

# LIMESTONE COAST





# Go below the surface on the Limestone Coast

*A visit to a national park is more than a day out. They're gateways to connection with nature and cultural heritage. Create lasting memories with loved ones through hidden wonders above and below ground.*

## Discover hidden gems

Journey back 800,000 years at Naracoorte Caves, one of the world's most important fossil sites. Join a guided tour, unwind at the welcoming campground, or enjoy a break at the much-loved café.

With four caves to explore, the expansive park has something for everyone and even offers viewing platforms for those who prefer to stay above ground.

Travel south and experience the enchanting Tantanoola Caves, one of Australia's few accessible caves. View the spectacular array of formations and learn how they developed over thousands of years. Continue to Ewens Ponds and snorkel through the crystal-clear channels or grab your scuba gear and dive a little deeper to see the thriving plant life.

You'll find Little Dip Conservation Park, with coastal sand dunes and a ruggedly beautiful coastline perfect for nature lovers and families.

## Plan your journey

Before you go, take some time to learn how to visit well and safely. You'll need to book at [parks.sa.gov.au](https://parks.sa.gov.au) before you go for most tours, and the website also has information to inspire and inform your visit.

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### Acknowledgement of Country

The Limestone Coast region is located on the traditional lands of the Buandig, Bindjali, Pinechunga and Ngarrindjeri people. We pay respect to Elders past and present, recognising and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs, and relationship with the land.

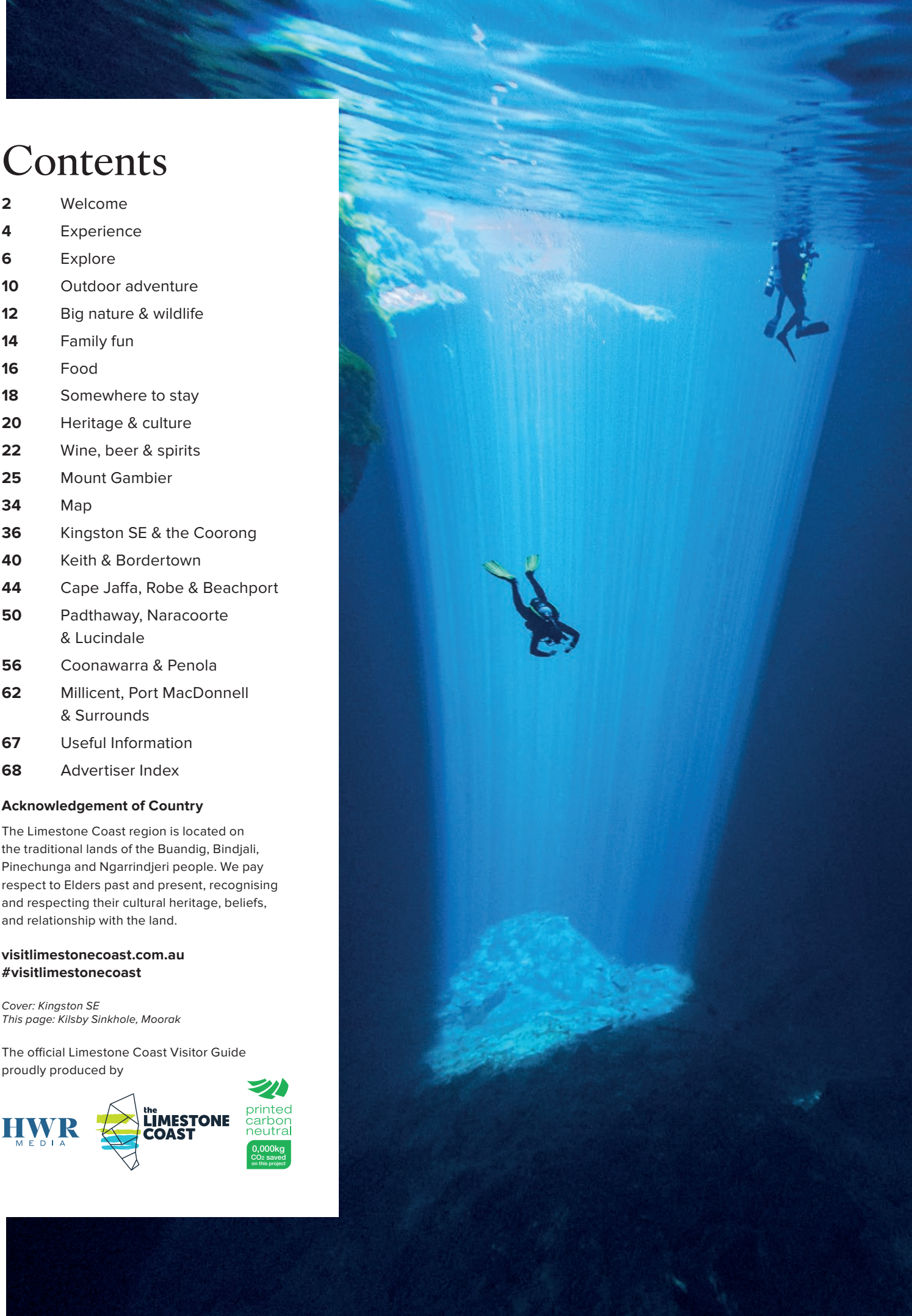
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# Welcome to our place!

You probably know us as a place of unspoilt beaches and brilliant seafood – and for good reason! After all, we’ve got 400 kilometres of wild and wonderful coastline.

But we’re much more than a beautiful coast.

We’ve got a huge country backyard, one that enjoys warm days and cool nights, perfect conditions for growing the region’s world-famous Coonawarra vineyards. Our rich farmland also raises golden grain, plentiful potatoes and fat cattle, including Australia’s highest quality, full-blood Wagyu. (With our premium lobster, the Limestone Coast can legitimately lay claim to serve the nation’s finest ‘surf and turf’...)

As for the ‘limestone’ in our name, this was formed 25 million years ago and underpins much of what makes our attractions so distinctive, including a legacy of caves and sinkholes. The 500,000-year-old Naracoorte Caves are World Heritage-listed for the wealth of megafauna fossils discovered in 1969. And divers come from all over for the unrivalled water clarity of our sinkholes, like Kilsby and Ewens Ponds.

Our towns tell remarkable stories. Penola was home to Australia’s first saint, Mary MacKillop. Robe was one of South Australia’s busiest ports in the 1850s. And the big little city of Mount Gambier, sitting on the side of a dormant volcano, truly deserves the epithet ‘unique’. Above ground, you’ll find a city that mixes lakeside leisure with thriving arts and a colourful cafe culture; below ground, you’ll discover a whole new world...

So, enjoy our sublime coast, but be sure to go a little deeper – you’ll be amazed at what you find.

*Walk the Limestone Coast*





# Experience

## Feast on fresh lobster

The southern rock lobster (or crayfish) is the Limestone Coast's most celebrated delicacy. Enjoy it thermidor-style at a local restaurant or embrace true luxury – buy it fresh from the fish factory, cook it up and savour it by the sea. You'll also find it reinvented in lobster croissants, crayfish pizza, scrambled eggs and hearty lobster pies!

Scan the QR code for more information on ultimate seafood experiences.



Ottelia, Coonawarra

## Tour the Coonawarra

Take to the fabulous Coonawarra Rail Trail. However you go – by foot, by bike or by e-bike – you'll be free to savour some of the region's best wineries, stopping for tasting flights, grazing boards and views of sublime vineyards on the famed terra rossa soil. The route is 19 kilometres, it's perfectly flat and, best of all, it requires no nominated driver! Famous Coonawarra Cabernet, anyone?



Drift Café, Robe

## Discover the two sides of Robe

With its sublime beaches, rich maritime history and thriving lobster fishing fleet, Robe embodies the charm of a picture-postcard seaside town. But there's another side to it. Visitors from Adelaide and Melbourne have brought a cosmopolitan energy to its dining, drinking and shopping scene – where boutique sophistication meets the town's signature barefoot vibe.

Southern rock lobster



Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, Mount Gambier

## Fathom the mysteries of the sinkholes

Free-diving fanatics and scuba-fiends love the crystal-clear freshwater sinkholes. There are more than 50 water-filled sinkholes, including the famous Kilsby Sinkhole, plunging 60 metres and renowned for glowing a luminous blue. If you prefer to keep dry, visit the Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul in Mount Gambier; this strange, magical, secret garden blooms in a 20-metre-deep natural well.



Blue Lake/Warwar, Mount Gambier

## Explore an Australian volcano

Mount Gambier sits on a volcanic complex that is endlessly fascinating. Start with a visit to the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre for one of the daily cinematic showings of how the landscape was formed. Then see it for yourself with visits to the city's volcanic lakes, the incredible city sinkhole (Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul) and Engelbrecht Cave (a tour reveals the amazing below-city world).



