

SOUTHERN OCEAN DRIVE

THE GREAT SOUTHERN JOURNEY

A road trip along South Australia's southern coast offers something for everyone. Taste wines from Coonawarra through to McLaren Vale, four-wheel drive along pristine beaches, kayak the waterways of the Coorong and discover the natural wonders of Kangaroo Island.



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Wi-Fi hotspots have been provided to keep you connected throughout your journey. All locations have been marked on the front side of this map.

1 KILSBY SINKHOLE

Kilsby Sinkhole is the only site of its kind that welcomes snorkellers, freedivers and open water certified scuba divers under the supervision of a licensed and industry qualified guide. It's also home to Sinkhole Gin, produced from crystal clear limestone-filtered water and local native botanicals.

2 MOUNT GAMBIER

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Geological wonders are abound in Mount Gambier, the heart of the Limestone Coast and second largest town in South Australia. Discover the dazzling sapphire waters of the famed Blue Lake, the local's favourite Little Blue Lake and explore an underground garden of Eden at Umpherston Sinkhole. For the adventurous, snorkel the crystal clear waters of the Piccanninnie Ponds which have been filtering through the limestone over thousands of years.

3 TANTANOOLA CAVES CONSERVATION PARK

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Witness the breathtaking display of cave decorations and formations. A knowledgeable guide will introduce you to the history and geology of the caves and explain how this spectacular array of formations has developed over thousands of years.

4 THE TASTING ROOM AT MAYURA STATION

Indulge in the ultimate paddock-to-plate dining experience showcasing Mayura Station's sumptuous award-winning Wagyu beef at their on farm restaurant. Yum!

5 PENOLA & COONAWARRA WINE REGION

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Penola's the perfect place to base yourself for exploration within the Coonawarra Wine Region. Brimming with excellent dining choices including Pipers of Penola, Hollick Estates, mixed with a range of unique and interesting gift stores and shop fronts. The Mary MacKillop Penola Centre lets you head back in time to the very place where Mary MacKillop began her journey to becoming Australia's first saint. Venture out into this world-renowned strip of prized terra rossa soil extending pours from more than 25 cellar doors. It pays to have a plan of attack for this journey!

6 NARACOORTE CAVES NATIONAL PARK

Explore the ancient caves of this World Heritage site by guided tour or step back in time some 500,000 years at the Wonambi Fossil Centre. The perfect activity for both families and thrill seekers alike, head online to find a cave tour that suits you.

7 ROBE

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Start your day by heading to the famous 10km stretch at Long Beach, perfect for swimming, surfing and (very) long seaside walks. Later on, wander into town for ethically sourced award-winning coffee at Mahalia. As lunch rolls around, pull up a

stool at the Caledonian Inn. The seafood platter offers the perfect opportunity to indulge in some local ocean fare. Mid-afternoon, head out to the iconic Obelisk and after that, enjoy a pit stop at Robe Town Brewery to sip on family produced small-batch ales.

8 KINGSTON S.E.

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On the side of the freeway sits Larry, the spiny 17-meter tall giant lobster. He has become a symbol of Kingston and the entire region. But giant crustaceans aside, Kingston, in close proximity to Pinks Beach and Cape Jaffa, contributes some fantastic seaside escapes to the South East. A number of wineries lay on the trail to Robe; stop by Cape Jaffa Wines for a tasting plate accompanied with a biodynamic wine or beer that is brewed onsite.

9 COORONG NATIONAL PARK

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From dunes to lagoons, the ecological diversity is staggering. Particular highlights include kayaking through secluded estuary systems, exploring Jack Point Observatory - a viewing shelter overlooking the largest breeding colony of Australian Pelicans and the Murray Mouth, where Australia's largest river system empties into the Southern Ocean at Sugars Beach on Hindmarsh Island.

10 LANGHORNE CREEK WINE REGION

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There are eight cellar doors to explore in this scenic wine region. Lunch at The Winehouse, Bremerton, Angas Plains or Lake Breeze. Visit the architectural award winning Kimbolton Winery and drink in the views from their rooftop deck. Savour wine and chocolate at Vineyard Road. Check out the horseradish farm at Rusticana Wines, home of Newman's Horseradish and discover one of Australia's most awarded historic wineries at Bleasdale.

