



TASTE

OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# 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**

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

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

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

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