# Explore



## Cape Jaffa, Robe & Beachport

The fishing ports of Cape Jaffa, Robe and Beachport are popular holiday destinations, with generations of families returning year after year to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and stunning beaches.

- Indulge in a little beachside chic at Robe
- Visit the local wine regions
- Explore the maritime legacies of historic fishing towns
- Enjoy southern rock lobster in season

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## Millicent, Port MacDonnell & surrounds

The southern-most part of the Limestone Coast offers the perfect mix of time-honoured fishing villages (with plenty of lobster boats), family-friendly attractions and a hinterland that's home to volcanic landscapes and sinkholes.

- Adventure on a fishing charter
  - Selfie at SA's southern-most point
- Climb Mount Schank
- Swim in a crystal-clear sinkhole

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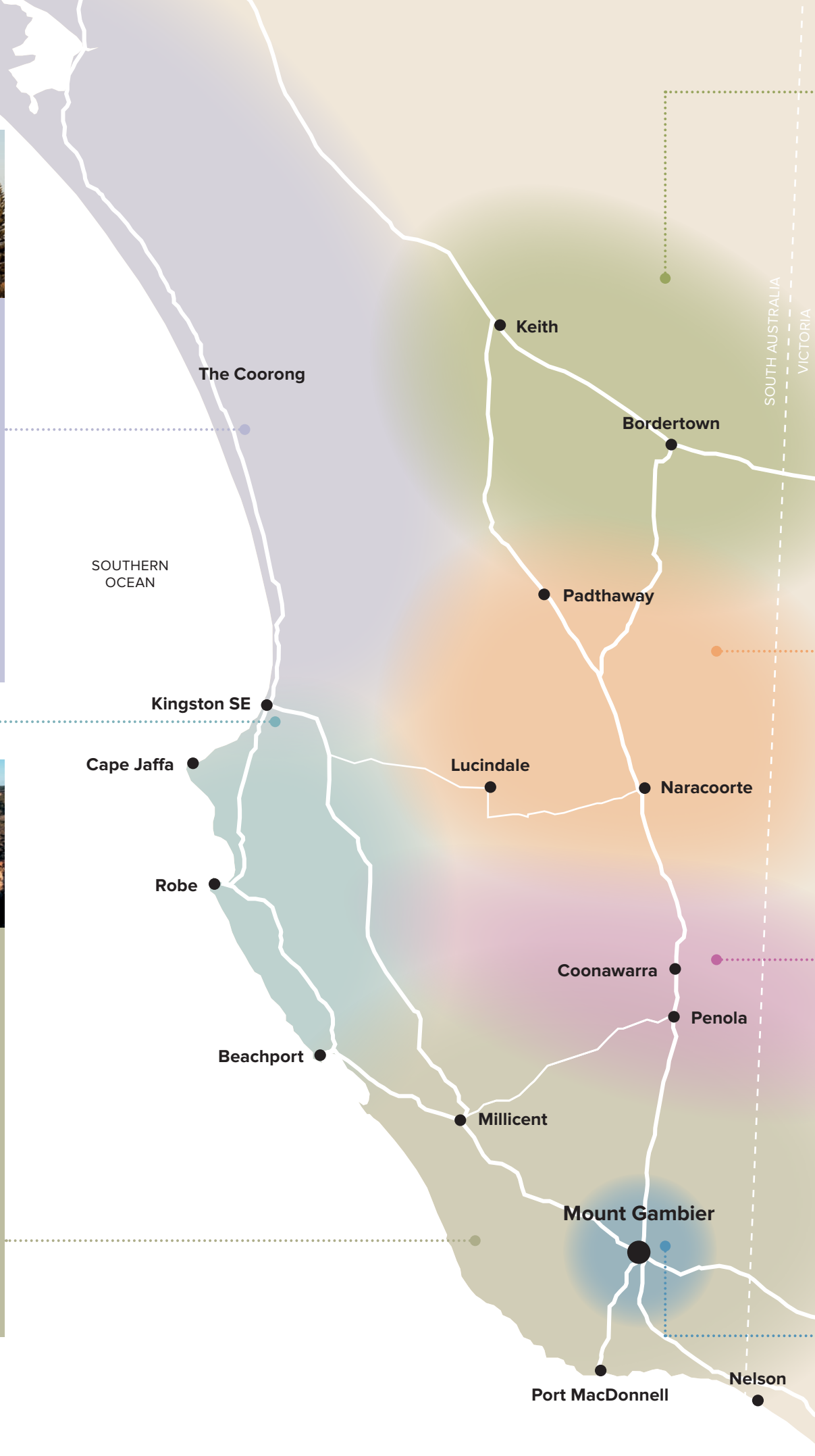


## Kingston SE & the Coorong

The Coorong National Park runs from Kingston SE (the 'gateway' to the Coorong), 140 kilometres to the north. This uninhabited stretch of coast is an important ecosystem and a haven for migrating birds.

- Fish for Coorong mullet
- Go birdwatching on the saline lakes – home to more than 230 species of birds
- Explore the Younghusband Peninsula

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## Padthaway, Naracoorte & Lucindale

Immerse in a region famous for megafauna, wine and fine wool.

- Go underground and back in time to the days of marsupial lions at Naracoorte Caves
- Spend a day birdwatching at Bool Lagoon, a wetland of international importance
- Explore the history of wool growing
- Taste wines in and around Padthaway

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## Coonawarra & Penola

This famed strip of terra rossa is not only a world-renowned wine region, it's also where Mary MacKillop began teaching poor children and started her journey to sainthood.

- Take a walking tour of Coonawarra wineries
- Dine, graze and taste at over 20 wineries
- Explore the life of Australia's first saint

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## Keith & Bordertown

Both towns have a proud history as important rest-stops between Adelaide and Melbourne, serving travellers during the goldrush and the era of steam trains. They still extend a warm welcome and have interesting natural hinterlands that repay the curious traveller.

- See Prime Ministerial memorabilia at the Bob Hawke Gallery
- Climb Mount Monster
- Explore the Historic Drive
  - Camp in Ngarkat Conservation Park

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## Mount Gambier

Mount Gambier is the region's largest centre and the second-largest city in South Australia. It sits close to the Victorian border, built around the slopes of a dormant volcano. This region is also home to famous sinkholes.

- Explore a dormant volcano!
  - Go beneath the city on a cave tour
- Experience the magic of Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul

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# “Let’s meet halfway!”

Make the Limestone Coast  
your halfway point between  
Melbourne and Adelaide



Located between Melbourne and Adelaide, the Limestone Coast is the perfect place to meet up with friends and family. Get together for a long-overdue reunion, double your fun on a shared holiday or simply enjoy a scenic stopover on your interstate road trip – whatever the reason for your trip, the Limestone Coast is where great journeys and great company come together.

Many visitors base themselves in Mount Gambier, home to the stunning Blue Lake/ Warwar, Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, and ancient volcanic landscapes. Others are drawn to the charming coastal towns, where fresh seafood, long beaches and relaxed seaside vibes make for memorable catch-ups. And there’s a swag of country attractions inland – including long lazy afternoons tasting Coonawarra wines, going deep into the Naracoorte Caves World Heritage Site and surrendering to the region’s serene rolling countryside.

Here are four cool road trip suggestions to fill your days...

## Mount Gambier – Mount Schank – Port MacDonnell

**Highlights:** The volcano city, sinkholes and a gorgeous fishing town

**Suggested touring time:** Three days

**Day 1:** Mount Gambier sits on the side of a dormant volcano and offers some of the most extraordinary ‘urban landscapes’ you’re ever likely to see...

For a comprehensive day-tour itinerary, visit page 28. Overnight Mount Gambier.

**Day 2:** Head west to seek out the famous crystal-clear sinkhole of Kilsby; book ahead for a guided snorkelling tour as well as some proper context on these remarkable natural phenomena. You can also taste award-winning Sinkhole brand gin, made with water from the aquifer which feeds Kilsby Sinkhole.

Head to the fishing town of Port MacDonnell at SA’s southernmost point. Check out the town’s fishing fleet and learn about earlier seafaring days at Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum. Other local attractions include a petrified forest, Carpenter’s Rocks and (no surprise) some excellent fish and chip options as well as crayfish in season. Overnight Port MacDonnell.

**Day 3:** Return to Mount Gambier, stopping at the Little Blue Lake south of Mount Gambier.

*Long Beach, Robe*

This popular public swimming area is especially lovely (and less busy) early in the morning; you’re also close to Mount Schank, another volcanic landmark which offers a 100-metre climb and excellent views.