11 GOOLWA WHARF PRECINCT

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Take it easy with a soft adventure eco cruise on the Spirit of the Coorong, grab brunch at Kuti Shack seafood cafe and kiosk in Goolwa Beach, spend a relaxing afternoon sampling local spirits and brews at Fleurieu Distillery or appreciate artwork produced by local, state and national artists in the Signal Point Gallery. If you're lucky, you can meander the Goolwa Wharf Markets over the weekends in the summer. Why not take the cockle train to the next stop, Victor Harbor!

12 PORT ELLIOT

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South Aussies will drive for over an hour to get a famous pie from the Port Elliot Bakery, but recently they've been sticking around for a while to enjoy the great atmosphere of some stellar main street food options like the Thunderbirds and Yeo Haus - you're certainly spoiled for choice. Spend an afternoon exploring the magnificent and family-friendly Horseshoe Bay. Like to watch surfing or want to learn? Just around the corner lies Middleton, the famous surf beach, where there are several operators that can teach you how to ride a wave.

13 VICTOR HARBOR & GRANITE ISLAND

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A favourite with holiday makers and local fishers for generations. Go for a dip at one of the quiet sandy beaches, take the horse tram to Granite Island, hike the rugged cliff-top for the views, sample delicious local seafood, partake in a Bluff coastal tour with the Big Duck Boat Tours or see the ocean's gentle giants with whales, dolphins and seals frequenting the bay. For land-based wildlife the family will love Urimbirra Wildlife Park adventures.

14 DEEP CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

There's a great variety of walking options for all abilities at Deep Creek Conservation Park. Camp for the night and rise early to hike the famous Heysen Trail, where the wild wonder of the largest portion of remaining natural vegetation on the Fleurieu Peninsula awaits. For fully guided multi-day adventures, Southern Ocean Walk have you covered.

KANGAROO ISLAND

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15 PENNESHAW

If you're arriving by ferry, you'll have departed from Cape Jervis by SeaLink Ferry or KI Connect and docked in Penneshaw. This is a convenient spot to base yourself and find accommodation. In Penneshaw you'll find all the required amenities are close by including car hire, supermarkets, the bottle shop and great coffee from Millie Mae's Pantry. Visit the newest cellar door in the region - False Cape Wines. On the way to Kingscote you'll head through American River, a perfect pitstop for swimming, sailing and a spot of lunch at the Oyster Farm Shop—shucking fresh a native dozen for an excellent price.

16 KINGSCOTE

After perking up with a cup of coffee at Cactus café, head out to find the best local produce that the island has to offer, including: KI Ligurian Honey, Kangaroo Island Spirits and craft beer served out of an old farm shed by Kangaroo Island Brewery. Stop in at Cygnet River, quite close to the island's airport, and spend a half-day hopping your way along the Cygnet River trail. You'll find outstanding cool climate wines in the recently opened Islander Estate Vineyards Tasting Room, enjoy the view at the newest cellar door at Springs Road Wines or even hire an e-bike to ride the trail sampling all things authentically Kangaroo Island.

17 VIVONNE BAY

On your way to Vivonne Bay you'll drive through two immersive wildlife experiences. You can literally hold a bird of prey in your hands at the Raptor Domain or book a Seal Bay Conservation Park experience to see the majestic sea lions. Voted as one of the best beaches in Australia, this pristine stretch of paradise is perfect for swimming, picnicking and sunset strolls. Just around the corner, Little Sahara presents a set of dunes perfect for sandboarding. Hire your board from Kangaroo Island Outdoor Action.

18 FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK

Self-drive visitors can share in the bushfire (2020) recovery journey by stopping at the iconic tourist drawcards of Remarkable Rocks, Weirs Cove, Cape du Couedic lighthouse and Admirals Arch. You'll have access to drive a safe route on Cape du Couedic Road - including the part which has become one of the most insta-famous roads in the state. Once at the sites you can browse around them on foot.



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