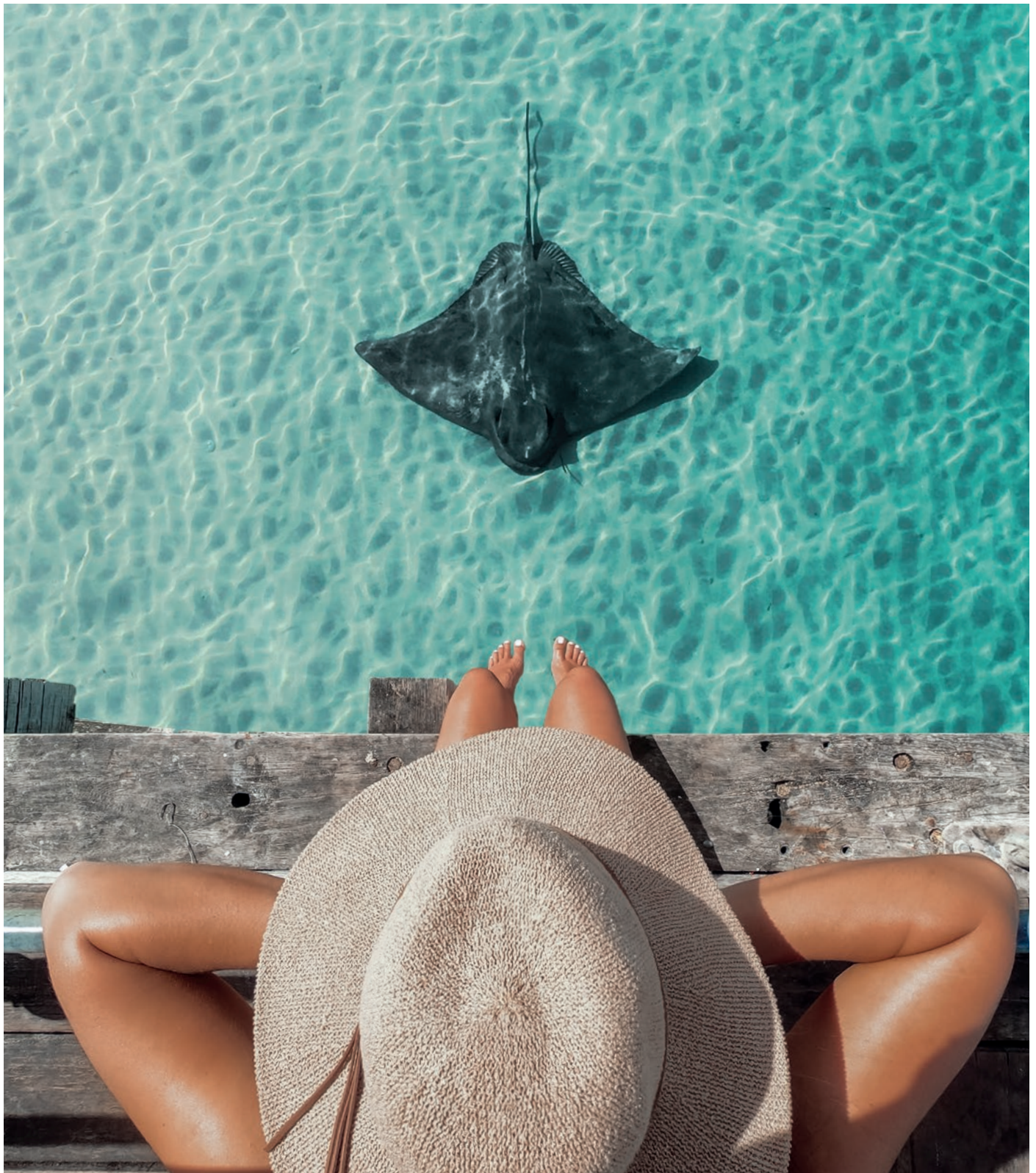


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### Acknowledgement of Country

The lands and waters of Fleurieu Peninsula are central to the culture and beliefs of our First Nations people, who have occupied, enjoyed, utilised and managed the area since the creation.

The Fleurieu Peninsula tourism industry acknowledges our First Nations people as the traditional owners, and we respect their spiritual relationship with Country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Cover: Port Noarlunga Jetty  
This page: Second Valley

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An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The top half of the image shows steep, golden-brown cliffs with some sparse vegetation. The bottom half shows the ocean, which is a deep turquoise color. A small boat is visible in the water, leaving a white wake. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

## “TELL ME, I’M CURIOUS...”

What lies at the secret beach in Second Valley?  
What happens when you do the ‘cockle twist’? And just  
what is that giant Rubik’s Cube towering over a vineyard?

Fleurieu Peninsula is a playground – a place of  
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So, relax and be led by your curiosity in the Fleurieu.  
It’s the natural thing to do.



# EXPERIENCE FLEURIEU PENINSULA



Beach Huts Middleton

*wake up somewhere  
wonderful*

Take a room in some of the state's kookiest and most comfortable retreats. Beach Huts Middleton are a big slice of happy. The striking Naiko Retreat is like a giant wing on a clifftop. And be sure to check out the region's newest draw – a myriad of tiny, off-grid homes tucked away in some of the state's most scenic nooks.



Lake Breeze Wines, Langhorne Creek

*one wine region?  
how about four!*

Enjoy more than 100 cellar doors serving wines from some of Australia's most acclaimed producers. As well as world-famous McLaren Vale, the region is home to three regions that are increasingly making their mark. Be sure to say hello to Langhorne Creek, Currency Creek and the Southern Fleurieu!

*pick a beach,  
any beach. . .*

Close to Adelaide, you'll find quintessential suburban beaches with all the colour and recreation you'd expect. Further south, where the land rises steeply, you'll come upon remote cusps of sand hidden among rocky coves. The mighty South Coast is home to 'Endless Summer'-type beaches with powerful surf. And the dunes east of the Murray mouth are the start of the unique fresh/saltwater ecosystem that is the Coorong.





Lost Phoenix Farm, Hindmarsh Valley

## feed your curiosity

Fleurieu's diverse café/restaurant scene is always interesting! Try Port Elliot Bakery's 'doughnut of the month', the burritos from Loco Mexican and Lost Phoenix Farm's Fleurieu lamb shoulder with labneh and date harissa.



Myponga Reservoir Reserve

## new natural highs!

Myponga Reservoir is now open for kayaking, fishing and walking; and the stunning Wild South Coast Way is a new multi-day walking experience supported by eight campgrounds.



SA Skydiving, Wellington

## max out on adrenaline

Get airborne in a helicopter, Tiger Moth or gyrocopter. Feel the rush of a tandem parachute jump. Then take a surf lesson in Middleton or hang ten on the big waves off the South Coast.

## love the causeway!

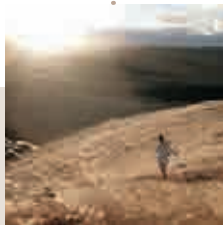
The Causeway is a physical link with Granite Island (circled by the magnificent Kaiki walk) and a symbolic link with the past. Ngarrindjeri-Ramindjeri motifs of animals are etched into the new \$43 million Causeway, while the famous Clydesdales pulling the Victor Harbor Tram are a living, loveable piece of history. Operating since 1894, the tram makes regular crossings each day!

Granite Island, Victor Harbor





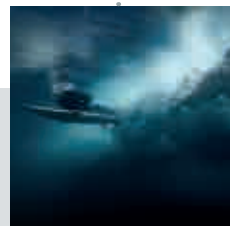
# EXPLORE



## FLEURIEU COAST

From Adelaide's beloved beaches down to the wild, rugged country of Cape Jervis, this fabulous coastline is a national treasure.

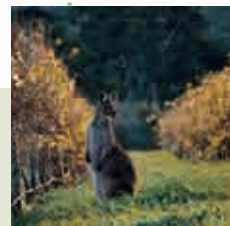
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## SOUTH COAST

This natural playground has big surf, huge beaches and popular seaside towns. The history of Victor Harbor and the river port of Goolwa is as compelling as the landscape.

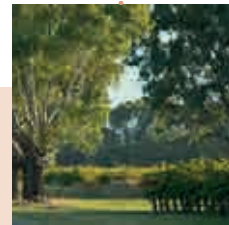
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## McLAREN VALE & SURROUNDS

'The McLaren' is Australia's oldest wine region and one of its most beautiful. It's also home to 100 cellar doors and some of the world's most famous producers.

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## LANGHORNE CREEK & SURROUNDS

The Langhorne Creek sub-region is as bountiful as it is beautiful. Explore the rolling vales, the historic lakeside townships and one of South Australia's most exciting wine regions.

See page 58

See page 32 for a more detailed map of the region.

Though the Fleurieu region is close to Adelaide – it starts less than 40 minutes from the CBD – it's a little larger than most people anticipate. From 'top to toe' (or from Old Reynella to Cape Jervis) it's about 80 kilometres long; and at the widest point (travelling east to west from Sellicks Beach to Wellington) it's about the same distance again.

To help you make the most of your visit, we've divided the Fleurieu into four **sub-regions**, each offering quite different experiences. Guides to each of these sub-regions can be found from page 42 onwards.