## Mount Gambier – Robe – Beachport – Millicent – Mount Gambier

**Highlights:** The volcano city, beachside chic, wild sands and caves

**Suggested touring time:** Four days

**Day 1:** Explore Mount Gambier (see above)

**Day 2:** Head north to Robe. Once one of South Australia’s busiest ports, it’s now a popular family holiday destination with a strong food culture and a reputation for blending yesteryear charm with barefoot chic. Be sure to relax into the main street vibe, tour, taking time out for big breakfasts, bubble-filled brunches and long lunches. The shopping scene is decidedly upmarket, too. There’s plenty of heritage to explore, much of it told at the Robe Customs House. A night in Robe is always memorable thanks to its lively pubs and more than a few cellar doors. Overnight Robe.

**Day 3:** Head south from Robe to Beachport, stopping to see some of South Australia’s loveliest beaches including those in Beachport Conservation Park. Join the Bowman Scenic Drive for town highlights including the Jetty (one of the longest in SA), dunes on the edge of town and the hypersaline Pool of Siloam, the perfect spot for a gentle float. Overnight Beachport.

**Day 4:** Heading inland, the Millicent Museum houses the Visitor Information Centre, a shipwreck room, a large machinery shed and arguably the best collection of horse drawn vehicles in Australia. Nearby Tantanoola lends its name to a cave system you can explore, as well as the Tantanoola Tiger, a classic piece of South Australian made famous by Max Harris’ poem.

Return to Mount Gambier.

## Mount Gambier – Penola – Naracoorte Caves – Kingston SE – Mount Gambier

**Highlights:** The volcano city, wine country, World Heritage-listed caves, crayfish capital

**Suggested touring time:** Four days

**Day 1:** Explore Mount Gambier.

**Day 2:** Head north to Penola, where Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) and

later became Australia’s first saint. The pretty town is full of Heritage-listed buildings and is easily explored on foot. Penola is your base to explore the many cellar doors around the Coonawarra wine region. Rather than take the car, how about an eBike? It’s the perfect way to do the 19-kilometre Coonawarra Rail Trail which cuts through the region’s famous vineyards. Overnight in Penola.

**Day 3:** Head to Naracoorte to visit South Australia’s only UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Naracoorte Caves. Take a guided walking tour to see the extensive fossil collection of extinct megafauna, including marsupial lions and giant kangaroos. Alternatively, go deeper into the cave network on an exciting down ‘n’ dirty tour.

**Day 4:** Head west to Kingston SE, crayfish capital and home to Larry The Lobster, one of Australia’s iconic ‘big things’. Climb 125 steps at the nearby Cape Jaffa Lighthouse (now a museum) and you’ll get great views over the serene beaches. If it’s lobster season (October 1 to May 31) be sure to head down to the jetty to Lacepede Seafood. Overnight in Kingston SE.

**Day 5:** Return to Mount Gambier.

## Mount Gambier – Penola – Naracoorte – Padthaway – Bordertown – Keith – Adelaide

**Highlights:** The volcano city, wine country, World Heritage-listed caves, a monster of a view, country hospitality and history

**Suggested touring time:** Four days

**Day 1–Day 3:** Follow previous itinerary.

**Day 4:** Leave Naracoorte for Padthaway, another wine region where a few local wineries are serving vintages. Stop at Padthaway Conservation Park (home to a remnant forest of gums) and climb the granite outcrop of Mount Monster for views over the surrounding bush and farmland.

Head to Bordertown, home to the Bob Hawke Gallery and Clayton Heritage Farm Museum, then continue on to the town of Keith. Enjoy a long, leisurely lunch and explore some of the pioneer histories at Keith National Trust Museum. On the way to Tailem Bend and Adelaide, make time to stop at the small town of Coonalpyn: it’s home to a famous silo mural featuring five monochrome portraits of local boys. Painted by Guido van Helten in 2017, it’s been viewed by more than half a *billion* people online.



*Coonawarra Experiences, Penola*

## Touring

You’ll find touring companies operating out of Mount Gambier, Robe, Coonawarra, Beachport and Port MacDonnell. All offer the convenience of tailored itineraries and the insights that can only come with living in the region.

Specialist tours include walking tours, 4WD adventure tours, diving tours and (of course) wine tours.

In the Coonawarra, local wine guides can tailor a tour depending on your tastes or simply show you some of their highlights, quite often with access to the winemakers themselves for a view behind the scenes. Wine touring can be done by minibus or car; you can also tour the Coonawarra wineries by foot or bike.

The region’s many national parks offer guided tours. Naracoorte Caves has a whole menu of specialist tours, including guided tours of Victoria Fossil Cave, as well as tours to encounter bat colonies and caves and participate in a range of adventure caving activities.

Guided Boat tours are available in Robe and Cape Jaffa. There are fishing charters in Port MacDonnell, including Extreme Marine Charters, Port MacDonnell Fishing Charters or Southerly Fishing Charters; also try Seeker Charters out of Beachport.

Scan the QR code  
for more information  
on tours.





# Outdoor adventure

From disc golf to sinkhole diving – the Limestone Coast is home to some of Australia’s most unusual outdoor action attractions

## Freshwater snorkelling, diving and swimming

The volcanic craters and sinkholes in the lower part of the Limestone Coast make for spectacular – and often surreal – swimming, snorkelling and diving experiences. Destinations like **Ewens Ponds** (near Port MacDonnell) and **Kilsby Sinkhole** (near Mount Gambier) offer crystal-clear fresh waters within bizarre geological formations. Ewens Ponds is one of the best freshwater dive sites in Australia, delivering visibility of up to 80 metres (check park closures and alerts before planning your trip). Kilsby Sinkhole sits within a privately-owned paddock (pre-booking is essential!), where you can do a guided snorkelling tour with all the gear provided. **Little Blue Lake** near Mount Schank is a very popular sinkhole but be aware it gets busy and there are no facilities or shade; it is however a terrific stop for a quick dip when you’re heading to the beach. Mount Gambier is home to a diving tour operator called Dive Experience. Further down the road is a dive shop called Allendale East General Store. It’s important to plan your sinkhole visits, as bookings are required to access some locations and slots are limited.

## Golf

The Limestone Coast is home to a swag of golf courses stretching from Kingston SE to Mount Gambier. These include: **Naracoorte Golf Club** (18 holes and one of the top 100 public access golf courses in Australia); **Penola Golf Club** (a highly-regarded par 72 course); **Kingston SE Golf Club** (18 professionally designed holes between dunes and coastal rises); **Robe Golf Club** (18 holes uniquely located a few minutes’ drive from the main street); and **Beachport Golf Club** (nine holes near the caravan park). **Port MacDonnell Golf Club** has a nine-hole par 36 course.

Inland, you’ll find the **Mount Gambier Golf Club** (18-hole, par 72 course named in Australia’s top 100 courses); **Blue Lake Golf Club** (built on the southern side of Mount Gambier’s crater); **The Lucindale Country Club** (18-hole course with watered fairways

and greens set in rolling dunes); and **Millicent Golf Club** (rated as South Australia’s best country course). The volunteer-operated **Bordertown Golf Club** is green all year. Further north in Tatiara country, the long, narrow fairways of **Keith Golf Club** keeps players on their toes.

If you haven’t quite mastered your woods and your irons, try the **Crater Lakes Disc Golf Course** in Mount Gambier where you’ll be throwing a frisbee-like disc instead of whacking a ball. Discs can be hired from the Mount Gambier Visitor Centre. Disc golf also features as part of a rotating program that moves between Millicent, Beachport and Penola. Finally, there’s a brilliant local-themed 18-hole minigolf course; it’s part of the **Blue Lake Golf Club** in Mount Gambier, not far from the Blue Lake/Warwar.

## 4WD adventures

Limestone Coast is home to some of the nation’s longest and most dramatic 4WDing tracks. The **Ngarkat Conservation Park** covers 270,000 hectares with trails through woodlands, heathlands and dunes; it’s also home to the well-known Border Track. **Coorong National Park** is a ribbon of wetlands, salt pans and dunes stretching 180 kilometres from the mouth of the Murray to Kingston SE, and 4WD is the way to access its remoter parts. There are 4WD options at **Long Beach** (12 kilometres of white sand) and **Little Dip Conservation Park** in Robe as

well as **Beachport Conservation Park** and **Canunda National Park** (45 kilometres of open beaches leading to fabulous walking trails, views and a shipwreck).

## In and on the water

There are excellent surf breaks up and down the coast. They include: **The Dump**, **Third Ramp** of Long Beach in Robe; **Stony Rise** in Little Dip Conservation Park; **Post Office Rock**, **Surf Beach** and **Wooley Rock** near Beachport; and **Burdon Beach** near Southend. If you’re new to the sport, there are surf schools at Robe and Beachport. You’ll also find kayaking adventures on the Glenelg River and SUP tours from **Stillwater Paddleboards** at Beachport and Robe. Of course, there’s no shortage of fishing action to be had with great fishing spots off the beaches and jetties all the way down the coast. Fishing Charter Services are also available in Port MacDonnell and Boat Tours of Robe and Cape Jaffa are offered by **Limestone Coast Boat Tours**.

