

South Australia (SA)

South Australia being more than 60 percent desert is the driest of all Australian states. The state's capital Adelaide, the wine area of the Barossa Valley as well as Kangaroo Island with its large seal colony and unusual rock formations, form the basis of attractions for the visitor of this state.



South Australia – Overview and Highlights –

- Adelaide – small and pleasant capital
- Adelaide Hills – German hospitality mixed with Australian friendliness
- Barossa Valley – Australia's most significant wine area
- Kangaroo Island – Seal and Penguin colonies along with unique rock formations
- Coorong National Park – bird sanctuary
- Kingston – Robe – Beachport – charming coastal villages
- Naracoorte – lime stone caves - *World Heritage listed 1994*
- Flinders Ranges National Park – impressive scenery, rich in contrast
- Coober Pedy – The Opal capital of the world with underground housing
- Lake Eyre – one of the largest salt lakes on earth
- Yorke and Eyre Peninsula – get off the beaten track
- Nullarbor – experience the desert
- IGA WARTA Community – meet some Aboriginals
- Climate tables – Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Flinders Ranges

You will find more details, about the above mentioned attractions in the following section. Additionally, we have provided some climate tables.



Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, is much smaller than Melbourne or Sydney and therefore more relaxed and very pleasant. The **Botanical Gardens** as well as the **Festival Centre** are both located along the **Torrens River**, which divides the city into two parts and is often used for boat or canoe tours. The excellent **Art Gallery** and the **Museum of South Australia**, where you can see the world's largest collection of Aboriginal artefacts, are also situated within this area. An informative display with a difference is found at the **Museum of Classical Archaeology**, with 500 exhibits and some items more than 5000 years old. A historic tram ride to **Glenelg**, a stroll around this beach suburb and a visit to the **Central Markets**, where you can experience a wide variety of wonderful smells of freshly baked German bread and pretzels, sausages, wine, fruit, vegetables and fresh seafood complete your visit to Adelaide.



The **Adelaide Hills** reflect the friendly hospitality of this state and offer beautiful views of Adelaide and its surrounds. Many small historical villages invite visitors to wander around the restored houses and gardens. The city of **Hahndorf** was founded 1839 by Silesians and Prussians and you can find their traditional dishes on the menus of the local restaurants, including apple strudel, black forest cake, bratwurst and sauerkraut and many more.



The **Barossa Valley** is probably the most significant wine area in Australia with many internationally awarded wines. You will find numerous small boutique vineyards; medium sized like Peter Lehmann or Grant Burge, or large multi national wine corporations like Orlando, Yalumba or Penfolds. Most of them welcome visitors and invite them to taste and to purchase.

Activities: Hot Air Ballooning, Horse Carriage Rides, Horse Back Riding, Golf



Kangaroo Island is popular for its big seal colony, which you can watch from up close and the **Remarkable Rocks**, a truly unusual rock formation. The evening parade of the fairy penguins, who come on shore every day after sunset is an amusing and interesting

night time activity. When you are lucky, you might see Koalas, Kangaroos or an Echidna on one of your hikes.

Activities: Hiking, Swimming, Canoeing, Fishing, Scuba Diving



The **Coorong National Park** is a shallow lagoon and curves along 145 kilometres (91 miles) of the coast. The best way to explore this lagoon, which is home to more than 280 native wild birds, is by boat, canoe or by foot.

Activities: Fishing, Bird Watching

The lime stone caves of **Naracoorte** were included on the World Heritage List in 1994. The **Victoria Caves** exhibit unique fossils from the ice age, while the **Blanche, Alexandra** and **Princess Margaret Caves** offer amazing stalagmite and stalactite formations.

Activities: Cave-Tours, Wine-Tastings, Golf and Horse Back Riding.





Kingston, Robe and Beachport are small coastal villages with a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere. The diversity of the coast includes impressive cliffs, small idyllic coves and lakes with a wide variety of water activities.

Activities: Hiking, Golf, Fishing, Deep Sea Fishing, Surfing, Swimming, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Horse Back Riding, Wine Tasting.

