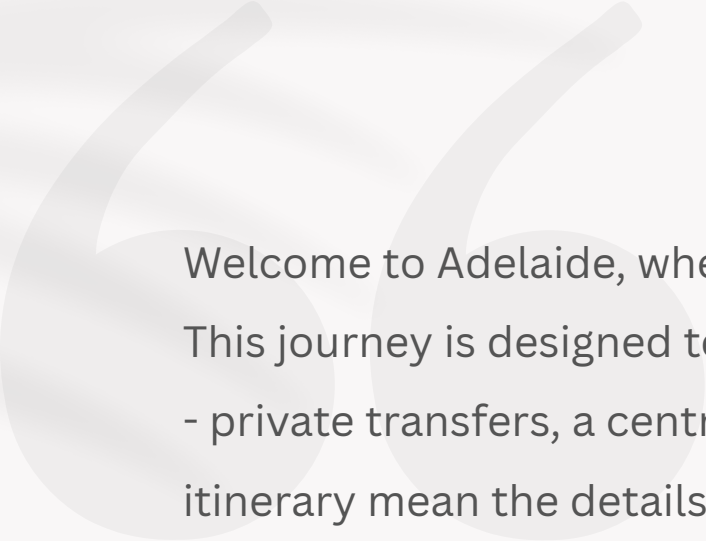


3rd to the 9th of August, 2026
**Adelaide: Gardens,
Galleries & Great Wine**

ADELAIDE - BAROSSA - ADELAIDE HILLS -
CLARE VALLEY - FLEURIEU PENINSULA - MCLAREN VALE





Welcome to Adelaide, where a week away feels like a deep breath out. This journey is designed to feel effortless from the moment you arrive - private transfers, a central city stay and a thoughtfully woven itinerary mean the details are taken care of, so you can simply sink into the experience.

With a gentle balance of guided moments and unhurried free time, you'll have the freedom to follow your curiosities, lingering in a sunlit gallery, wandering through leafy streets or savouring a long lunch as the city's quiet sophistication unfolds around you.



YOUR HOSTS



Sondra Stewart

Sondra Stewart is a born-and-bred South Australian with an infectious passion for her home state and an insider's knowledge of its very best experiences. She loves nothing more than sharing the hidden gems, local secrets and must-see highlights that only a true South Australian can offer.

When Sondra is your guide, you are in the very best of hands and you are guaranteed to see Adelaide and its surrounds through the eyes of someone who loves it deeply.



Andrew Panozza

Andrew is a fluent, native Italian speaker with a deep passion for history, food, wine, culture and the arts. Having spent over 20 years living, working and leading tours in Italy, Andrew has a remarkable ability to bring destinations to life through engaging storytelling and an insider's perspective.

Andrew brings that same philosophy to his home state of South Australia, going beyond the surface to uncover the hidden stories, flavours and connections that make this remarkable region truly special. With Andrew as your guide, Adelaide will reveal itself in a whole new light.



Lainie Anderson - Private Walking Tour Host

Step back in time with historian and author Lainie Anderson on an exclusive walking tour through Victoria Square, uncovering the remarkable story of Kate Cocks, Adelaide's trailblazing policewoman. When Kate Cocks joined the South Australian Police in 1915, she made history as the first policewoman in the British Empire to receive equal pay. A strict Methodist with a love of shopping, Cocks was a woman of fascinating contradictions whose pioneering Women's Police Branch left a lasting mark on South Australian history and inspired Lainie's best-selling debut murder mystery, *The Death of Dora Black*.

Join Lainie for a captivating journey through the streets and stories that shaped this extraordinary woman's legacy.

EXPERIENCE

A Journey Designed to be Savoured



Experience the very best of South Australia, world-class gardens, galleries, food and wine. All curated, hosted and effortlessly delivered.



HIGHLIGHTS

Gardens & Landscapes

Discover some of South Australia's most admired gardens, from historic country estates in the Clare Valley and Adelaide Hills to the Adelaide Botanic Garden. Guided visits reveal stories of plant heritage, landscape design and deep connections to place.

Art, Galleries & Creative Spaces

Enjoy private and guided visits to Adelaide's most respected cultural institutions, including behind-the-scenes access to the Monet to Matisse exhibition and VIP tour of the Jam Factory. From classical collections to contemporary craft and design, the city's creative depth may surprise even seasoned travellers.