## Exploring caves

Descending deep into the earth is always a thrill and the many chambers of the **Naracoorte Caves** go deeper than most! Naracoorte has a fabulous menu of activities, including a suit-up-and-get-dirty tour that will see you crawling on all fours. **Engelbrecht Cave** in Mount Gambier also does a brilliant 30-minute guided tour; you might even see cave-divers in action...

Scan the QR code for more information on 4WD adventuring.



Little Blue Lake, Mount Schank



Robe



# Big nature & wildlife

Think you've seen it all? Then get ready for dormant volcanoes, marsupial lions, a turquoise lake and white kangaroos

## Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul

Millions of years of weathering has left this 20-metre-deep well in the limestone. Sitting on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, the sinkhole was transformed into an astonishing garden in the late 19th century. The subterranean oasis is lush and green, and a cool respite in summer.

## The Blue Lake/Warwar and Mount Gambier

The Blue Lake/Warwar is an icon and something of an enigma. It fills one of four craters of the dormant volcano that is called Mount Gambier. The lake changes colour, from a steely grey in the cooler months to bright cobalt blues in the summer. The volcano itself is estimated to have last erupted as recently as 4300 years ago; it's circled by a 3.6-kilometre road and walking track. There's an adjacent lake called Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi, which is best viewed from the walking track on the rim of the volcano; the grassed area has covered shelters, outdoor barbecue grills and picnic tables. Close by is the conservation park complete with gorgeous trails and lookouts. (Sorry, no dogs.)

## Naracoorte Caves

World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves National Park is home to a series of caverns, some of which proved traps for unsuspecting animals roaming the continent 500,000 years ago. Visitors can enjoy the caves with a series of tours to see incredible cave formations, colonies of rare bent-wing bats and the remnants of marsupial lions and giant kangaroos. Adventure cave options are available for those who don't mind going deep and getting dirty. Great camping options here, too.

## Tantanoola Caves

One of few wheelchair-accessible caves in Australia, Tantanoola is also one of the most spectacular. Discovered by a 16-year-old boy in 1930, it features spectacular stalactites and wedding cake formations that are as colourful as they are prehistoric. ForestrySA

has a self-drive forest trail, plus walks and tours. Pre-book an access pass.

## Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park

The park is famous for its ponds (presently closed to snorkellers and divers for regeneration of aquatic vegetation), however there is a lot more to see. Take a walk along the beach to see freshwater springs bubbling up onto the sand; there's also a walking trail through coastal wattle and beard heath, offering views of the Southern Ocean.

## Mount Schank

Mount Schank is a mystical dormant volcano located in the Mount Schank State Heritage Area, 10 kilometres south of Mount Gambier. The ash cone rises 100 metres above sea level and has strong connections to the Boandik people through oral history of giant ancestor, Craitbul. A two-kilometre walk around the rim provides a bird's eye view into the crater and over the surrounding farmland.

## White kangaroos

Bordertown is home to Australia's only colony of white kangaroos, resident at Bordertown Wildlife Park since the 1980s. Contrary

to popular belief, these kangaroos are not albino, but a white strain of the western grey kangaroo. Stroll the perimeter of the park to see these striking marsupials among their western grey counterparts in a bushland setting.

## The Coorong

The Coorong is a 180-kilometre stretch of saline lagoons fringed by vast dune systems. Though mostly wilderness (the 140-kilometre-long National Park was established in 1966) it has sustained the Ngarrindjeri people for millennia.

The vast Younghusband Peninsula beach that runs roughly north-south can be driven in its entirety using suitably equipped vehicles, however it can also be accessed by a series of entry points, mostly by unsealed roads heading off the B1. The park features a series of walking trails and scenic campgrounds found on both sides of the lagoons. The region is internationally significant as a migratory wader and waterfowl refuge, visited by some 230 species of birds.

Kingston SE is a popular gateway to the Coorong.

Scan the QR code for more information on nature and wildlife.



Naracoorte Caves National Park



Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, Mount Gambier



# Family fun

Scan the QR code for more information on the best playgrounds.



## Limestone Coast knows just how to keep the kids sweet...

### Watch camels being milked on a farm!

Get the kids on the Morning Milking Tour of Robe's Humpalicious Camel Farm. They'll see camels being milked, hand feed the babies and get to taste delicious camel milk gelato and milkshakes! The farm also offers a solar powered electric buggy camel safari: your guide will take you among the herd as they feed, providing some wild photo opportunities.

### Meet George the Farmer

George the Farmer has been made popular though a series of kids' books. Now George has a brand new concept store in Penola (where he was born!). His shop is stocked with farm and educational products that can help educate and inspire the next generation of innovators, makers, fixers, creatives, teachers, policy makers and – of course – farmers.

### Reach for the beach

While you're spoiled for choice when it comes to beaches, Robe and Beachport tick all the boxes for families. Robe's Long Beach and Beachport's Town Beach offer safe swimming, squeaky white sands and gentle lapping waters – everything you need to indulge in the joys of beach cricket, castle-building, shell collecting and even some boogie boarding if the grommets are up for it. If you've got a 4WD you can take them on an adventure along the 190-kilometre stretch of beach at Kingston to experience the awesome Granites; these giant boulders have been smoothed by the sea for millennia, making an easy climb for little explorers at low tide. If you're staying in Robe, the Discovery Parks caravan park has an in-house nature park, with a double flying fox, hanging basket swings and a number of treehouses.

### Love those lakes

Manmade Naracoorte Swimming Lake is seven times bigger than an Olympic pool, with lush lawns and an ankle-deep section for toddlers. Millicent Swimming Lake has a shallow beach, plus a pontoon for teens. There are many lakes to explore across the entire region. Walk the 500-metre-long boardwalk across the wetlands of Bool Lagoon or try your luck at yabbingy

at Cockatoo Lake Recreation Area. The Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi area in Mount Gambier has a large playground and a conservation park to boot (no doggies allowed). Just out of town, strong swimmers and thrill-seeking teens will love Little Blue Lake, which is 40 metres wide and ringed by cliffs; be aware however it gets really busy (early morning is best) and there are no facilities or shade..

### Plunge into Pools

Mount Gambier's **Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre** is a state-of-the-art multipurpose facility with an indoor 25-metre pool, 50-metre outdoor pool, learn-to-swim pool and warm water program pool. There's also a children's splash pad complete with water slides and bucket dumps. An on-site café is ready for when tummies begin to rumble...

**Penola** is home to a five-lane, 30-metre heated pool, with toddler pool covered by shade sails. In **Nangwarry**, the pool is free of charge, with shades and a barbecue. **Millicent** has a swimming lake. The **Bordertown Swimming Pool** is also a hit with families, with an on-site playground, picnic tables and a novelty water feature for little tackers. There's also a solar-heated pool in **Keith**.

### Burn some energy!

**Kaboom** is a huge play centre in Mount Gambier complete with tenpin bowling, nine-hole indoor mini golf course and a two-level games hub called Gamezone (think air hockey, car racing and prize machines). Kids can 'flip out' at the nearby **Arena 51 Trampoline Park**, a place for climbing, bouncing and parkour. And **The Domain** in Millicent offers a 'Mega Playground', skate park and nature play area. Still with energy-burning, there are plenty of pump tracks across the region.

### Family fun in the winelands

Plenty of wineries in the region welcome families with play spaces and kids' menus. In Coonawarra, **Raidis Estate** has a safe and fully-enclosed lawn area where the kids can go free-range, as well as indoor and outdoor toys and 'Pizza and Tunes' days through

summer. **Bellwether Wines** has an extensive produce garden and friendly farm animals, with a swing, treehouse and sandpit. At **Rymill**, there's a toy box for the little ones as well as options for fish-feeding in the front pond and plenty of lawns for ball games. **Balnaves** has kids' snack boxes and picnics by the pond; **DiGiorgio Family Wines** has snack packs, lawns and outdoor toys; and **Brands Laira** offers pastries, platters, toy boxes and a play space.

### All the excitement of caves

When you're a kid, is there anything more exciting than going underground? The sounds, the smells, the darkness, that weird temperature – and let's not forget fossils and the promise of marsupial lions...

At fabulous Naracoorte, young kids love the **Alexandra Cave Tour** (it's short and sweet at 30 to 40 minutes) and the **Fossil Hunters Playground**; the latter is an adventure playground complete with mini caves and fossils to discover. Older kids thrill to the **Bat Cave tour** and **adventure caving**, when they get suited up to go crawling in the deeper, darker recesses. Other subterranean adventures await at **Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park**, **Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul** and **Engelbrecht Cave**. **Hell's Hole**, 20 kilometres from Mount Gambier, is a 'cenote', a sinkhole that extends into open water. It's also in the middle of a forest!



Long Beach, Robe

Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, Mount Gambier



# Food

## Bring your appetite!

### Local ingredients to look out for

Wagyu beef, local lamb and southern rock lobster. Still with seafood, try deep sea tuna, mullet, salmon, whiting and mulloway.