Unsurprisingly, most people arrive in the region by **car** so they can enjoy the diverse landscapes and some of the best driving routes in the country. Two-wheel drive is suitable for travelling throughout most of the Fleurieu, though 4WD is required for some sections of Deep Creek National Park and the few beaches that allow vehicle access. For electric vehicles, there are recharging stations located throughout the region.

**Taxis** are useful, especially if you're wine tasting. They operate throughout the Fleurieu, and Uber serves some locations including McLaren Vale and Port Noarlunga.

A number of accredited **tour operators** offer day trips and extended hosted tours. Modes of transport include mini-buses, cars, trains, limousines and even trikes!

Guided **cycling tours** and **walking tours** are available, and there's **bike hire** in McLaren Vale. The Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre in Yankalilla has free bike hire.

The Fleurieu Peninsula is South Australia's adventure capital and has a range of adventure experiences only an hour from Adelaide. **Surf and Sun's Fleurieu Adventures** is a partnership of adventure operators that have joined forces to offer packages lasting for a half day, full day, weekend and longer.



Woodstock Wine, McLaren Flat

## blaze a trail

### Fleurieu Food & Drink Trail

This fabulous series of self-drive routes serves up the very best of the region's growers and producers. You'll encounter everything from five-star diners to humble farmgates, bustling markets to intimate cellar doors. Oh, and there's some rather lovely scenery along the way... The (very) thorough trail guide is available online.

Scan the QR code for more information on the Fleurieu Food & Drink Trail.



### Southern Ocean Drive

Follow an epic sea and vines trail from Langhorne Creek through to Cape Jervis. There's something to discover around every bend. Download the Southern Ocean Drive map to uncover some of Australia's best wineries, most breathtaking beaches and jaw-dropping geological marvels.

Scan the QR code for more information on the Southern Ocean Drive.



### Route 31

Route 31 Coastal Drive is named for the 31 kilometres of beautiful coastline from O'Sullivan Beach to Sellicks Beach. The drive combines holiday favourites and hidden surprises, amazing seaside views and cool coastal villages. Don't miss the golden cliff faces of Willunga, the funky café scene of Aldinga and the Instagram hit that is South Port.

Scan the QR code for more information on Route 31.



### Epicurean Way

Grab your picnic basket and esky and journey through the iconic wine regions of McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Barossa and Clare Valley. Download the Epicurean Way road trip map and take yourself on a deliciously decadent drive. Highlights of the Fleurieu section include Willunga Farmers Market, Hither & Yon cellar door (housed in an old butcher's shop) and Red Poles Café.

Scan the QR code for more information on the Epicurean Way.







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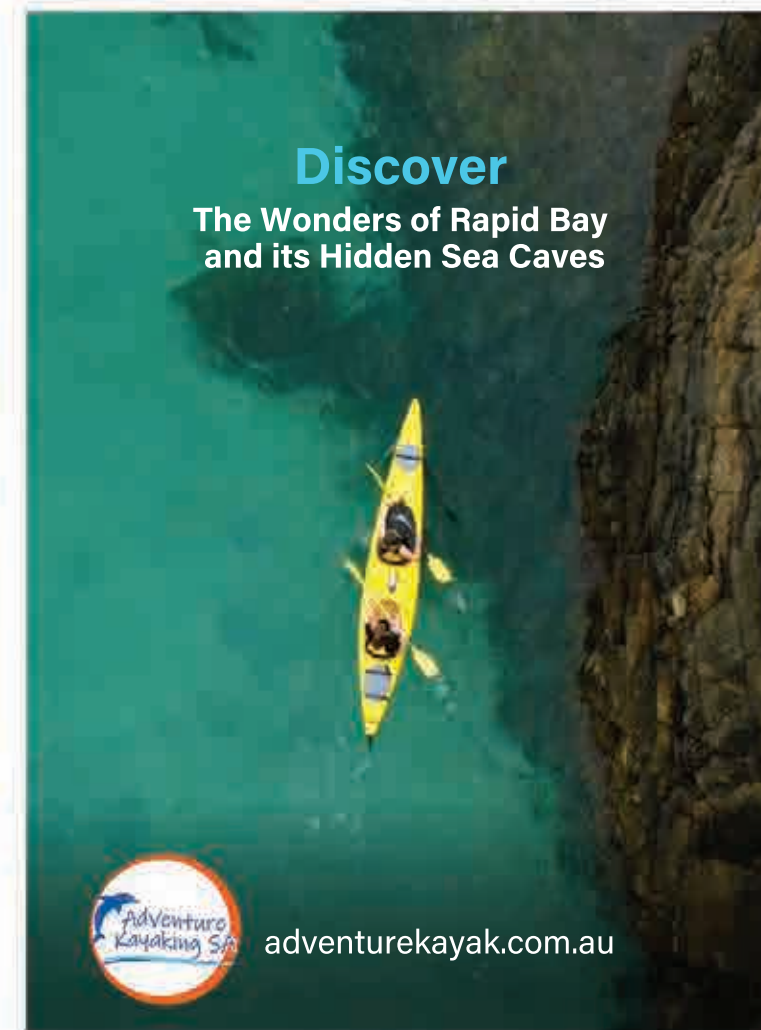
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# COAST

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Sellicks Beach

**Float your boat:** For stunning coastal scenery and some intense wildlife encounters, don't go past The Big Duck Boat Tour. Challenge the kids to spot fur seals, sea lions, seabirds and dolphins. If you're visiting between May and October you'll have a great chance of spotting southern right whales!

**Wet a line:** The Fleurieu has a bagful of fishing charters, including Cape Fishing Charters departing from Cape Jervis and Downwind Fishing Charters departing from **Wirrina Cove** and **Victor Harbor**. Take a full-day or half-day trip and try your luck at catching something worthy of Instagram – and for that matter, the barbecue!

**Hit the beach:** Spend a day with your family on one of the many spectacular Fleurieu Peninsula beaches where you can build sandcastles, paddle in the shallows and body surf. There are plenty of places to launch your boat or wedge your rod in the sand and wait for a nibble. If you prefer to get among the sea creatures, try snorkelling, scuba diving or simply exploring the rockpools of **Lady Bay** or **Middleton** at low tide.

## Twist again – like you did last summer:

If you're on the beaches near **Goolwa** between October and June, don't forget to do the 'cockle twist'. All you have to do is plant your feet in the wet sands and start doing 'The Twist' until you start sinking into the sand. By the time you're up to your ankles, you'll see cockles (pipis) emerging on the surface. They're great for bait – and even better in linguine.

**Diving and snorkelling:** The **Fleurieu Reef** was created 20 years ago with the scuttling of ex-HMAS *Hobart* in **Yankalilla Bay**. The dive site is fashioned so divers can access the engine room and gun turrets. For dive permits and information, visit [marineparks.sa.gov.au](http://marineparks.sa.gov.au)

**Swim with the kids:** The sweeping curve of **Horseshoe Bay** at **Port Elliot** provides sheltered swimming, and the waters off the long beaches at **Normanville** and **Carrickalinga** are similarly family-friendly. Other popular swimming beaches include **Port Willunga**, **South Port**, **Aldinga**, **Silver Sands**, **Sellicks**, **Morgan Beach** and **Moana**. Lifesavers patrol many of these beaches from October to March – just remember to swim between the flags.

**Cruise the Coorong:** There are regular cruises running from **Goolwa Wharf** into the **Coorong National Park**. Trips lasting 2.5 hours and six hours are suitable for all ages and showcase the best of the **Lower Murray River**, **Goolwa Lakes** and the **Coorong**. Expect to see the local seal colony, dig for cockles and experience a guided bush tucker walk.



Waitpinga Beach




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


Beaches are patrolled seasonally and the safest beaches are those patrolled by surf lifesavers or lifeguards. Always swim between the red and yellow flags. Visit [surflifesavingsa.com.au](http://surflifesavingsa.com.au) or [beachsafe.org.au](http://beachsafe.org.au) for more information or download the Beachsafe app.


### MID-COAST




★  Aldinga Beach


★★ – ★★★  Christies Beach  
★★★  Dumpers  
★★ – ★★★  Reef  
★★ – ★★★  Gull Rock

★ – ★★  Moana Beach  
(Beach Breaks)  
★  North of ramp  
★  South of ramp



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(Triggs)  
★  One  
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★  Two  
★★  U-Turns


★  Port Willunga

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★★★  Seaford  
★★ – ★★★  The Trough

★  South Port  
★ – ★★  Beach Breaks  
★★★  Frenchman's Rock  
(aka Frenchies)  
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★ – ★★  River Mouth  
★ – ★★  The Hump

### SOUTH COAST



★★  Bashams Beach  
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★★★  Waitpinga Beach  
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### GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

- ★ Beginners
- ★★ Experienced
- ★★★ Danger or care needed
-  South Australian Surf Life Saving Club nearby



# NATURE



Carrickalinga Beach

**Watch for whales:** The Fleurieu offers one of the most popular and accessible places to view the giants of the deep. Southern right and humpback whales are regular visitors to the picturesque coastline between May and October. Many visitors get a glimpse of these gentle giants, and often their calves as well, as they enjoy the warmer waters before heading back to sub-Antarctic waters. Don't miss the brilliant South Australian Whale Centre at **Victor Harbor** – reopening in late 2022.