Heritage & History

Step inside beautifully preserved historic homes and theatres, where South Australia's past unfolds through architecture, art and personal stories. These experiences offer a deeper understanding of the state's cultural foundations and creative legacy.

Wine & Regional Flavours

Travel to iconic wine regions including the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale, where heritage vineyards, acclaimed dining and distinctive cellar door experiences await. Tastings and meals are thoughtfully selected to enhance the experience without feeling rushed.

Regional Discoveries

Venture beyond the city into nearby regions that showcase South Australia's diversity, from coastal landscapes and country estates to creative communities and celebrated wine country. Scenic journeys reveal how art, landscape and regional life intertwine.

A Comfortable Pace, Expertly Guided

This tour is designed with comfort and enjoyment in mind. Days are unhurried, travel distances are manageable, and experiences are carefully balanced. Knowledgeable local hosts and guides provide insight and support throughout, while allowing time for independence and relaxation.



JamFactory, Barossa



Spirit of the Coorong Tour

ITINERARY

3 - 9 AUGUST

Day 1 - Monday the 3rd of August 2026

Arrive in Adelaide and settle into your stylish home base with a seamless private transfer to the Crowne Plaza Adelaide—perfectly positioned in the heart of the city, moments from Rundle Mall's energy, cultural landmarks on North Terrace and the serene River Torrens.

Freshen up, then gather for a warm welcome dinner at Koomo, the hotel's chic 10th-floor restaurant where Art Deco elegance blends with Japanese-inspired design amid soaring ceilings and breathtaking city skyline views. It's the perfect moment to meet your passionate tour host Sondra and fellow travellers, and ease into a week of discovery ahead.

Dinner included



Day 2 - Tuesday the 4th of August 2026

Homesteads, Harvests & the Barossa

Travel north through rolling pastoral country to the charming Clare Valley, where the landscape shifts from open grazing land to rows of vines and historic stone homesteads. On arrival at Anlaby, South Australia's oldest merino stud, join a guided tour of the grand homestead and its nationally significant 10-acre gardens, including shade and glass houses, walled vegetable plots, rose terraces and sweeping lawns that tell the story of station life over more than a century.

Continue into the Barossa Valley, where we will pop into Maggie Beer's Farm shop, then head to Fino Seppeltsfield, a celebrated regional restaurant in the heart of the historic Seppeltsfield estate, for a seasonal shared-style lunch that heroes local growers and producers.

After lunch, enjoy a hosted wine tasting showcasing Seppeltsfield's wines, then make the most of your free time to wander the village-style precinct, discovering artisan studios at JamFactory, heritage-listed buildings, palm-lined avenues and tranquil gardens at your own pace.

Breakfast, morning tea and lunch included

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Day 3 - Wednesday the 5th of August 2026

Adelaide's Culinary Soul & Hidden Past

Adelaide is known for its vibrant food culture, and this morning we head to the iconic Adelaide Central Market — the beating heart of the city's culinary scene. Home to more than 70 traders, the market showcases the best of South Australian produce, from artisan cheeses and freshly baked bread to seasonal fruit and gourmet specialties.

We'll enjoy a private guided tour, meeting local producers and discovering the stories behind the flavours that make Adelaide such a celebrated food destination.

In the afternoon, join historian and author Lainie Anderson for a walking tour inspired by her novel *The Death of Dora Black*. Discover the story of pioneering policewoman Kate Cocks as you explore city streets and laneways linked to early 20th-century social change, crime and women's history.

The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore at your own pace; visit a gallery, browse nearby boutiques, or sit in one of the many small laneways winebars and watch the world go by.

Breakfast included

Day 4 – Thursday the 6th of August 2026

Wild Landscapes, Bold Flavours & Fine Wine

Travel south from Adelaide through coastal plains and farmland towards the Coorong, where the Murray River meets the Southern Ocean in a striking landscape of sand dunes, wetlands and lagoons. Step aboard the Spirit of the Coorong for a scenic cruise at the Murray Mouth, gliding past bird-filled shallows and shifting sandbars while learning about the region's fragile ecosystems, First Nations heritage and the vital role this river system plays in South Australia's story.

Return to McLaren Vale for lunch at the iconic Salopian Inn, a destination celebrated for its bold flavours and relaxed country charm. Set within a character-filled 1850s building, the Salopian's menu champions regional produce with a Middle Eastern influence, designed for sharing and savouring. Expect vibrant seasonal dishes, house-made preserves and an impressive local wine list that showcases the very best of the Vale. It's a warm, welcoming setting where long lunches unfold at an easy pace — the perfect way to experience the region's creativity and culinary flair.