### Fine diners and local heroes

In Mount Gambier, **Elementary by Soul Co** is a destination restaurant for an intimate dining experience of locally grown produce paired with an international wine list; The Henty's restaurant **Noky** does great food (book ahead!) and the recently refurbished **Mac's Hotel** has some of the regions' best pub food. The **South Australian Hotel** offers an elevated dining experience with stylish spaces. Choose from 'The Blue Room', a moody, intimate setting with booth seating, or restaurant 'Seventy-eight', with open kitchen and a seasonal menu. **Presto Eatery**, located behind a heritage shopfront, is a vibrant, modern café with a national Restaurant Catering Award under its belt; a new '**Little Presto**' is now serving food across the road from Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre.

**Ottelia** (Coonawarra) has a daily menu with local ingredients, including produce from the kitchen garden, prepared by head chef, Paul Stone. **The Caledonian Inn** (Robe) is celebrated for the seafood menu; the pub enjoys a prime main street location that's just moments from the beach. Foodies make a pilgrimage to Penola for two good reasons: St Mary MacKillop's town is home to **Pipers of Penola** (intimate, award-winning restaurant serving regional produce) and **The Royal Oak Penola** (a stunning old pub with lovely courtyard/beer garden and reliably good pub fare).

### Land of the lobster

Treat yourself between October 1 and May 31, when many Limestone Coast cafés and restaurants start listing the much-loved local catch. **Lacepede Seafood** in Kingston offers a quintessential lobster experience: dine-in on a whole lobster in this popular fish and chip shop or take home specialties like lobster paté. Try **Salt Café and Bar** in Port MacDonnell (seafood platters with views over the foreshore so you can watch the lobster boats coming in) or go high end at **Sails Restaurant** in Robe (book a day ahead). If you prefer to DIY, **Sky Seafoods** in Robe

sells the catch of the day live or cooked, as does **The Lobster Pot** in Beachport. Don't forget to try a crayfish pie (**OK Pie Shop**, Mount Gambier), a crayfish pizza (**Bay Pizzeria**, Port MacDonnell) or even Lobster chilli scrambled eggs (**Tide Espresso Bar**, Port MacDonnell).

### Where's the beef?

**Mayura Station** near Millicent is home to Australia's only full-blood Wagyu beef, which is hand-fed on all sorts of natural, flavour-enhancing exotica. On Thursday to Saturday, Mayura offers a four-course chef-prepared menu utilising the best cuts of Wagyu available on the day. Meat lovers on less extravagant budgets will find themselves brilliantly catered to at **The Barn Steakhouse** in Ob Flat near Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell.

### Graze beside the vines

Seek out a cellar door to while away a sun-filled afternoon. In Coonawarra, try **Rymill** (grazing platters, picnics and paired wines), **Brand's Laira** (soups, ploughmans and pastries in a gorgeous contemporary cellar door) and **Raidis Estate** (platters for two in a lovely rustic winery). **Cape Jaffa Wines** in Mount Benson does local platters served out of a cruisy cellar door with vineyard views; and **Farmer's Leap Wines** in Padthaway does grazing boards plus monthly pizza and pasta nights.

### Café and coffee culture

Limestone Coast has a buzzy bean scene, especially in Mount Gambier. In the big town, you're spoiled for choice but we can't go past **Bay Blue Espresso Bar** (home to some of the best brews in town), **Confession** (serving Latin American and Sumatran blends in a lush art-filled interior), **Noto Panino** (also serving authentic panino and piadi and **Bricks and Mortar Coffee Co.** (for your locally-roasted small batch brews).

Further afield, other faves include **Moss and Wild** in Penola (intimate on the inside, quaint on the outside), **Henry and Rose** in Keith (gorgeous interior and awesome homewares,) **Harvest Providore** in Keith (also selling local fresh produce including meats and cheeses) and **Waterfront Café at the**

**Jetty** in Beachport (with ocean views and a playground next door so kids magically disappear...) Look out for the **Mahalia Coffee** brand across the region – roasted in Robe.

### Brilliant bakeries

Difficult to only name a few but here goes... In Mount Gambier, try **ScRoll Queen** for Australia's best scrolls; **Metro Bakery and Café** for time-honoured traditions where every croissant is hand-folded 60 times; and the **OK Pie Shop**, which is 70 years young and home to the crayfish pie (in season). **Moments to Savour** is a boutique bakery dedicated to super-lush cakes; their new shopfront is open on Saturdays.

In Robe, **The Pastry Place** does a crayfish croissant, **Rise of Robe** has a cult following for its Portuguese tarts and **Andy's Bakery** in Millicent offers mouthwatering treats such as rhubarb pies and VoVo tarts. **Baked at Beachport** does delicious rhubarb scrolls as well as coconut, chocolate and raspberry macarons. The intriguing **Morning Loaf Bakery** in Bordertown is built over the old police station!

### Kings of the road

The region is home to a lively (and lovely!) fleet of food trucks and vans, which are especially active in summer. Look out for the **Fat Mullet** food van around the region; run by chef Tobias Gush and caterer Emma Reeves, they serve restaurant quality food and local produce (including crayfish and mullet). Where will they pop up next?

In Robe, look out for **Mike's Beef Jerky** and Beachside Bites, which does burgers and bacon and egg rolls. **Turk Bey** are often seen around Coonawarra and Naracoorte serving up Turkish street food. And **Dough and Dough** mobile pizza does luscious Italian pizza on 72-hour-femented bases.

**Happi Belli Vietnamese** (Millicent) and **Nacho Average Taco** (Mount Gambier) are also popular. New **Lumberjack's BBQ** is often seen serving wood-fired meaty goodness in Mount Gambier. In Beachport, the **Lions Hot Donut** van is something of an institution, selling fresh hot cinnamon doughnuts and donating the proceeds to community projects.

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*DiGiorgio Family Wines, Coonawarra*



# Somewhere to stay



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## Beach retreats, cool stays and great escapes

### Luxe it up

New **Warrawindi Escapes** provides a high-end, off-grid experience 30 minutes north of Mount Gambier. Two contemporary retreats are hidden away on a family-run farm, with no detail spared to ensure a comfortable and relaxing stay among natural surrounds. **Stony Rise Lodge** is a luxury hosted lodge on the edge of Little Dip National Park, Robe. The retreat-style rooms are beautifully appointed and can be fully catered if required. It's surrounded by bush with a track leading to a wild stretch of coast. Mount Gambier is home to **Delgattie Estate**, an elegant 1902 property with three private suites as well as a sumptuous dining hall, billiard lounge and outdoor entertaining area. **Church on the Hill** in Robe is an open-plan three-bedroom escape facing Front Beach and enjoying sweeping Southern Ocean views. And **Wrights Bay House**, tucked away in dunes near Mount Benson, enjoys uninterrupted sea views and access to a secluded beach. Historic **Harbour Masters House** in Beachport is by the jetty, between the ocean and the centre of town. The only absolute ocean front property in Beachport, it enjoys restored historic features and modern amenities. Finally, check out **Customs House** in Port McDonnell. This imposing 1862 ocean front property has undergone a transformation to offer two- and three-bedroom self-contained apartments and the 'ultimate seaside guest house experience'.

### Canvas and sinkholes

**Bellwether Winery** in Coonawarra has six luxury bell tents (with carpets, beds, cushions and throws) surrounded by 400-year-old gum trees, 1860s stone buildings and campfires. They serve their wines in a rustic shearing shed, they can arrange camp oven roasts on request and invite guests to help out in the herb garden. The **Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park**, north of Penola, offers lakeside family fun and a whole range of canvas options from glamping and eco-camping to its famous 'Bubble Tents' (geodesic domes with windows to the night sky). **Mountain Path Meadows** at Mount Schank, halfway between Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell, has off-grid geodesic glamping domes. One of the region's most famous water attractions now has its own accommodation! **Kilsby Sinkhole Villas** comprises four two-bedroom retreats.

*Stony Rise Lodge, Robe*

The self-catering villas are within metres of the sinkhole and each can sleep up to six.

### Retreat to a winery

There are plenty of cute cottages and bonny B&Bs in the wine region, and let's face it, no-one likes to be the designated driver... Try **The Menzies Retreat**, Penola (contemporary accommodation amongst Yalumba vines); **The Winemakers House at The Blok**, Penola (a three-bedroom house tucked away in the vines and walking distance to many Coonawarra cellar doors); and **Padthaway Estate**, Padthaway (gracious old 1881 estate with self-contained Shearer's Quarters and Lawson Cottage; the latter is the district's first permanent dwelling, dating back to 1847).

### Mid-range accommodation

For quality hotel and motel accommodation, try **The Commodore** and the **Mount Gambier Hotel** (both in Mount Gambier offering superior motel accommodation with restaurants). **Comfort Inn The Lakes** enjoys an elevated position, excellent views and an indoor heated pool; and **Aloha** offers self-contained apartments.