**See creatures:** While you're watching out for whales, keep an eye out for playful dolphins and seals. Australian sea lions favour the barrage area at **Goolwa** while bottlenose and common dolphins love cruising the waves all around the coast. They'll often drop in to accompany surfers or ride the bow waves of a boat.

**Falls, waterholes and an ancient glacier:** Ingalalla Falls is a magical waterhole at the end of a 250-metre track; **Hindmarsh Falls** has a bigger, more dramatic fall and is reached after a 100-metre walk; **Deep Creek Waterfall** is a rocky cataract and can be reached after a two-kilometre hike. **Onkaparinga Gorge** is a similarly challenging hike but the payoff amounts to tranquil water holes and river red gums. **Inman Valley** is home to evidence of a frozen water body – a glacier – that left deep scratches and a huge boulder ('Glacier Rock') on the valley floor. The action occurred 250 million years ago, which makes the site hugely popular with geologists and the naturally curious...

**Bird watching:** Twitchers rejoice! Fleurieu Peninsula's diverse habitat is home to more than 250 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for hooded plovers, cockatoos, peregrine falcons and other raptors. For maps, locations and brochures call into a local Visitor Information Centre.

**Do the new Goondooloo Ridge Walk:** Goondooloo Trail is a new and super-accessible trail in **Deep Creek National Park**. Part of the Wild South Coast Way, the four-kilometre Grade 2 walk is suitable for all ages yet offers a classic 'wild country' hike, with sensational views of **Backstairs Passage** and the **Pages Islands**. Remember to pack a picnic – the trail has great picnic facilities (and toilets, too).


Scan the QR code for more information on the Goondooloo Trail.



**Meet the native animals:** **Tent Hill** in **Deep Creek National Park** is the place to reliably spot western grey kangaroos gathering in groups. Be on the lookout for echidnas and possums as well. **Urimbirra Wildlife Park** at **Victor Harbor** is another great place to get up close with wildlife, and a perfect outing for the kids.

**Go wild at Myponga:** Head to scenic **Myponga Reservoir**, now home to a host of natural distractions including kayaking, fishing and walking trails. The waters are surrounded by lush forests and cover a full 250 hectares. A three-day recreational reservoir fishing permit is just \$10.


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**Go off-grid:** Low-footprint, off-grid accommodation is all the rage on the Fleurieu. Examples include Ridgetop Retreats overlooking **Deep Creek National Park**, CABN in **McLaren Vale** and **Kuitpo**, the teeny-tiny Lost Retreat in **Mount Jagged**, ESCA at **Inman Valley** and Acorn Nook tucked away beneath a huge oak tree on the edge of **Kuitpo Forest**.

Scan the QR code for more information on off-grid accommodation.





Deep Creek National Park



Myponga Reservoir Reserve

## EXPLORE MORE NATURALLY!



**Walking:** The **Wild South Coast Way** is a new and greatly enhanced series of trails on the Heysen Trail. Some 75 kilometres long, the WSCW is a fully customisable, multi-day walking experience between Cape Jervis and Victor Harbor: do it any day, any direction, any section – or do a full five-day, four-night experience. The trail offers some of the state's most spectacular coastal walking and is now supported with four walk-in-only campgrounds and four drive-in campgrounds on or near the trail.



The new 130-kilometre **Willunga Basin Trail** winds its way through forests, vineyards, almond groves, parks and beaches, linking the townships of McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Kangarilla, and Willunga to the suburbs of Aldinga, Port Willunga, Maslin Beach, Moana and Seaford. It can be walked over five days or in 11 half-day walks.



Other great walks include **Deep Creek National Park** (15 walking trails offering stunning views of Kangaroo Island, beach walks and a waterfall hike); **The Kidman Trail** (an inland trail leading from Willunga to Kuitpo Forest); and **Onkaparinga River National Park and Recreation Park** (14 trails taking in native woodland, deep gorges and high hills).



**Cycling:** Whether you're wanting a light spin or something more serious, there's a trail to suit. Try the **Encounter Bikeway** for a scenic-coast-and-café combo; the **Coast to Vines Rail Trail** for 35 kilometres of views of sea and vine; and the **Myponga Reservoir Trail** for a short three-kilometre circuit around the reservoir.



# DRINK



**T**he Fleurieu is bounded by water, with the Gulf St Vincent to the west, Lake Alexandrina to the east and the Southern Ocean to the south. All exert a cooling influence on the vines that flourish across the region, helping to produce a *terroir* distinct and varied enough to support four recognised wine regions. These are Currency Creek, Langhorne Creek, Southern Fleurieu – and of course the world-renowned McLaren Vale.

The Fleurieu is home to 100 cellar doors and 80 wineries, and is as at once vibrant and ever-changing. Expect to discover wines that have been around for generations and wines that are introducing generational change. As for the cellar door experience, it's truly diverse: you'll encounter everything from classic stone farmhouses to quirky old barns given the boho treatment (think old sofas and pinball machines) to astonishing steel-and-glass constructions like the d'Arenberg Cube.

Sample the local vintages, meet the winemakers and be sure to head down a few roads less-travelled just to see what lies within. Joining a hosted tour is a great way to cover more ground or target a particular variety or interest; likewise, local guides can introduce you to some of the region's more famous names as well as the 'young guns' starting to make a name for themselves.

Remember, local wineries offer dining or shared platters as well as wine tasting, so be sure to put plenty of time aside for your visit!

*d'Arenberg Cube, McLaren Vale*





McLaren Vale



## McLaren Vale

Just 45 minutes south of Adelaide lies the birthplace of wine in South Australia. The first vines were planted in what is now known as the McLaren Vale wine region by John Reynell in 1838, two years after the proclamation of the colony of South Australia.

Noted for its varied terrain, this is one of the most geologically diverse regions in the world and presents a wide variety of soil types. Winemakers in the region have been shifting focus from big, powerful styles to instead showcase varietal characteristics and influences of terroir. They are members of a collaborative and innovative community which prides itself on leading the way in organic practices, water management and climate-appropriate plantings.

The most commonly produced wines include Shiraz (a signature of the region and the most widely planted), Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache. More recently, plantings have extended to Italian and Spanish styles such as Fiano, Vermentino, Barbera and Tempranillo.

McLaren Vale (incorporating McLaren Flat, a micro region to the east), is home to more than 150 producers and 80 cellar doors of all shapes and sizes offering a wide range of tasting – and dining – experiences. From cute heritage buildings to architectural masterpieces, the diversity is always surprising, but quality remains paramount.



Kingsbrook Estate, Currency Creek



## Southern Fleurieu

The small vineyards in the ‘toe’ of Fleurieu Peninsula are dotted across a diverse landscape of gentle slopes. The vines grow in clay loams and buckshot gravel soils; the climate is Mediterranean but very strongly influenced by the vast expanses of water surrounding the region which exert their cooling influence. The *terroir* lends itself to vibrant Cabernet Sauvignons and elegant Chardonnay.

The region includes **Yankalilla**, **Mount Jagged**, **Hindmarsh Valley** and **Victor Harbor**. It’s home to a dozen wineries and 50 growers.



## Currency Creek

The vineyards of Currency Creek are mostly planted in sandy soils and the low rainfall of the region is offset by easy access to water. The climate is slightly cooler than that of Langhorne Creek. The region stretches from **Port Elliott** on the coast to **Lake Alexandrina** and its wineries craft bold wines from a diverse range of grapes including Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.



Kimbolton Wines, Langhorne Creek



## Langhorne Creek

Located on the eastern edge of the region, Langhorne Creek is only an hour from the city. You may be surprised to discover it’s South Australia’s third-largest wine region – and home to the oldest documented Cabernet Sauvignon grapevines in the world.

It’s home to 18 boutique wineries and 11 cellar doors, as well as winemakers who are not afraid to break the rules. Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz top the list but look out for alternative varieties such as Malbec.

This is a low-lying region of deep alluvial sandy loams, which benefit from the occasional seasonal flooding of the Bremer River. Here, the winds that blow from the Southern Ocean across Lake Alexandrina keep the temperatures cooler and more consistent – and prevent frost from damaging the grapes.

You’ll discover world-class wines in traditional and contemporary cellar doors, offering a range of dining and tasting experiences. The region is also home to a brewery.

Scan the QR code for more information on wineries and cellar doors.



Never Never Distilling Co., McLaren Vale

**B**outique distilleries and breweries are springing up all over the Fleurieu, often as a sideline for accomplished winemakers who are turning their talents to other tipples.

Distilleries are a growing feature of the region and well worth a visit. Artisan spirits can be found in **Mount Compass**, **Goolwa** and **McLaren Vale**, with some venues winning international awards for their products. The Salopian Inn currently stocks more than 230 different gins from all around the world. Never Never specialises in fine gin, available for tasting at their McLaren Vale distillery.

There’s a cluster of boutique and micro-breweries in the McLaren Vale area and the

Visitor Information Centre stocks a range of local beers. For a guided tasting of award-winning beer in a relaxing location, try Goodieson Brewery; if you’re after a bite to eat as well, head to Swell Taphouse. Award-winning breweries can also be found in **Aldinga** and **Myponga**.