In the afternoon, travel to McLaren Vale and arrive at d'Arenberg, an architecturally striking winery renowned for its bold wines and imaginative experiences. Here you will explore the on-site Salvador Dalí exhibition, where surrealist sculptures and artworks are displayed through a series of gallery spaces, before settling in for a guided tasting of d'Arenberg's signature wines, celebrating the region's internationally acclaimed shiraz and Mediterranean varieties.

Breakfast and lunch included

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Day 5 – Friday the 7th of August 2026

Masterpieces, Blooms & Modern Makers

Begin your day with an exclusive private guided tour of the Monet to Matisse exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia [AGSA], immersing in vibrant post-impressionist strokes from Monet's waterlilies to Matisse's bold colours, led by an expert sharing stories of artistic genius and Australian connections. After the tour, enjoy morning tea at the AGSA_eat and enjoy a bit of retail therapy at The Gallery Shop.

Next, stroll the enchanting Adelaide Botanic Garden where rare species thrive in this urban oasis, breathing in the serenity of bicentennial conservatories and heritage palms.

Travel by tram to the JamFactory, Adelaide's hub of contemporary craft, witnessing artists at work in glassblowing, ceramics, and jewellery, exploring sustainable techniques and stories of modern makers inspired by SA's rugged landscapes.

Breakfast and morning tea included



Adelaide Botanic Garden

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Day 6 – Saturday the 8th of August 2026

Heysen, Hahndorf & Hills

Escape to the timeless beauty of the Adelaide Hills on this immersive day of art, heritage and indulgence. Begin with an exclusive visit to The Cedars, the cherished original home and studio of Sir Hans Heysen, Australia's beloved painter of the gumtrees, where a private guided tour unveils his evocative works, restored interiors, and the very gardens that inspired his iconic landscapes, enjoyed alongside morning tea served in rustic charm.

Wander freely through Hahndorf, South Australia's oldest surviving German settlement, soaking in its storybook streets lined with heritage Lutheran churches, boutique galleries, artisanal cheesemongers and cellar doors pouring cool climate wines.

Return via the breathtaking panorama of Mount Lofty Summit, where sweeping views stretch across Adelaide's patchwork of vines and coastline, before raising a glass at FINO Vino for a farewell dinner. Nestled in the vibrant heart of Adelaide city, this celebrated restaurant and bar from the award-winning Fino team, helmed by Chef David Swain and Sharon Romeo, delivers produce-driven wood-fired dishes perfect for a memorable evening of refined flavours and warm hospitality.

Breakfast, morning tea and dinner included

Day 7 – Sunday the 9th of August 2026

Departure

Your final morning begins with a leisurely breakfast together, a chance to share reflections on the week, and a farewell to your fellow travellers.

Afterwards, check out at your own pace before your included private transfer to Adelaide Airport, carrying with you the quieter moments and deeper discoveries that define South Australia.

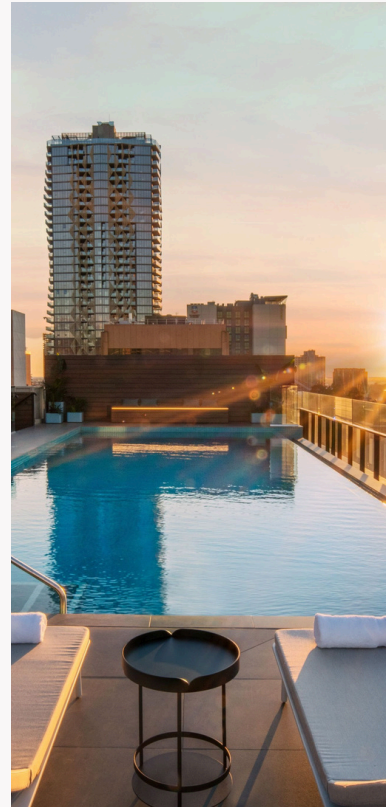
Breakfast included



Angel of Hahndorf Sculpture, Adelaide Hills

STAY

Crowne Plaza, Adelaide



Located near Adelaide's cultural precinct, this elegant hotel combines modern comfort with quality dining and exceptional proximity to the city's finest galleries, gardens and attractions.

INCLUSIONS

This carefully curated tour includes thoughtfully selected experiences, comfortable accommodation, private transport and expert local hosting throughout. From garden and gallery visits to regional dining and wine experiences, all key inclusions have been arranged to ensure a relaxed, seamless journey, allowing you to enjoy Adelaide and its surrounds with ease and confidence.