Try also: **The Harbour View Motel** in Robe (with newly renovated rooms including top floor suites with harbour views); **Splash By The Sea** (attractive cottage accommodation behind Robe's Caledonian Inn); **Alexander Cameron Suites** in the centre of Penola; and **Naracoorte Hotel Motel** (complete with Billy Mac's Bistro).

**The Avenue Inn** in Naracoorte is a 4-Star motel with a licensed restaurant; in the same town, **The William McIntosh** is across from the golf course and has 30 rooms and a restaurant. At Beachport you'll find a twinned offering of **Bonnies** (serviced apartments) and **Bompas**; the latter has terrific views of the harbour. **The Somerset Hotel** in Millicent is part of the lively pub complete with affordable bar menus and a beautiful new bar.

### Travelling light

There are caravan parks and campgrounds across the Limestone Coast, many of them ranged along the southern half of the coast. Be sure to book ahead before the school holidays. The Coorong has a string of unpowered campgrounds along its length, run by National Parks and costing \$18 a night.



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# Heritage & culture

## The Limestone Coast has stories to tell

### Engage with First Nations culture

For at least 30,000 years, the Limestone Coast has been home to the Boandik, Bindjali and Ngarrindjeri people. Their culture and traditions are honoured throughout towns, national parks and forestry reserves by sharing their stories through interpretive signage and exhibitions. For an immersive First Nations experience, join a tour with Boandik elder, **Uncle Ken Jones**, for a cultural and foraging journey along the Port MacDonnell coastline. You can also purchase **Auntie Michelle's** digital story-telling self-drive map 'Growing Up On Boandik Country'.

### Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Mount Gambier's **Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre** is a must, with local artists exhibiting alongside works of serious national importance. The state's foremost regional collection consists of over 1500 items, from paintings and prints depicting the people and history of the Limestone Coast to a significant collection of Aboriginal and 20th century Australian art. The Centre has regular free screenings of *Craitbul* & *Volcano*, a one-hour, big-screen experience that shows how Mount Gambier was formed, seen through both Aboriginal and European lenses.

### Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre

Penola is home of the **Mary MacKillop Penola Centre**. Canonised in 2010, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop forged her legacy of childhood education here, teaching out of a series of make-do shelters until founding the St Joseph's Schoolhouse in 1867. The Centre is adjacent the school and across the road from the old timber and stone cottages of Petticoat Lane.

### Walkway Gallery & Bob Hawke Museum

The **Walkway Gallery** in Bordertown attracts national and state touring exhibitions, with household names taking centre stage alongside local legends. The **Bob Hawke Gallery** houses

a trove of Hawke memorabilia, from historic photographs and paintings to the legendary 1939 British Panther model 100 motorbike he crashed as a teenager.

### Heritage walks

The towns and villages of the Limestone Coast are rich with history, which can be explored on self-paced walking trails. Stroll the streets of **Robe** for histories of early port life as well as more than 16,000 Chinese who landed here before walking to the Victorian Goldfields. On the **Kingston Heritage Trail**, explore 35 sites including the Cape Jaffa Lighthouse. In **Mount Gambier**, follow interpretive signs to see some of South Australia's oldest heritage hotels. **Walk the Limestone Coast** offers specialised walking tours including Taste the Aussie Camino pilgrimage, which explores landscape, history and the Mary MacKillop story. Its new **Escape Tour** combines heritage, landscape and the best of the region's food and wine..

### Small towns, big stories

Built in 1863, the beautiful **Glencoe Woolshed** near Mount Gambier is

a museum dedicated to the days of hand-shearing using blades. Never converted to mechanised shearing, the old interior is as evocative as it is fascinating. The **Millicent Museum** surprises visitors with its size and diversity of its collections. It includes a shed housing a collection of restored buggies and carts, reputedly the biggest in Australia. The story of Millicent from pre-settlement times is in an adjacent complex and includes a shipwreck room, a machinery collection and beautiful period costumes. **Clayton Farm Heritage Museum** near Bordertown is on the former home of the Wiese family and consists of a group of historical thatched buildings and sheds, including the largest thatched structure in the Southern Hemisphere.

The **Port MacDonnell & District Maritime Museum** shares dramatic tales of how over 30 ships came to grief along the rugged local coast; you'll also find displays on little penguins (which dwell on the edge of town) and how this fishing village became known as 'Australia's southern rock lobster capital'. The newly ungraded **Port MacDonnell Community Complex Gallery** hosts regular art exhibitions.

Scan the QR code for more information on heritage and culture.



*Bush Adventures, Port MacDonnell*

*Cape Jaffa Lighthouse, Kingston*



# Wine, beer & spirits

Six wine regions and a swag of cellar door experiences? We'll drink to that

## Cellar door experiences

There are dozens of cellar doors in the Limestone Coast (with 21 in the Coonawarra) offering tastings, wine sales, grazing plates – and occasionally something more.

In the Coonawarra, **Zema Estate** does privately hosted tasting experiences with a member of the Zema family; you can also purchase Mrs Zema's homemade chilli paste and olive oil from the cellar door. At **DiGiorgio Family Wines**, you can tour the ancient terra rossa and 100-year-old vines before sipping from the barrel and feasting on Nonna's meatballs. And at **Raidis Estate**, choose from a long lunch with winemakers (including a guided tasting) or chill out with one of the 'Pizza and Tunes' events.

At **Wynns Coonawarra Estate**, wannabe winemakers can live their dream with the Make Your Own Blend experience.

And at **Bellwether Wines**, there's private tours and tastings, as well as an invitation to get hands-on with making sourdough and helping in the garden (where you can bag an armful of organic goodies for your next meal). **Katnook Estate** has history dating back to 1867 and a delightful stone cellar door with a 'terra rossa pit' illustrating how the famous soil influences flavour profiles. **Patrick of Coonawarra** does chocolate and wine tasting, with chocs from one of SA's finest chocolatiers, Red Cacao.

**Leconfield's** contemporary cellar door is part of the winery and offers hosted wine tastings. **Majella Wines** is one of Australia's most awarded small wineries; its celebrated vintages are offered at the substantial cellar door. And **Bowen Estate** is a classic family-owned small-production winery – they do just three varieties and have been serving wines for 40 years.

**Cuvée-Co Wines** have opened an outlet in Penola's Old Post Office (POPO!), showcasing winemaker Peta Baverstock's beautiful sparkling wines. Peta is behind many of the top-notch method-champenoise sparkling wines produced across the region.

The majestic Padthaway Homestead was built in 1882. Its 1901 woolshed is home

to **Padthaway Estate Winery** where the famous 'Eliza' is produced on Australia's only traditional French Cochard Champagne Press. Accommodation is available in the original shearers quarters and 1847 Lawson Cottage. Travel just four kilometres south of the township to find the architecturally designed **Farmer's Leap** cellar door. Enjoy fine wines and delicious food or just relax with a coffee.

In Robe, **Woodsoak** and **Karratta Wines** have their cellar doors in the main street. Sit at one of Woodsoak's tables on the main street to people watch, while enjoying tastings from the Indian bar wheeled outside daily (don't miss a glass of sparkling with a side of samosa!). Plus, they now have a courtyard out the back with a cute caravan serving cocktails in summer. At Karatta Wines and Gallery you can enjoy a wine tasting while browsing the highly regarded art gallery featuring local and global artists; there's also a new outdoor area with a lawn for lounging in the sunshine. In summer, you'll often find local wineries popping up in the local caravan parks for tastings.

**Mount Benson Estate**, midway between Cape Jaffa and Robe, prides itself on its Shiraz; visitors can find out more on a tour of the 'vineyard by the ocean' with tastings to follow. **Wild Game Wine** cellar door occupies a charming converted horse stable in Naracoorte; the venue hosts plenty of art and live music and opens onto a large grassed area with verandah.

For more insight into the wine regions as well as your own designated driver, don't go past a wine tour. **Coonawarra Experiences**, for example, offers half- and full-day wine tour experiences with lunch included. And if you're looking for a 'one-stop-drop' try a tasting at **Parker Estate**: you'll be offered wines, beers and gins, all made on-site!

## It's not all about wine...

Maybe there's something in the water? Blessed with pristine, naturally filtered H<sub>2</sub>O, the region has very happily turned its hand to making all manner of wine, gin and even a few hybrids of the two...

**Craft beers: Robe Town Brewery** is home to the only wood-fired brewing kettle in Australia. Grab a tasting paddle and a cheese platter and go on the journey – there are some 30 beers to choose from in the tasting shed. **Loophole Brewing Co.** is co-located at Cape Jaffa Wines and uses water from a natural aquifer – expect some interesting wine hybrids like a beer infused with biodynamic Gewürztraminer. **Woolstore Brewery** in Mount Gambier is housed in the middle of the Railway Lands precinct, with an awesome nature playground and public entertainment space close by (dogs welcome!); and **Little Rippa Brewing Co.** is a triple threat with delicious small batch beers, wood-fired dining and a rustic rural venue with awesome rural views.