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Goodieson Brewery, McLaren Vale










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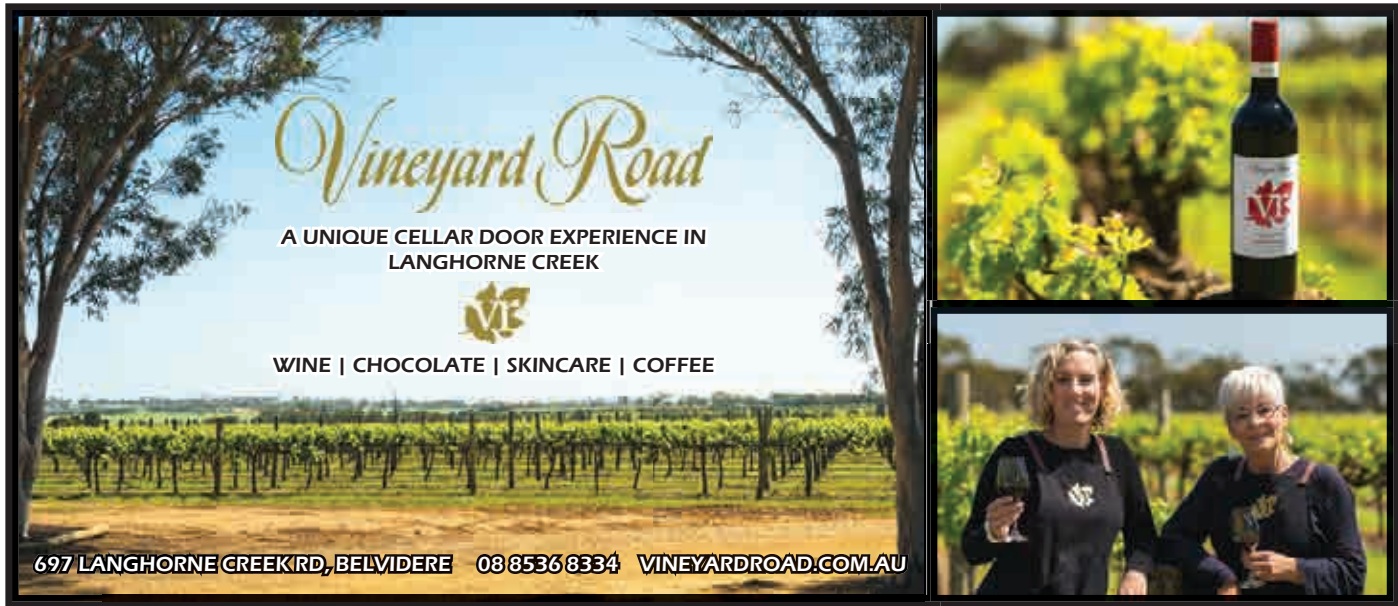




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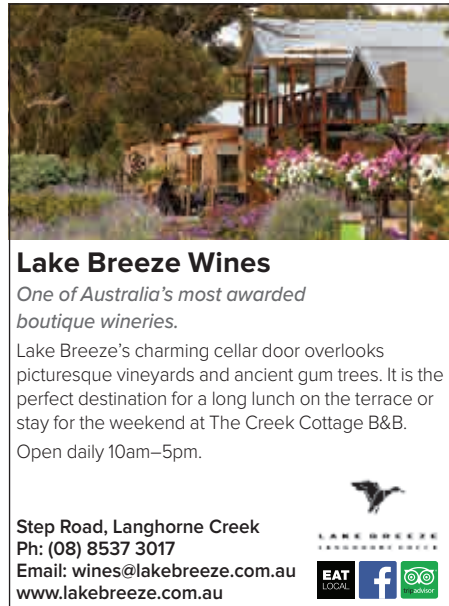
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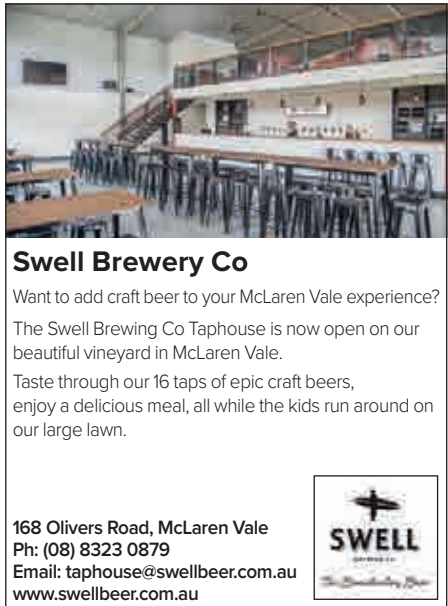


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# EAT



It's no wonder Fleurieu Peninsula boasts some of Australia's best regional dining. You'd expect nothing less from a landscape boasting four acclaimed wine regions, clean seas and a Mediterranean climate!

The Fleurieu's farmers and fishermen, chefs and shopkeepers are all dedicated to presenting the best food possible, whether they're serving elegant, modern restaurant cuisine, honest bistro meals or contemporary café and bakery snacks. The locally-roasted coffee is a source of pride, too.

Expect all the favourites associated with the region: fish and chips on the beach, long lunches at a cellar door surrounded by vineyards, special-occasion splurges in fine-diners and a lively afternoon at a local pub. And no question, everyone on the Fleurieu benefits from the friendly rivalry to be the best bakery in town...

**Weekend markets** are dotted across Fleurieu Peninsula, serving up local produce and artisanal fare. Willunga Farmers Market has more than 80 stalls and is a must. Victor Harbor Farmers Market is where you can pick up fresh fruit and vegetables and indulge in delicious coffee and baked goods.

The region is home to a myriad of boutique local growers, so don't be surprised to see more than a few farmgates on your travels. Think artisan cheeses, jams, relishes, handmade breads, smoked meats, organically grown pheasants and quail, venison, strawberries and rich Jersey cream.

Be sure to call in and say hello – you're in for a warm welcome and an experience to savour!

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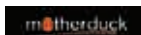
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# STAY

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Unsurprisingly, you'll find plenty of **farmstays** in the region, which are always ideal for families. Kids love the space and the inevitable bevy of farm animals which need to be fed!

**Bed and Breakfasts** are still a staple of the region, with affordable retreats to be found throughout the seaside and country towns. **Caravan parks** are also a mainstay, some of them enjoying the best seaside views in town thanks to locations that have been held for generations. **Motels** and **pub accommodation** options are plentiful and affordable.

**Beach shacks** offer fun escapes for groups and families who want to self-cater. They're quite literally to be found right along the region's three coasts (east, south and around the lakes) and suited to all budgets.

One of the most exciting developments in the region has been the advent of **tiny homes**. Some are small slices of chic with all the accoutrements, others are like plywood capsules adrift in the forests and vineyards, and a few are as cute as the cubby house you remember from your childhood...

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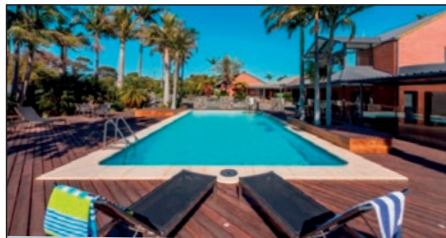
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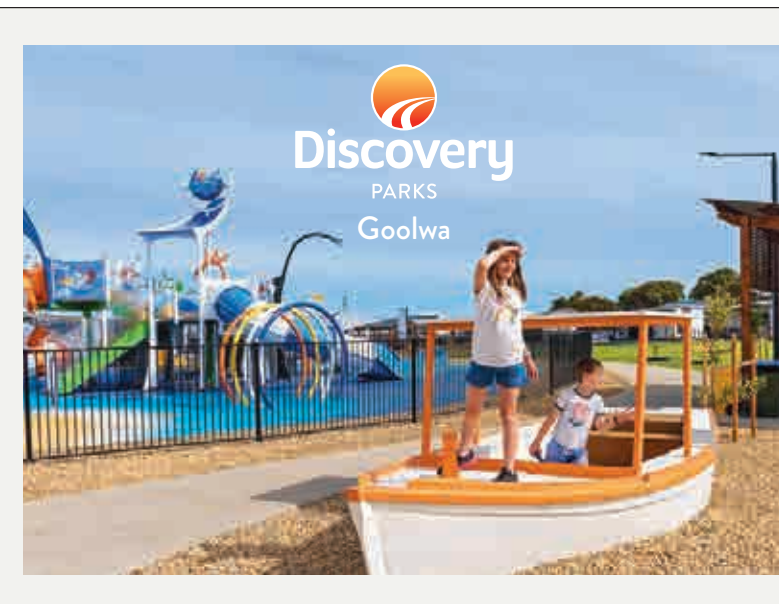
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## Aboriginal history and culture

The history of Fleurieu Peninsula dates back thousands of years before European settlement and is documented by the Kurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri people. Special places and sites on Fleurieu Peninsula are links to the creation of their lands. Arts and dreamtime stories document seasons, native animals, plants, climate and relationship to country.