Tour Inclusions

- 6 nights' accommodation in a premium king room with full buffet breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Adelaide
- 6 Buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 Morning teas, 2 dinners
- Private airport transfers on arrival and departure
- All private coach touring as outlined in the itinerary
- Entry fees and guided house and garden visits, galleries and cultural experiences
- Wine tastings and regional experiences as per itinerary
- Behind-the-scenes and private tours were indicated
- Experienced local hosts and guides throughout the tour



EXCLUSIONS

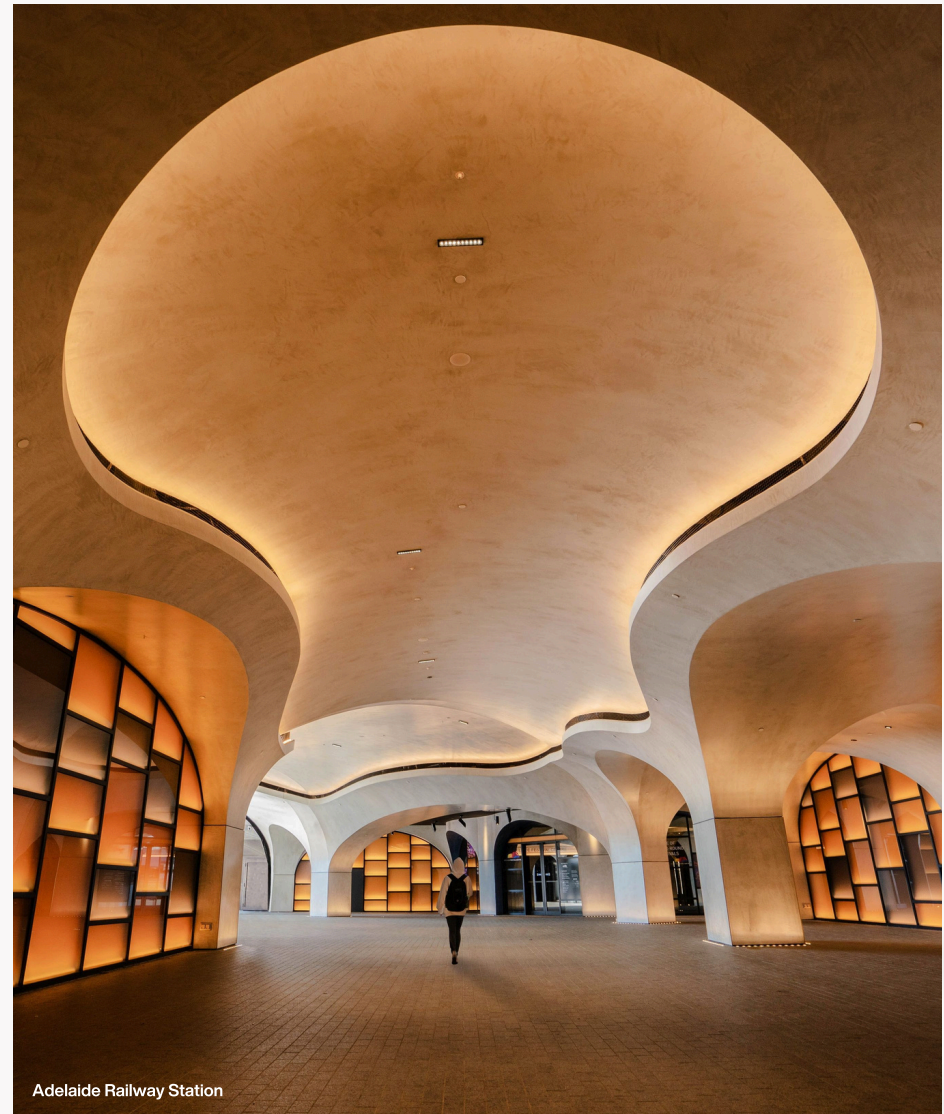
Tour Exclusions

- Flights to and from Adelaide
- Some meals as indicated in the program (allowing personal choice)
- Personal expenses and incidentals
- Travel insurance (recommended)

Itinerary Disclaimer

While every effort is made to operate this tour as advertised, itineraries may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather conditions, operational requirements or supplier availability. Any changes will be made with the intention of maintaining the overall quality and experience of the tour.

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