**Gin:** Don't miss the region's growing number of gin producers. **St. Mary's Wines** in Penola has transformed their age-old vineyard into a gin-lover's sanctuary and managed to impress the judges' eye at the 2021 GinNation Awards and 2022 American Distilling Institute Awards. There's a surprise awaiting guests and visitors at **Robe Holiday Park**, where Robe Gin is winning plenty of friends. The winemakers at **Parker Estate** have turned their hand to create Cabernet and Rosé-infused spirits. And for a gin with a difference, there's **Sinkhole Gin**, made from the famous limestone-filtered waters of the Kilsby Sinkhole.

**Others:** Looking for something different? The region is now home to its very own spiced cane spirit and vodka. Mulligan's Rum and Mulligan's vodka are produced at **St Mary's** vineyard.

## CHEERS PATRICK!

Relax in scenic surroundings at **Patrick of Coonawarra**, enjoy a delicious platter, explore unique tasting experiences, and savour the perfect blend of artisan chocolate with premium wine or bold Cabernet and Cricket pairing.

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*Bellwether Wines, Coonawarra*





DiGiorgio Family Wines, Coonawarra

## The wine regions of the Limestone Coast

### Coonawarra

A pocket of rich red soil has helped take the name 'Coonawarra' to all corners of the globe. This may account for why many visitors are surprised to find the Coonawarra wine region is actually quite small and easily toured. The parcel of famed terra rossa is home to two dozen cellar doors, many of them north of the gorgeous historic town that is Penola.

### Padthaway

Established as a grape-growing region in the 1960s, Padthaway is now very much a wine producer of note, known for growing some of the finest Shiraz and Chardonnay in the country. There are two operating cellar doors, though you can also call ahead to arrange a tasting by appointment at an ever-increasing number of smaller producers.

### Robe

The Robe wine region saw its first vines planted in the mid-1990s. The region's vines

benefit from cooling breezes off lakes in the east and the Southern Ocean to the west, as well as wind protection from the nearby Woakwine Range. Result? A long, cool, dry growing season that produces flavourful wines. Look out for three cellar doors in town, as well as local wineries popping up in the local caravan parks for tastings over summer.

### Wrattenbully

Wrattenbully supplied an Adelaide Hills jam manufacturer with grapes back in the 1880s, however the region's first wine grapes weren't planted until the 1960s. In the 1990s, winemakers started to take notice of the elevated sites and excellent soils of the region; today Wrattenbully produces high-quality reds, with parcels owned by some of the country's most prominent names.

### Mount Benson

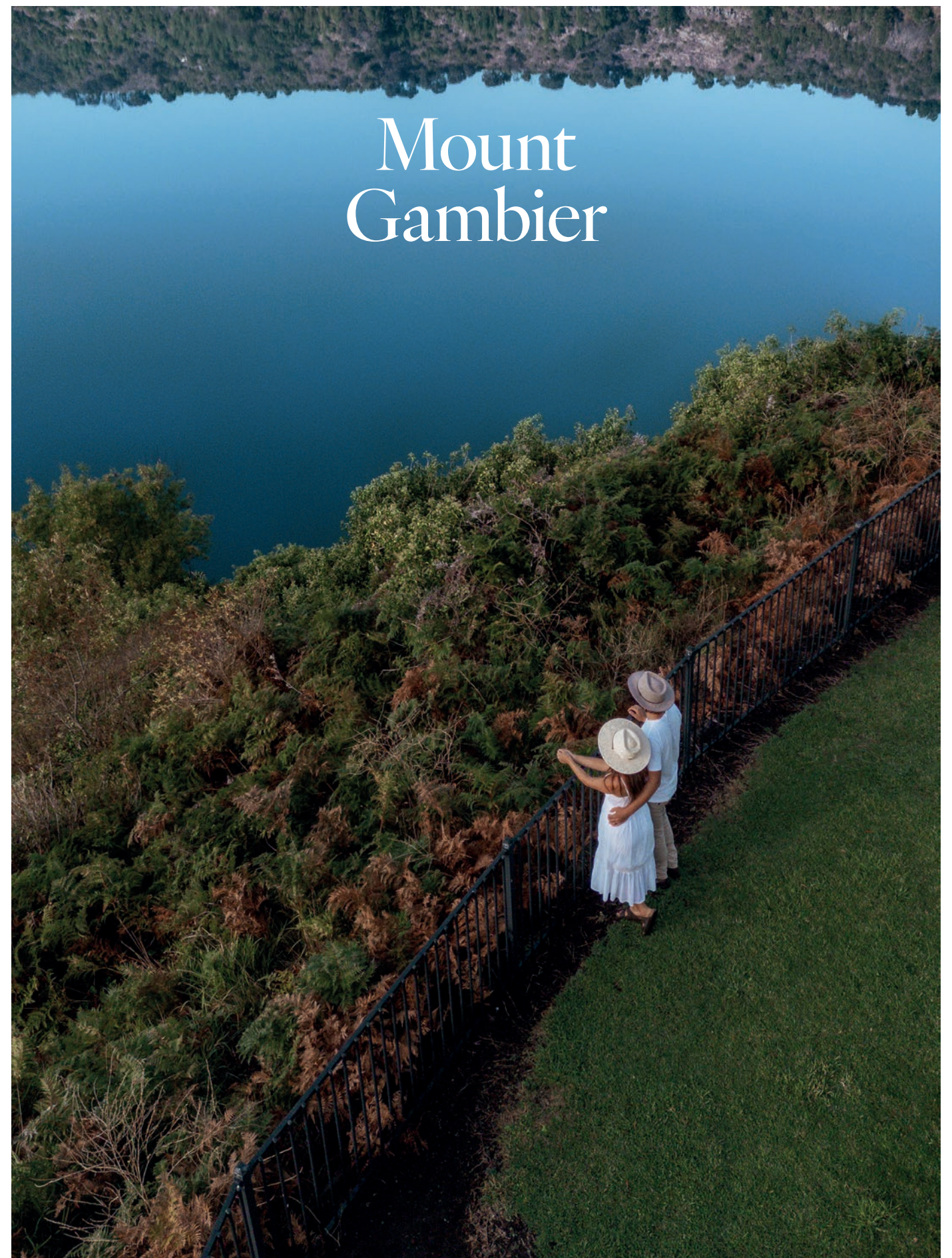
The Mount Benson wine region is one of the Limestone Coast's newest official wine regions, with more than 600 hectares of vines and seven cellar doors. The moderate

climate, together with its loam-based terra rossa soils, produce premium Cabernet, Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

### Mount Gambier

Established as a viticultural region in 1982 and with just 270 hectares under vine, Mount Gambier is a burgeoning region producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of note. Small boutique wineries, many of them family-owned, are springing up with cellar doors. They are open for tastings, some on weekends but most by appointment. In 2010, Mount Gambier became the latest G.I. to be included in the viticultural zoning for grapes.

Scan the QR code for more information on the Limestone Coast wine regions.



Blue Lake/Warwar, Mount Gambier





Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, Mount Gambier



## MOUNT GAMBIER

South Australia's second-largest city is a destination for explorers, wanderers and treasures hunters. It's the place for anyone with a love for landscape – and a curiosity about what lies beneath it...

Mount Gambier sits on the side of a volcano, affording it membership to a rather exclusive club that includes cities like Naples, Auckland, Quito, Seattle and Reykjavik.

Mount Gambier was declared a city in 1954 and today it's home to a little under 30,000 people. Positioned halfway between Adelaide and Melbourne, it makes for a perfect base from which to explore the many attractions of the region.

The volcano hasn't erupted for more than 4300 years though it's no less spectacular for that, lending the city a remarkable topography

and some extraordinary features found nowhere else. This includes the geological crater lakes, caves and sinkholes that have become integrated into everyday life.

Synonymous with Mount Gambier is the **Blue Lake/Warwar**, a water body that fills the volcanic crater on the southern edge of the city. The water can show as a vibrant cobalt or even turquoise blue from November to March, before transforming to a steely grey in winter – a phenomenon said to be caused by the formation of calcite crystals, in turn caused by the warming of the lake.

The nearly-round waterbody is almost a kilometre across and encircled by a road and walking track, with a number of viewing points. The lake is part of the Crater Lakes Peri-Urban Park – home to four craters and two lakes – which provides a range of activities including walking, cycling, disc golf and an adventure playground, all set within this distinctive environment.

One of the city's most photographed locations is the remarkable **Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul**. Though set within the fabric of the city, the sinkhole is some 20 metres deep and rich with botanical gardens. These were first planted in the late 1800s as something of a Victorian curio. Today it's a must-see attraction. **Cave Garden/Thugi** is another city sinkhole and provides a lovely picnic spot at what was once the water supply to the early settlers.