**Moana Sands Conservation Park** is a significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site where coastal dunes are important to the traditions of the Kurna people who made their summer camps in the sand hills by **Pedler Creek**. Archaeological artefacts including burial sites and shell middens, some dating back 6000 years, have been found in this area. For a special experience of local culture, take a Ngarrindjeri day cruise on the **Coorong** and enjoy an interpretive walk through the dunes as well as a bush tucker trail. Contemporary Indigenous art works are proudly displayed at many galleries, including Red Poles in **McLaren Vale** which houses a regional showcase representing Indigenous communities.

## Heritage experiences

In 1802, European explorer Matthew Flinders met French explorer Nicolas Baudin near the mouth of the Murray River. Baudin named the region Fleurieu after a French navy minister and their meeting point was named Encounter Bay. Whaling stations were established at what would become **Victor Harbor** in the early 1800s and continued to operate until the 1860s. They hunted the southern right whale – the same species that has made a spectacular recovery and draws tourists from all over.

The towns of the southern coast are tied by a commercial legacy: in the mid-19th-century, paddle steamers would ply the Murray River and arrive at **Goolwa**. Since the mouth of the Murray was too

dangerous, they would transfer their cargo to steam trains which would take them to ships waiting at the sheltered harbours of **Port Elliot** and **Victor Harbor**. Today you can celebrate this history with a ride on a working paddle steamer, the *PS Oscar W*, based at **Goolwa**; you can ride from **Goolwa** to **Victor** on the iconic Cockle Train; and you can board the horse-drawn tram which takes you at a leisurely pace along the landmark wooden causeway to **Granite Island** where the ketches used to wait to receive cargo.

For more heritage travel, don't forget the biplanes based at the charming **Aldinga Airfield** – your chance to take in the beauty of the landscape from an open cockpit.

## Heritage-rich town spaces

**Strathalbyn** has more than 60 Heritage-listed buildings and a history dating back to 1839. Perched on the banks of the Angas River, there are shops specialising in antiques, collectibles, art and crafts. If you visit in August, be sure to attend the Strathalbyn Treasure Market – a popular gathering for collectors. **Port Elliot** also boasts plenty of history (and antique shops!) dating back to 1840. **Victor Harbor** has a unique character, loved by residents as well as visitors who've been using it as a seaside escape for more than 120 years. Today, the many surviving historic buildings add to the appeal of this main town; a Heritage Places Brochure or Discovery Trail Brochure will help you discover places of historical significance. Pick them up in Victor Harbor Civic Centre, Library and Visitor Information Centre.

## Cultural diversity

At **Sellick's Hill**, a giant beachside Buddha statue standing 18 metres tall has been warmly welcomed by locals and visitors alike. The spiritual landmark is part of the Nan Hai Pu Tuo Temple and is intended to bring peace, harmony, prosperity and wealth to South Australia. The property

is 137 acres and extends three kilometres along the coast. Enjoy the view of the impressive statue from idyllic rolling hills. This Buddhist place of worship attracts many visitors and is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

## Art and galleries

Art lovers enjoy a full itinerary when taking in the diverse range of artists from the region. In **McLaren Vale**, don't miss Red Poles where Indigenous communities are represented along with works from other artists. For more art inspiration, check out ArtworX Gallery and Gifts in Goolwa and Green Tank Gallery in **Mount Compass**.

A Fleurieu Arts & Culture Guide is available online, showcasing the diverse artists and markers in the region. Their workshops, galleries and co-operatives fly a distinctive purple flag; stop by to meet the artists and artisans, participate in a workshop and generally be inspired!



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# FLEURIEU COAST

Home to some of South Australia's best beaches, the Fleurieu Coast is a magnet for families, nature lovers and adventure seekers.

A seaside playground stretches from **Christies Beach** and **Port Noarlunga** to **Sellicks Beach** with diving, snorkelling, surfing and swimming all on offer.

A little inland, you'll find the town of **Myponga**, gateway to the activities available at **Myponga Reservoir**. When the spillway is open, the drive across the Myponga Reservoir's retaining wall and through the catchment is awe-inspiring. There's a lookout with car parking and a picnic area with amazing views. The journey across the crest of the range provides a sweeping panorama of the landscape back to the Adelaide metro coastline.

Close by you'll find **Myponga Beach**, a small seaside cove surrounded by holiday houses and coastal hills, offering excellent swimming and diving, as well as rock and surf fishing. Continue towards the coast, stopping to enjoy the views from the hilltop lookouts, and you'll come to the holiday hotspots of **Carrickalinga** and **Normanville**. Several golf courses in this part of Fleurieu Peninsula are some of the state's most scenic, enjoying magnificent views.

The Inman Valley Road between **Victor Harbor** and **Yankalilla** is lined with huge gum trees and provides a contrast with the ocean environment. Bushwalkers love this part of the Peninsula. Amateur and professional geologists head for **Glacier Rock**: one of the world's largest glacial relics, it dates back 500 million years to when the region was covered with ice. The stunning **Ingalalla Falls** in the Second Valley Forest can be found 10 kilometres south of Normanville; the rockpools and waterfalls attract a variety of birdlife.

Anglers are drawn to the jetties and fishing spots at **Second Valley**, **Rapid Bay** and **Cape Jervis** (also the departure point of the Kangaroo Island ferries). At the toe of Fleurieu Peninsula is the popular **Deep Creek National Park**, now with an enhanced visitor experience, a new visitor facility, a universally-accessible walking trail and upgrades to existing campgrounds and amenities.

Make time to explore the **Wild South Coast Way**, a section of the **Heysen Trail** running from **Cape Jervis** to **Victor Harbor** and connecting the parks that run along this breathtaking southern coastline.

*Second Valley*





Deep Creek National Park

#### ALDINGA

In the early 1840s, Aldinga was a busy farming centre with two flour mills and six hotels. Though retaining its historic charm, Aldinga has become popular for its trendy retail stores, street art, bakeries, cafés and restaurants, all centred around the historic and busy hotel. The town provides services for locals and the many visitors who flock to the holiday homes located in nearby Aldinga Beach and Port Willunga, and those exploring the regional flora and fauna of the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park.

#### CAPE JERVIS

Cape Jervis is the gateway and departure point for the ferry services to Kangaroo Island – a 45-minute journey across Backstairs Passage that reveals the rugged and spectacular coastline of this part of Fleurieu Peninsula. It's a popular base for fishermen, offering good boat, jetty and beach fishing, as well as various boating services. There are also several local operators providing fishing charters and boat cruises along the coast. Bushwalkers head to nearby Deep Creek National Park for its walking trails; they can also beat a path from Cape Jervis to Victor Harbor, which is a section of South Australia's famed four-day Heysen Trail. Nearby Fishery Beach is the site of the former Cape Jervis

Whale Fishery, which is now a State Heritage Site and place of archaeological significance. Interpretive signage can be found at the location, as well as a revegetation project that attracts rare glossy black cockatoos. Now just a tiny hamlet at the turn off leading eastward to Victor Harbor, **Delamere** provides an ideal starting point for exploring the nearby Deep Creek and Talisker parks. Talisker is home to ruins of old Cornish silver-lead mines established in 1862. There are fine views over Backstairs Passage from the hillsides, including views of Starfish Hill wind farm.

#### MYPONGA

Myponga is at the centre of rich grazing and dairy country, where herds of Friesian cows are often joined at dusk by mobs of grey kangaroos. Much of the region's water comes from the nearby reservoir, on which the thriving local floriculture and specialist nurseries depend. The town is home to a weekend craft and produce market, general stores, a café and a boutique brewery. It sits alongside the Myponga Reservoir Reserve, which has a walking trail with several picnic tables along the trail. You can also head to the lookout to picnic and take in the scenic surrounds. Walking, running and cycling on

the two walking trails takes you through open plains, forested areas and native vegetation. Fleurieu Coast Free bikes are available to hire through the Smiling Samoyed Brewery. The Reservoir has recently been opened up to kayaking and on-water fishing. More than 120 bird species live in the area including some that enjoy life by the water and others that can be found inland. You can also watch for native animals and lizards, and listen for frogs.

#### NORMANVILLE & CARRICKALINGA

Normanville is a popular seaside resort town with long sandy beaches, good camping and other accommodation choices. Join the locals for coffee or a meal in the town or head beachside before trying one of the water-based activities including snorkelling, fishing and scuba diving on the inshore reefs that once were the downfall of 19th-century sailors. On shore, you can try horse riding, explore the Heritage-listed Normanville sand dune system, or take the shared walking track and bike trail to **Carrickalinga**. The latter is a holiday retreat popular for its white sandy beach, crystal clear waters, rock pools and great views over Roma Mitchell Bay and Yankalilla Bay. The best drive into Carrickalinga is from the north via Myponga Reservoir to enjoy the dramatic



Rapid Bay

coastal views. For more great views, make sure you stop at the lookout – or perhaps the brewery – on Forktree Road.

Just five kilometres south of Normanville is the championship golf course and resort at **Lady Bay**, with spectacular coastal views also shared with the informal shack settlement established between the main road and the Gulf half a century ago. Heading south from Lady Bay, you'll find a long stretch of Norfolk pine trees providing many choices of picnic spots. Where the road leaves the coast and heads into a gorge stop at the lookout with a memorial to the ex-HMAS *Hobart* that was scuttled offshore.