The colours of the **Flinders Ranges** form a picturesque contrast to the sparse surrounding landscape. The most impressive peaks are found near **Melrose-Wilmington**, north east of **Port Augusta** and east of **Leigh Creek**. The villages **Quorn** and **Hawker** are well positioned for excursions to the Flinders Ranges, where you will find a natural amphitheatre **Wilpena Pound**. Another great place offering a range of hikes with spectacular views.



Coober Pedy is located about 850 kilometres (531 miles) north-east of Adelaide right in the centre of the South Australian Outback and is well known for its huge Opal deposit and unusual but practical way of accommodation. The houses in Coober Pedy are drilled into the hills, with the result of a comfortable stable inside temperature

of 24° Celsius at outside temperatures reaching over 45° Celsius in the summer.

Activities: Outback-Tours, Opal Mine Tours, Opal Noodling* and Purchasing, Golf and Swimming.

* Noodling is the local name for looking for opals in the gravel of the mines.

The **Lake Eyre** is one of the largest salt lakes on earth, forming 16 metres below sea level it is the deepest point of Australia. In dry condition it looks like a huge snowfield in the centre of a desert. If you are fortunate enough to experience Lake Eyre filled with water, you will find an Oasis with a colourful flower carpet inviting you to a variety of water activities.



The two peninsulas **Yorke** and **Eyre** west of Adelaide are a far cry from the commercial hub of organised tours. These two peninsulas offer great surf and safe swimming beaches, good fishing opportunities, spectacular coastal scenery and lonely beaches with white sand and crystal clear water. The town of **Crowell** is one of the biggest sources in the world for green and black jade. While in **Ceduna** you can find the only seal colony on the mainland.

If you travel west from Ceduna towards Perth, you will have to cross the **Nullarbor Desert**. This landscape impresses you greatly with a vast area of emptiness interrupted only by salt bush. The rare petrol stations are the only settlements you will come across, in a journey of more than 1000 kilometres (624 miles). This journey will be well rewarded by spectacular coastal views of the **Great Australian Bight**.

Attention: Travelling through the Nullarbor desert as well as travelling through any other Outback area must be planned very carefully beforehand.

IGA WARTA is an Aboriginal community still living in their traditional culture. This community welcomes visitors to become part of the group and to learn about the oldest living culture on earth.

Climate Tables

Please note, that the following charts show average temperatures.

Adelaide	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Maximum °C	29	29	26	22	19	16	15	16	18	21	24	27
Minimum °C	17	17	15	13	10	9	8	8	9	11	13	15
Maximum °F	84.2	84.2	78.8	71.6	66.2	60.8	59	60.8	64.4	69.8	75.2	80.6
Minimum °F	62.6	62.6	59	55.4	50	48.2	46.4	46.4	48.2	51.8	55.4	59
Rainfall mm	20	21	24	44	68	72	67	62	51	44	31	26
Raindays	4	4	5	9	13	15	16	16	13	11	8	6

Barossa Valley	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Maximum °C	29	29	26	22	17	14	13	14	17	20	24	27
Minimum °C	14	14	12	9	7	5	4	5	6	8	10	12
Maximum °F	84.2	84.2	78.8	71.6	62.6	57.2	55.4	57.2	62.6	68	75.2	80.6
Minimum °F	57.2	57.2	53.6	48.2	44.6	41	39.2	41	42.8	46.4	50	53.6
Rainfall mm	18	19	24	42	61	52	66	63	58	50	28	22
Raindays	5	3	5	9	13	12	16	16	13	11	8	6

Flinders Ranges	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Maximum °C	31	31	27	24	17	14	13	15	20	24	27	29
Minimum °C	16	16	13	9	6	4	3	3	5	9	11	14
Maximum °F	87.8	87.8	80.6	75.2	62.6	57.2	55.4	59	68	75.2	80.6	84.2
Minimum °F	60.8	60.8	55.4	48.2	42.8	39.2	37.4	37.4	41	48.2	51.8	57.2
Rainfall mm	34	25	20	19	51	57	67	50	33	35	14	25
Raindays	3	3	2	3	8	8	9	7	5	6	4	4