enjoy a "Gala Dinner" at Mitchelton's renowned restaurant.

Accommodation: Trawool Valley Resort

Day Twelve: *SEYMOUR -YEA -HEALESVILLE - YARRA - MELBOURNE (coach)*

This morning, your journey takes you through the township of Yea to Tooling, for a visit to the Toolangi Environmental Centre; a natural rainforest set in the Kinglake State Park. Travel from Toolangi to Dixon's Creek to visit DeBortoli Winery. This winery has been one of the Valley's great success stories. The wines are beautifully handled and the cellar and restaurant complex are extremely polished, this professionalism showing in the entire range. These wines come from both the Yarra Valley and Riverina areas. Following lunch at the Grand Hotel, visit one of the many boutique wineries set in picturesque countryside on your journey to Domain Chandon, Australia's home of Moet and Chandon. Producing premium sparkling wine from the classic varieties of Chardonnay. Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir still wines are also available. One of the highlights of visiting this winery is being able to sit outside, admire the view and sip a glass of Champagne while enjoying a plate of gourmet goodies. Time to leave the serenity of the Valley via the leafy suburbs of Melbourne. This evening we can walk into China Town for dinner.

Accommodation: Saville Park Suites

Day Thirteen: *MELBOURNE*

Today is free to enjoy at your own leisure. This evening we can enjoy a "Farewell to Australia" dinner at one of Melbourne's leading restaurants.

Accommodation: Saville Park Suites

Day Fourteen: *MELBOURNE - DEPARTURE*

Transfer to the International airport for your departure flight

GOURMET GIFT BOX

A Gourmet Gift Box, showcasing specially selected local products is now available from *A Taste of South Australia*.

For over five years, *A Taste of South Australia* has offered tailor made wine tours through the wine regions of South Australia, either chauffeur driven, shared tours or large groups. Outstanding food can also be found in the wine regions and beyond, made from produce grown in the beautiful, unpolluted countryside. As food and wine go hand in hand, the Gourmet Gift Box was developed especially for the discerning visitor to South Australia.

The sturdy lidded boxes can be created to include products of your choice from the range, all of which have a distinctive South Australian flavour and have been selected for their consistent quality and good shelf life. Gourmet Gift Boxes are particularly suitable as corporate gifts. Ribbon in the company colour may be incorporated into the stylish presentation.

Andrew Fielke's Red Ochre Grill Restaurant in Adelaide is internationally acclaimed for its creative Native Australian Bush cuisine. From the famous Red Ochre Kitchen we have selected **Sweet Lemon Myrtle Chilli Sauce**.

Richard Harris from Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills has 25 years experience in fish smoking. He utilises Australia's best salmon, Atlantic Salmon from Tasmania to produce world class **Springs Smoked Salmon**.

From the historic German village of Hahndorf is **Beerenberg Jams**, made from homegrown fruit. **Beerenberg James** is served on all international Qantas flights.

The Mediterranean climate of South Australia is perfect for growing and drying stone fruits. The **Angas Park Fruit Company** from the famed wine region, Barossa Valley presents a fine selection.

Ditters Nuts also draw from locally grown dried fruits and almonds. Established in 1915, Ditters is the first nut processing company in Australia.

Also established in 1915 is **Haighs Chocolates**, producers of quality chocolate.

Fine **Pheasant Farm Pate** is made by one of Australia's leading chef, columnist and author, Maggie Beer, from the Barossa Valley.

Kalamata olives and **Olive Oil** are made from the olive groves in McLaren Vale.

Kangaroo Island Honey is made by the world's only strain of pure Ligurian bees, introduced to Kangaroo Island from Italy in 1884.

Finally, the delicious **Pan Forte Siena Cake** from Mia Jane is a reflection of the extensive influence of Italian cuisine on the development of the South Australian food industry.

Gourmet Gift Boxes can be created to suit your budget. *A Taste of South Australia* is constantly sourcing new products. As the South Australian food industry grows, more products will be added to the Gourmet Gift Box selection. For further information please contact Mary Anne Kennedy, A Taste of South Australia, GPO Box 250, Adelaide Ph/fax (08) 83713553 or mobile 0419 861 588. Info@tastesa.com.au

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

A Taste of South Australia expects that the client of his/her agent will advise of any injury or condition (past or present) that may affect or compromise the clients ability to travel, mobility in general and/or overall level of comfort and safety.

A Taste of South Australia shall not be liable for any accident, death, irregularity, injury, loss or damage caused by or arising out of services offered by *A Taste of South Australia*.

Cancellations and Payments

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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***** NEW TOURS**

Tour de Foodies – New Spa, Cooking and Golf Wine Experiences.

We have gathered a group of experts from celebrity chefs to famous & infamous wine makers to provide a plethora of new experiences. It is undeniable that Asian and Mediterranean cultures have influenced our Australian lifestyle, from food, wine and culture.

Together with innovative and passionate food and wine people such as foodie Mark Gleeson, chef Andrew Hudson and Wine educator and maker Paul Lelachuer, we now offer exciting new tours again with famous celebrity chefs that explore early influences of the different cultures and their cuisine and learning about their religious beliefs.

We are working with some Culinary Icons. In particular Andrew Fielke is the famous innovator who introduced the world to gourmet Australian Native Cuisine when he started the Red Ochre Grill.

Rosa Matto also has been most influential in influencing Adelaide's culinary scene with her focus on Asian and Mediterranean foods.

Internationally it is understood that Australia offers the relatively untouched, fresh, unique environment where organic food grow in abundance. From the vegetable growers playground to the open oceans where our seafood is sensuous & fresh.