#### RAPID BAY

The small hamlet of Rapid Bay is nestled between a long sandy beach and towering cliffs. The approach is down a winding road with spectacular views across the gulf. Limestone mining, which once dominated the bay, has declined but the long jetty remains, now joined by a new jetty that has become a popular fishing spot. The bay is also a well-known dive site and one of the areas the endangered leafy seadragon calls home. Kayakers will enjoy the rugged coastline, with its stunning sea caves, stretching to Second Valley. Look out for the replica of the boulder on which SA's founding father, Colonel William Light, carved his initials

after alighting from his ship, *The Rapid*, to take his first steps in the new colony. He is reported to have said, "I have hardly seen a place I like better." Today, many would agree with him and it has been suggested that there were plans to make Rapid Bay South Australia's capital prior to the discovery of the Adelaide Plains.

#### SECOND VALLEY

The town of Second Valley hugs the edge of Yankalilla Bay. It's reminiscent of a Cornish fishing village and the name comes from being the next valley from where Colonel William Light settled at Rapid Bay. The rugged geological formations and steep coastal cliffs help make Second Valley unforgettable, while fishermen know it best for the fine fishing, whether it's from the jetty, rocks or from boats anchored in the bay. Its protected waters provide scuba divers and snorkellers with a memorable experience, with fur seals and leafy seadragons often coming out to play.

#### WIRRINA COVE

With spectacular hills plunging into kilometres of pristine coastline, Wirrina Cove is home to a resort, 18-hole golf course and the 210-berth Marina St Vincent. Enjoy mini golf with the kids, play tennis, wander along kilometres of trails (including a stretch of the

Tjilbruke Trail), book a fishing charter, hop onto The Big Duck scenic tour, go horse riding, dive the ex-HMAS *Hobart* or simply watch kangaroos grazing.

#### YANKALILLA

One of the larger towns in Fleurieu Peninsula, Yankalilla has retained its 'old village' atmosphere, with the pretty Bungala River flowing through the township. Take a walk along the tree-lined streets, admiring the rural architecture and cottage gardens. Yankalilla is home to the first country Josephite school, opened by Saint Mary McKillop in 1867, which is now a private residence. In town you'll find a famous bakery, a well-stocked supermarket, banking facilities, a great pub and a number of art, craft and bric-a-brac stores for the keen bargain hunter. Drop into the Visitor Information Centre for maps and advice on things to do. A must-see while in Yankalilla is the town's historical museum, which is highly rated by visitors. Yankalilla is the site of one of the world's newest Marian Shrines – the Shrine of Our Lady of Yankalilla – which attracts pilgrims from around the world to see the image of the Madonna and child that has appeared on the rear wall of the Anglican Church.



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Sellicks Beach

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**Christies Beach:** Christies Beach is a popular family beach with safe swimming for all ages, a large foreshore reserve for picnics, and an all-season boat ramp. A caravan park sits in prime position, a stone's throw from the beach, and there's a large shopping precinct nearby providing an excellent range of services. The Original Open Market is an old-school, open air flea market that has been operating since 1982; it operates on the first and third Sunday of the month, featuring a range of home-grown fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, crafts

and collectables. The Coast Park Trail takes walkers over the clifftop to Port Noarlunga.

**Maslin Beach:** Stretching three kilometres in length, this is one of the prettiest beaches in South Australia, with high cliffs providing a great picnic spot or sunset viewing. Nude sunbathing and swimming is permitted – but only at the southern end of the beach.

**Moana:** Norfolk Island pines dominate the foreshore of this popular beachside town. With its clean white sandy beaches, Moana is noted for its summer swimming, year-round fishing, snorkelling and coastal walks. Vehicles can also be driven onto the sand during the summer months, meaning you can easily transport all your gear – including a beginner's surfboard – to the water. Search for sea life in the rockpools at the northern end of the beach.

**Port Noarlunga:** Port Noarlunga is a popular family holiday destination and fishing spot. Low tides expose a Heritage-listed reef that provides a unique natural marine reserve; further out, scuba divers enjoy the marked underwater trail. There are many aquatic activities on offer including

kayaking, snorkelling, surfing, fishing and stand-up paddle boarding. Walkers can head for the river estuary and Onkaparinga River Recreation Park and families enjoy the Jubilee Park Adventure Playground. Once you've worked up an appetite, head for one of the seaside dining options.

**Port Willunga:** Jetty pylons are all that remain of this coastal village's early days as a grain port. The soft, sandy beach is a pleasant family haven, overlooked by cliffs where fishermen once carved out caves to store their boats and nets. The *Star of Greece* was shipwrecked off this coast and you can dive the wreck 20 metres offshore before dining at the restaurant that bears its name.

**Sellicks Beach:** As popular with families for its safe swimming as it is with anglers, Sellicks Beach has good boat launching facilities and is an excellent spot for windsurfing, kite boarding and paragliding. It's also one of the few beaches where parking is allowed on the sand, with a beach pass or by paying a beach access fee. For incredible views of the coastline, visit the Nan Hai Pu Tao Buddhist temple just south of the beach.

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# SOUTH COAST

Stretching from the toe of Fleurieu Peninsula to the mouth of the Murray River, the South Coast has been a popular destination for holiday makers looking to escape the city heat for generations.

The coast wraps around **Encounter Bay** which was named in 1802 by the famed navigator and mapmaker Matthew Flinders. Flinders was on board *The Investigator* when he encountered French explorer Nicholas Baudin on board *Le Geographe*. Today the coast offers a natural playground with surfing and swimming beaches and coastal walking trails extending all the way to the point where one of Australia's main rivers floods into the Coorong.

The freshwater lakes and estuaries, which are easily accessed from **Goolwa**, provide their own source of entertainment with sailing, water skiing, kayaking and other water sports. Holiday homes and caravan parks jostle for the best positions and views up and down the coast, and the towns dotted along the way are full of cafés, pubs and restaurants offering a wide range of dining options. One of the most sought-after campsites is at **Port Elliot**, on the shores of Horseshoe Bay.

Golfers can take advantage of several courses in the area – there are two at **Victor Harbor** – while cyclists will enjoy the Encounter Bikeway running the length of the coast. It follows the course of the historic railway, and a ride on the iconic 'Cockle Train' is a must for every visitor, whatever their age.

Families will love the easy beach access with safe swimming for the young ones and resident surf schools (in **Goolwa** and **Middleton**) for the older kids. Off the beach, skate parks and adventure playgrounds can provide hours of entertainment. Call into the local Visitor Information Centre for more ideas to keep the family busy.

Each winter, the coast attracts another type of visitor which always causes much excitement. From May to October, southern right whales can be spotted from the shore when they inhabit the waters to bear and raise their calves before travelling to cooler waters. **Middleton** is just one of the prime whale-spotting locations.

*Parsons Beach, Waitpinga*





Goolwa

### CURRENCY CREEK

Now a well-established wine region with several popular wineries and cellar doors, Currency Creek’s earliest claim to fame was that it was once proposed as the site for the South Australian capital. The Lions Park provides a good, serviced picnic spot beside a spring-fed stream, with one of South Australia’s tallest rail viaducts just a short walk up the valley. Look out for the Aboriginal canoe trees in the area (you can see the scars where huge sheets of bark were taken to make canoes) and try to allow time to walk through the nearby Black Swamp, a Heritage-listed wetland with rare bird species. Currency Creek is home to the Currency Creek Eucalyptus Arboretum – the only place in the world where you can see more than 90 per cent of Australia’s eucalypt species in one place (more than 8000 trees across 32 hectares).

### GOOLWA

Steeped in history, Goolwa offers a subtle, unpretentious beauty and many wonderful old

sandstone buildings dating back to the 1850s. Today Goolwa is embracing life at a slower pace and is Australia’s first Cittaslow Town.

Goolwa was once a thriving river port, the last on the Murray River before it reached the Southern Ocean. It was also the only place in Australia where paddle steamers offloaded goods onto steam trains which in turn took goods out to sailing ships for export overseas. Today, Goolwa still offers a unique steam-to-steam experience thanks to PS *Oscar W* (a 100-year-old authentic paddle steamer), and the Cockle Train, a steam-train journey that enjoys gorgeous scenery.

The town still has many historical features, though its present-day life as a busy regional centre means it’s home to great pubs, a distillery, restaurants and cafés. It’s also a popular gateway to the Coorong National Park and the lakes system near the mouth of the Murray River.

The Goolwa State Heritage area surrounds the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre, which should be the starting point for

any visitor wanting to learn more about the town and its many attractions, as well as its colourful river port history and the Ngarrindjeri culture of the region.

Explore the local waterways by taking a cruise on the lower Murray River on an authentic working paddle steamer or an eco-cruise into the Coorong. Australia’s oldest railway, commissioned in 1854, still runs a historic passenger service, the Cockle Train, between Goolwa, Middleton, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor. Goolwa also fronts the Southern Ocean where a sand dune boardwalk provides great views. It’s also where cocklers gather pipis or cockles (a mollusc) on the beach. Goolwa Beach is a popular surf spot.