Bush Tucker feasts offer the unique combination of Australian native foods with the expertise & skills of local chefs. Combined with Wellness Retreats that inspire the body to get in touch with your soul, the new Tour de Foodies range of tours is exciting, innovative and encompasses the finest culinary experiences. The tours educate, involve some adventure, offer authentic, enjoyable experiences that allow the opportunity and variety every traveler craves!!

Golf & Gourmet Celebrity Chef – One Day Tour

Start the tour with an informative introduction to Adelaide prior to a hit of golf at Adelaide's historic Royal Adelaide Golf Club. The course is ranked in Australia's top 5 and recognised as the most challenging in Adelaide. The third hole is regarded as the finest short par 4 in Australia. With a glass of wine in hand enjoy, taste and talk through the culinary delights being prepared by your celebrity chef. Take the time to engage the chef, Andrew Fielke and gain another insight to the way Australians enjoy their fabulous food and wine. Andrew Fielke is known as "The Wizard of OZ" as he continues to perform magic with unique Australian products". He is renowned as Australia's leading chef and authority on preparing

innovative Australian Native Cuisine. This hands on experience gives you the opportunity to assist in the preparation of your meal if you wish, or just sit back and indulge!!

Royal Golf – from 2- 7 Day Tour

Australia's Royal Golf Courses are renowned world wide as being the most exclusive, beautiful and challenging courses. The Royal tour has you playing at Australia's selected Royal golf courses in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide & Perth. This includes specialised golf clinics, private winery visits and evenings dining with local renowned wine makers and chefs. When only the best will do this tour is for you. Interstate transfers are charter plane or jet.

Wine & Wellness – 2 day Tour plus

This exciting new tour experience encompasses Wine & Wellness. Start the day with a morning bush walk through the picturesque Adelaide Hills. A simple healthy gourmet breakfast follows at The Aquador Retreat. Nestled in the picturesque Adelaide hills, Aquador Retreat is a complete Wellness Centre with a difference, specialising in hydrotherapy, the European style wellness centre features a hydro spa, homeopathic hot pool, cold plunge pool and 3 different saunas to unwind and relax. We offer you a truly unique experience. Dora's signature bathhouse treatment is not to be missed.

By day, be pampered by adding any of the spa treatments to the wellness centre visit. Find peace in the relaxation garden, wander into the café and enjoy lunch and dinner lovingly prepared with the freshest hills produce. Stay overnight in one of the relaxing and ever so cosy accommodation rooms, complete with special health flexi slats beds and natural latex mattress.

Sleep like a baby, awaken for an early fresh start of the day and join your hosts on an invigorating morning walk followed by yoga stretches or utilise our well equipped gym for a morning work out before a healthy breakfast.

The world class chef & restaurateur, Bernard Oehrli produces the contemporary Australian cuisine which is complemented by fine cool climate wines from the Adelaide Hills. Invigorated and rested, you spend the second day enjoying the fine boutique wines of the Adelaide Hills.

Collect, Create and Cook – Day Tour

Enjoy a progressive food lovers guide to Adelaide. With an early morning start in the Adelaide Central Markets we choose the fresh food and produce that we will use as part of Rosa Matto's cooking class. The market experience is an in-depth "chefs eye view" of the markets, it's a serious foodies tour!! The trip focuses on cultural diversity and explains how various waves of immigration have shaped our food culture. You get to buy the unfamiliar and cook with it. After returning to the cooking school and learning hands on "the way it is done" enjoy the fruits of your labor with a late lunch and wine chosen from small regional producers.

Collect, Create and Cook Consistently – 2 to 5 Day Tour

This special tour incorporates the markets and the cooking school with Rosa but is a more extensive tour that involves meeting some of Adelaide's new and up and coming chefs. From the markets, we also can head out to the market gardens, exploring the Asian influences, Vietnamese, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food trails that also give us insight into the culture. This tour features hands on cooking schools at the fabulous Chapel Hill Cooking school and/or Thornpark Country House as we discover the local food and wines in the Clare and McLaren Vale wine regions always meeting wine makers and eating and preparing delicious regional cuisine.

Wine Icons – 1 day to 3day Tour

South Australia is undoubtedly the wine capital of Australia. We are lucky to have the majority of Australian wine icons here. We have the tour that encompasses some of the finest wine experiences and meeting the makers. Penfolds Grange is the first wine out of California and France to be named best red wine in the world!!. Barossa's Wolf Blass winery has twice been named best international wine maker of the year. The Barossa's Jacobs Creek label is also Australia's most successful export wine with more of 80% of Jacobs Creek wines exported each year. This is just in the Barossa.

This one or two day tour highlights the best of the best.

It includes the famous shiraz producers from Barossa and McLaren Vale – featuring Penfold's Grange and the D'arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz. In the Adelaide Hills we visit the acclaimed Shaw & Smith, considered one of the finest Sauvignon Blanc producers in Australia. The Hills is also home to Petaluma, who have the reputation of producing the best from the best regions producing those styles. We will dine at some of Australia's finest winery restaurants such as Magill Estate, Bridge Water Mill and incorporate special experiences with special lunch on the heritage site Jacobs Creek.

Wine Icons One Day Tour – D'arenberg & Petaluma and lunch at the exemplary Bridgewater Mill. If time permits we will do a tutored tasting at Shaw & Smith and then onto a twilight tasting and dinner at the Penfolds Magill Estate.

Wine Icons Two Day Tour - Private Grange Tasting and tour in the Barossa, followed by a specially prepared lunch at the Jacobs Creek heritage site with the following day featuring a special Riesling tasting of the finest wines of the Clare Valley featuring Grossets.

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