### HINDMARSH ISLAND

Adjacent to Goolwa, neighbouring Hindmarsh Island was home to the Southern Hemisphere’s largest freshwater marina development, including waterfront residences, a large marina, kayaking, windsurfing, tavern, café, playground, tennis courts and a biking and



Green Bay, Port Elliot

walking trail. The island is home to South Australia’s newest conservation park, Lawari (Ngarrindjeri for Cape Barren goose) because of its important bird habitats. In winter there are whole fields of grazing black swans and in summer there are flocks of Cape Barren geese. The highlight of any visit is to marvel at the **Murray Mouth** where Australia’s longest river meets the sea. Stay awhile and enjoy fish and chips from the caravan at Sugars Beach.

Hindmarsh Island is home to the only island (Lonely Island) within an island (Hindmarsh Island) within an island (Australia) in the Southern Hemisphere. Lonely Island is located in the centre of a dried up salt lake, that fills with water in winter. This is where the old meets the new, with a monument at the island’s highest point symbolising where Captains Charles Sturt and Collet Barker stood when he identified and mapped the Murray Mouth.

### MIDDLETON

Although increasingly popular as a holiday destination, Middleton’s smooth, open

beaches still provide the sort of natural solitude that could turn anyone into a beachcomber. It’s the ‘middle town’ on the old railway line between Goolwa and Victor Harbor and now a thriving hamlet known for its bakery, cafés, holiday houses, bed and breakfasts, beach fishing and a rocky point that creates a good surfing break for Southern Ocean swells. Middleton is a popular spot for enjoying the Encounter Bikeway – a shared, sealed coastal pathway that’s at its most spectacular between Middleton and Port Elliot. During the winter season (July to October) southern right whales come to the sheltered coves near Middleton to mate and calve, and can be spotted from Middleton Point or Bashams Beach which form part of the Encounter Marine Park.

### PORT ELLIOT

A big future was envisioned for Port Elliot when it was earmarked in 1854 as the major Encounter Bay outlet through which the rich agricultural bounty shipped down the Murray River would be exported. A battered

breakwater is all that remains of the failed attempt to construct a safe shipping harbour but in its place is one of the sweetest beach settings in South Australia.

A caravan park, bowling green, public reserve and restaurant each claim the best position around Horseshoe Bay, which is protected by several little islands not far offshore where whale sightings are a regular attraction in winter. The town itself is a model seaside village, renowned for its cafés, pubs and retail shops along The Strand, a choice of accommodation, and a bakery which regularly draws queues. With its many historic buildings, Port Elliot was the perfect choice to recreate 1960s Goolwa for the filming of the 2019 film, *Storm Boy*.

Head for the train station to catch the Cockle Train to Goolwa or Victor Harbor, follow the Port Elliot Maritime Heritage Trail on the foreshore of Horseshoe Bay or explore vantage points such as Freemans Nob and the cliff top walking path for stunning views of the Encounter Bay coastline.

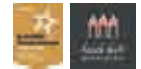




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The Bluff (Rosetta Head), Encounter Bay

### VICTOR HARBOR

Situated on a wide, sandy arc of Encounter Bay, gorgeous Victor Harbor has been the summer holiday choice for generations of South Australians and is affectionately known by many as "Victor".

This seaside destination offers sun, surf, sand, clear turquoise waters, stunning views, outstanding early colonial architecture, modern pubs, cafés and restaurants – just about everything you could want from a beach holiday!

Local accommodation includes a range of hotels, golf resorts and beachfront apartments and holiday houses. This is a great base for golfers from where you can easily reach the many courses dotted around the region.

Take a ride on the iconic tram drawn by majestic Clydesdale horses across the causeway to stunning Granite Island and walk around the island to admire views of the coast and surrounding harbour. You can board Australia's first public railway known as the Cockle Train for a family-friendly steam rail experience, travelling on the old lines along the coast, through to Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa. You can also join a boat tour to view this stunning coast from the water and see dolphins and other marine creatures at their playful best.

Further afield, there's Mount Billy Conservation Park and Hindmarsh Falls. A popular section of the Heysen Trail winds itself along the coast offering great views and the opportunity to spot local flora and native animals in their natural environment. Visit

Urimbirra Wildlife Park for close encounters with koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, emus, local birds and other Australian wildlife. In the cooler months (May to October), southern right whales frequently visit Encounter Bay.

The coast is home to some of South Australia's best surf beaches. Waitpinga Beach takes its name from an Aboriginal word meaning home of the wind. As well as the surf break, the beach is well-liked for its fishing, popular for salmon and mullet. Other surf spots include Chiton Rocks, Dump Beach and Boomer Beach.

(Please keep in mind that these beaches are recommended only for experienced swimmers and surfers owing to what may be considered dangerous conditions. Be wary of rough waves and powerful rips.)



A photograph of a kangaroo standing upright in a grassy field. The kangaroo is facing right, with its head turned slightly towards the camera. It has greyish-brown fur and large ears. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and foliage in shades of green and yellow, suggesting an autumn setting. The lighting is warm, creating a golden glow.

## McLAREN VALE & SURROUNDS

Ideally located between the hills and the coast, the landscape of **McLaren Vale** is both fertile and highly prized. Grape growing areas compete with the likes of dairy farmers as well as growers of avocados, olives and almonds. You only need to call into the highly acclaimed farmers' market at **Willunga** to be spoiled with fresh, locally sourced goods, from seasonal fruit and vegetables to artisan breads, cheeses and condiments. Whether you choose to pack your own picnic basket or dine at one of the many restaurants – there's no end to the delights on offer.

The area may be steeped in history – the name says it all at **Old Noarlunga** and **Old Reynella** – but that doesn't stop the locals creating new and exciting experiences, from helicopter rides to more down-to-earth bonding with nature.

The wetland at **Mount Compass** offers a little oasis just off the main road. And, of course, all this is within minutes of the coast. The Mediterranean climate that sustains the local produce makes this a perfect destination any time of year and the constantly changing colours of the landscape will always reward repeat visits. Take time to meander the winding roads to visit the quaint hamlets of the area including **Kangarilla** and **Clarendon**. You'll need plenty of time to really appreciate what this region has to offer, so whether you're planning a day trip or to immerse yourself for a week, make sure it's on your to-do list.

### WINE WITH A VIEW

Indulge in handcrafted Estate grown wines while relaxing at McLaren Vale's picturesque **Lloyd Brothers**. Enjoy tasting flights and regional platters while overlooking their historic olive grove and beautiful wetlands.

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*Clarendon*





Coriole Vineyards, McLaren Vale

## CLARENDON

Follow the twists and turns of the road to discover this picturesque village in its deep valley – a village that began as a fording point of the Onkaparinga River to connect Adelaide travellers with McLaren Vale, Meadows and Strathalbyn. The surrounding hills contain remnants of old orchards and vineyards, including some of the state’s most renowned Shiraz, while the General Store is reputed to be the oldest in South Australia still operating in its original building. Other historic architecture dates from the mid-1880s with many of the town’s original stone buildings having been gradually restored over the past few decades. The Clarendon Heritage Trail visits the original school, police station and courthouse. The Riverbend Reserve is a much-loved picnic spot. Discover art works, antiques and modern vintage housed in a restored 1870’s stone building before calling into the bakery.

## KANGARILLA

On the northern edge of the Peninsula close to the Adelaide Hills, Kangarilla is an outpost of the McLaren Vale wine-growing area and home to several highly reputed wineries and vineyards. Surrounded by many small farms, the historic township features

several buildings of state and local historical significance dating back to the mid-1800s.

## McLAREN VALE

Not only is McLaren Vale an internationally acclaimed wine district, it’s also a town – one that enjoys beautiful vineyard vistas that constantly change with the seasons. It’s widely accepted that Thomas Hardy’s purchase of the Tintara vineyard in 1853 marked the symbolic beginning of the town and today visitors can still experience the rich wine history of the area alongside the more recently added craft breweries and distilleries. The McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, on the left as you turn off the main road, is a great place to start your visit. You’ll find a wealth of information and advice plus an art gallery with changing exhibitions, café, gin tasting and a stock of locally-brewed beers.

Wander the main street to visit art studios, galleries and gift shops; to get a feel for the surrounding countryside, walk or ride the eight-kilometre Shiraz Trail beginning at the Visitor Centre and meandering through to the township of Willunga, passing through vineyards and wild olive groves.

The area is full of local restaurants and cafés serving up delicious regional produce, plus an extensive range of cellar doors. On the road between McLaren Vale and Kangarilla, is the township of **McLaren Flat**, where the Adelaide Hills meet the vales. It’s a renowned wine production area with many small family-owned wineries with cellar doors and delightful restaurants.

## MOUNT COMPASS & SURROUNDS

An authentic rural hub and a handy stop on the way to the coast, Mount Compass is surrounded by rolling hills, meandering country roads and agricultural farmland. Visit the Mount Compass Wetland (also part of the Hills Sculpture Trail), which provides a haven for wildlife. It’s just behind the main shopping strip. Tee off at Mount Compass Golf Course or pick up the Produce and Tourism Trail to really get to know the area.

Nearby, the **Mount Jagged** area boasts views across the Central Mount Lofty Ranges to the coast as you travel through Hindmarsh Valley, where you’ll also find Hindmarsh Falls. Leave the main Victor Harbor Road and head to **Nangkita** to explore beautiful valleys containing some of the Peninsula’s loveliest country hamlets. Rolling hillsides surround small farms



Harvest the Fleurieu, Mount Compass

providing a variety of fresh produce much of which is often available at roadside stalls. If you want views, there’s none better than on the road leading over **Mount Magnificent** to **Kuitpo**. It was the local spring-fed creeks that gave the area around **Tooperang** its name, derived from an Aboriginal word for “much water”. Follow Cleland Gully Road and the Tookayerta Creek east of **Mount Compass** as it winds through rolling hills and scrub where you can turn south on Deep Creek Road to reach Scott Conservation Park.

## OLD NOARLUNGA

The village of Old Noarlunga was founded in 1841 as an early trade route for locally milled flour taken to ships at Port Noarlunga. Set on a bend of the Onkaparinga River, it became an important focus for local industry. Today, it’s a gateway to Onkaparinga River National Park, offering boardwalk access to the estuary wetlands where birdwatchers can expect to see little egrets, coots, ibis, herons and yellow-billed spoonbills.

Take the self-guided tour of the town to learn about its history, including the landmark St Phillip and St James churches. Other local historical features include the

Market Square stockyard, steam-driven flour mill, post office, blacksmith and milliner. More contemporary comforts are on offer in local cafés and restaurants.

## OLD REYNELLA

Old Reynella benefits from its rich history and gentle pace. Enjoy the town on foot, by bike, or simply relax by the picturesque creek to enjoy a coffee. Among the historic treasures are restored cottages on Corn Street, the Hardy’s vineyard where the first grape vines in South Australia were planted in 1838 (located in nearby Reynella), and the restored buildings of the Old Reynella Horse Changing Station (showing interesting collections of historical artefacts, heritage information and photographs). Visit Panalatinga Creek which links up to the Coast to Vines Rail Trail.

## WILLUNGA

Willunga was established just three years after the settlement of South Australia and is known for its almond trees which are celebrated at the Almond Blossom Festival in late July. The most recent drawcard is the hugely popular Willunga Farmers Market held every Saturday and providing a fine showcase of regional produce.

Every second Saturday of the month, it is joined by the Willunga Quarry Market.

The surrounding farmland originally supported wheat and mixed farming, but today the fields are more commonly full of vineyards, olives and almonds. In the mid-19th century, slate mining was an early industry for the town – look out for the local roofs, footpaths, fences and bridges. The historic cottages built by the slate miners are still among the many interesting buildings to be seen in the area, some of which date back to the 1840s. Look out for the National Trust’s Slate Museum (in the former police stables), Old Courthouse and Police Station Museum and Bassett Boys’ Schoolroom. The bell in St Stephen’s Church is reputed to have been originally cast during the reign of Elizabeth I, and purists claim the repairs made necessary over time have left it with a flat tone.

Gardeners will appreciate the more than 1000 varieties of roses on display in St Andrews Terrace while others will enjoy wandering the main street to explore the array of galleries, cafés, antique and curio shops, craft workshops and coffee outlets. Port Willunga, a popular swimming beach, is just 10 kilometres away.





# LANGHORNE CREEK & SURROUNDS

**N**estled between Lake Alexandrina to the east and the Fleurieu Coast to the west, this region offers a diverse range of experiences from exploring forests to sailing the freshwater lakes and wine tasting.

Several small hamlets dot the scenic drives in the area so it's worth taking the time to explore. **Paris Creek** is now more associated with biodynamic dairy products than the original Paris family who settled the town in the 1860s. In the past, the town was renowned for its marble, which has been used in local public buildings, as well as the National War Memorial in Canberra. Take the road from **Strathalbyn**, a larger rural town supporting primary producers and other industries, to **Ashbourne** and marvel at the winding avenue of grand old red gums – it's one of the most scenic strips of road in Fleurieu Peninsula. A small community nestled in a lovely valley at the intersection of **Bull Creek** and **Finniss River**, Ashbourne is famous for the fresh produce that can often be bought from roadside stalls. Its private golf course is a gem.

Ashbourne sits just north of **Cox Scrub Conservation Park**, edged by Finniss River. The park contains many native animals such as the southern brown bandicoot, abundant birdlife and wildflowers particularly the orchids in spring. Look out for the Indigenous canoe trees on the roadside as you head south to **Goolwa** via **Currency Creek**.

**Kuitpo Forest** is a popular destination for camping, horse riding, bush walking, trail riding and, more recently, weddings. Vineyards planted around Kuitpo are starting to make a name for themselves but the Eastern Fleurieu is better known for the Langhorne Creek wine region. One of the oldest wine grape growing areas in Australia, Langhorne Creek's world-class wines can be tasted in stylish cellar doors offering a range of dining and tasting experiences.

## BOUTIQUE BLISS

Surrounded by vineyard views, **Angas Plains Wines** is the boutique cellar door boasting bold Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and more. Dabble in tasting flights or spend a night at the historic homestead.

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*Langhorne Creek*





Milang

### LANGHORNE CREEK

The lake and ocean breezes not only cool the township of Langhorne Creek, they influence the distinctive character and flavours of the highly acclaimed wine region. Be sure to visit the growing number of cellar doors in and around the township, or stop for lunch at the local pub.

Wine aside, the landscape is inspiring, with ancient gum trees and retired windmills standing in the vineyards among rows of vines that date back more than a century. Langhorne Creek is home to the oldest family-owned Cabernet vines in production in the world, located at the Metala Estate in Lake Plains.

### MILANG

In the late 19th century, Milang was the largest inland port in South Australia, providing a busy trade and produce hub for road transport from Melbourne. The paddle steamers are long gone, leaving Milang as a peaceful refuge with a laid-back lifestyle that suits visiting families, windsurfers, anglers and binocular-packing bird-watchers.

Set on the western shore of Lake Alexandrina, Milang has many charming old buildings, including a group of quirky heritage shacks on the foreshore and a heritage museum housed in restored railway carriages still sitting on the tracks.

Milang is the only town situated on the shores of Lake Alexandrina. The nearby secluded town of **Clayton Bay** sits on an estuary and offers great camping, a restaurant café, boardwalk, boat ramp and mooring sites. The safe, sheltered waters provide a habitat for migratory birds and is the perfect place to learn how to sail.

### STRATHALBYN

Settled in 1839 by Scottish immigrants on the plains surrounding the Angas River at the base of the Southern Mount Lofty Ranges, Strathalbyn now lies either side of the meandering Angas River. The town has the Heritage-listed Soldiers Memorial Gardens



Soldiers Memorial Garden, Strathalbyn

at its heart which offers a picturesque and peaceful focus in the historic settlement.

The Eastern gateway to Fleurieu Peninsula, Strathalbyn is only a short drive to the Murray River and Lower Lakes, Ramsar Wetlands, conservation parks and culturally significant sites. It also makes a handy base for exploring the coast, hills, wine country and the city.

Strathalbyn is the place to soak up history, architecture and beautiful gardens, while enjoying the vitality and ambience of the town. Strathalbyn's vibrant community offers a great range of accommodation, cafés, eateries, art galleries, retail, a state-of-the-art library, playgrounds and an outdoor swimming

pool. Promoting a thriving art and craft community, with many shops and galleries exhibiting local artists' work, Strathalbyn is also known for an impressive number of antique shops.

The historic Railway Station building houses the Visitor Information Centre and the Station Masters Art Gallery. Listen out for the horn and see the SteamRanger heritage train as it passes through town, travelling between Victor Harbor and Mount Barker.

Strathalbyn is home to one of the best country race tracks in South Australia and hosts many other equestrian events such as polo, camp drafting and harness racing.

### WELLINGTON

At the junction of the Murray River and Lake Alexandrina, Wellington is the gateway for visitors to Fleurieu Peninsula approaching from the west. Settled in 1838, it is one of the river's oldest towns and when a ferry service opened in 1846 it was the only point where travellers could cross the river. Today a 24-hour ferry service is available. Wellington is home to quaint historic buildings including one of the state's oldest continually operating hotels, established in 1848.



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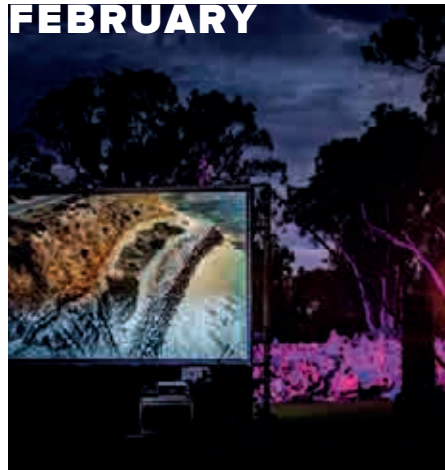
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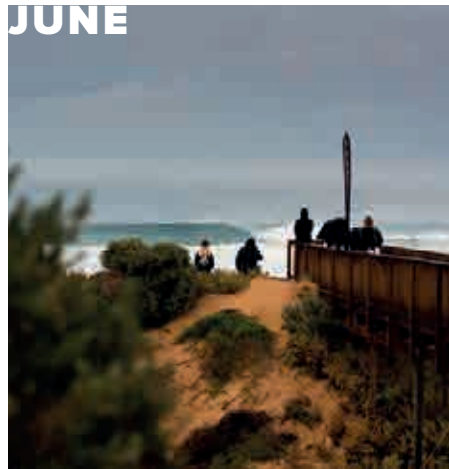
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