Hidden away in a perfectly ordinary residential part of the city is **Engelbrecht**

### COOL POOL!

**Blue Lake Holiday Park** has 27 acres of gardens set within Mount Gambier's amazing volcanic landscape. Families love the park's brand new indoor heated pool with kiddy bubble pool and waterslides!

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Engelbrecht Cave, Mount Gambier

**Cave.** Behind a blink-and-you'll-miss-it entrance is a vast and quite surreal underworld. Join a 30-minute guided tour of the cave, descending 70 metres to see a beautiful underground lake. This is popular with cave divers who continue to explore the system; as recently as November 2022, a vast new cave was discovered beneath Mount Gambier.

This ancient landscape is explained at daily screenings of *Craitbul & Volcano*. Starting with the Aboriginal Dreamtime story of Craitbul and his giant ovens, this award-winning big-screen experience takes you through the spectacular history of eruptions that shaped Mount Gambier and the Kanawinka region. Screenings take place at **The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre** where heritage meets state-of-the-art technology to showcase natural and cultural treasures.

The Riddoch Art Gallery first opened in 1887 and today houses a collection of more than 1500 Aboriginal and European artworks; it also hosts touring exhibitions, runs public programmes and offers a gift shop with works



Railway Lands, Mount Gambier

by local artists. It sits adjacent to the Cave Garden/Thugi, right in the heart of the city. Mount Gambier fosters plenty of fine jazz talent, stemming from the popular Generations in Jazz competition for young musicians. It's also the birthplace of Sir Robert Helpmann, and boasts a theatre named in his honour which hosts regular musical and theatrical performances.

While the city is easily explored on your own, joining a tour will prove more informative. Look out for the walking and cave tours or enjoy a pioneer farm experience. You can explore the city by bike with free hire available from the Visitor Centre and other locations, but for two-wheeled adventure look out for the mountain biking trails. Golfers can take advantage of two golf courses.

There's a growing wine region on the outskirts of Mount Gambier with visits welcome by appointment. Look out for locally grown wines from **Caroline Hills**, **Herbert Vineyard** and **Noski Wines**, along with gin makers (**Sinkhole Gin** is made with water



Mount Gambier City Centre

from the aquifer supplying the famous Kilsby Sinkhole), soft drink producers and breweries including **Little Ripppa Brewing Co.** and **Woolstore Brewery**. **The Farmers' Market** is a great way to discover more of the local produce which can also be found at everything from funky cafés to fine diners.

Accommodation options are many and varied, ranging from tourist parks offering campgrounds and cabins to self-contained apartments, motels and boutique hotels. Many are centrally located within a short distance of various attractions.

### ALL BASES COVERED

**Pine Country Caravan Park** near the Blue Lake/Warwar offers cabins, ensuite powered sites and glamping tents – think queen size beds, coffee machines and a roaring campfire!

**See advertisement page 33**







Cave Garden/Thugi, Mount Gambier

### Got a day to explore Mount Gambier?

**Wake-up call:** Get an early start by walking the 3.6-kilometre track around the Blue Lake/Warwar – or perhaps play a round of golf on one of the city’s two courses. Alternatively, just relish the unique experience of waking up on a relic volcano with a hit of caffeine: try **Bay Blue Espresso** or **Bricks and Mortar Coffee Co.** (Bit of Java amongst the lava?)

**Breakfast:** Fuel up with a hearty breakfast at any of Mount Gambier’s cool cafés like **Presto Eatery**, **Confession** (awesome bacon and egg melts) or the **Metro Bakery & Café**.

**Morning:** The kids are spoiled for choice – let them go wild at **Kaboom, Arena 51** indoor adventure park or the **Railway Lands**. At Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi you’ll find a conservation park, disc golf, nature walks and an adventure playground; there’s also an awesome 18-hole minigolf course at the **Blue Lake Golf Links**. The famous Blue Lake/Warwar is a short drive away – and driving further south you’ll find **ScRoll Queen** (yummy bakes), **Badenoch’s Deli** (for ice cream) and **Good Intentions’ Good Wine Bar Shop!** There’s a great tour of Engelbrecht Cave, a labyrinth with an interesting history below the city streets. And don’t miss the amazing Umpherston Sinkhole/ Balumbul. Refuel with a mid-morning coffee at **Kahma Coffee and Donuts**.

**Lunch:** **Café Melzar** and **Limestone Coast Pantry** are great lunch options, ready and able to prepare you for an action-packed afternoon!

**Afternoon:** Head onto Commercial Street to join the 4.5-kilometre circuit City Heritage Walk, taking in the city’s most important buildings and plenty of stories along the way. (Brochure available from the Visitor Centre.) Make sure to leave time for the **Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre** for the hour-long (free) screening of *Craitbul & Volcano* – a big-screen experience bringing ancient, Indigenous and European stories to life. And don’t miss the very fine art collection.

**Dinner:** Dine at an historic pub, eat waterside at **Thyme at the Lakes**, try one of several excellent Asian restaurants or go upmarket at **The Barn Steakhouse!**

**After-dark:** Enjoy a pre-show cocktail before taking in a live performance at the multi-purpose arts centre, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

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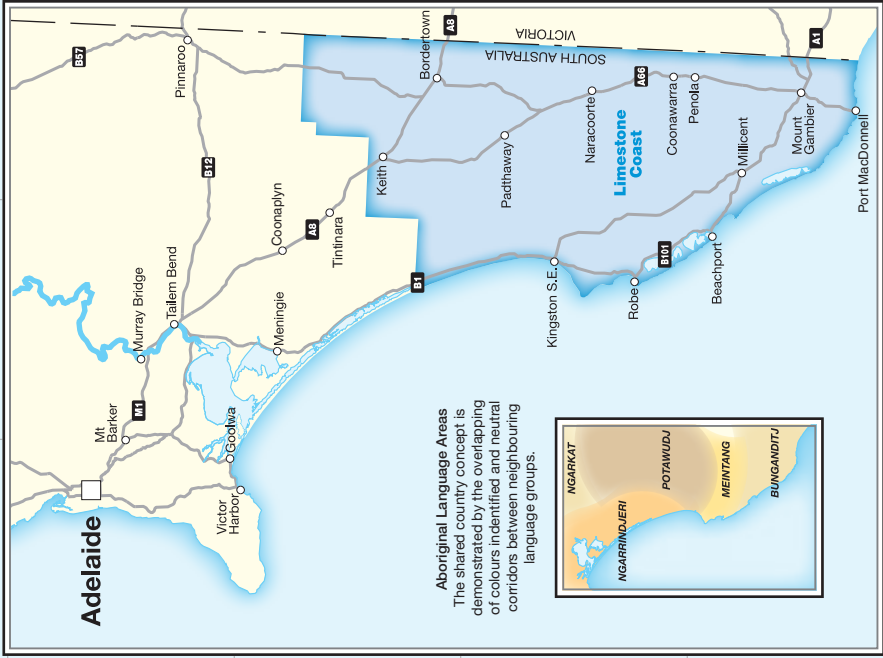
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# LIMESTONE COAST

Aboriginal Language Areas  
The shared country concept is demonstrated by the overlapping of colours identified and neutral corridors between neighbouring language groups.



- Major Road - Sealed
- Secondary Road - Sealed
- Other Road - Sealed
- Other Road - Unsealed
- 4.W.D. Only
- Distances in Kilometres
- 23
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# Kingston SE & the Coorong



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If you're keen for an adventure, explore the district's many conservation parks, including **Butcher Gap**, **Mount Scott**, **Jip Jip** and, of course, the **Coorong National Park** just to the north.

Kingston is steeped in a colourful and interesting history. Take a self-guided walk on the town's **Heritage Trail**, taking in 35 sites including the **Kingston National Trust Museum** (you'll find artefacts rescued from shipwrecks) and **Cape Jaffa Lighthouse** which offers regular tours and spectacular views.

For an altogether different experience, visit the lovely **Wind Dance** mural and watch it come to life on your smartphone courtesy of an app and the magic of augmented reality.

Kingston SE now has electric vehicle charging stations located near the jetty/foreshore area.



## THE COORONG

The Coorong is a spectacular and complex piece of coastal and wetland wilderness that runs 180 kilometres south from the mouth of the River Murray to Kingston SE. The Coorong National Park – which comprises the saline lagoons – was established in 1966 and stretches 140 kilometres.

The name 'Coorong' is derived from an Aboriginal word 'karangk' meaning narrow neck and is the traditional



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lands of the Ngarrindjeri people. The lake system is separated from the Southern Ocean by sand dunes of the Younghusband Peninsula and is internationally significant as a migratory wader and waterfowl refuge.

The Coorong's distinctive landscape is ideal for birdwatching and photography and is an important breeding area for the Australian pelican as well as more than 230 migratory birds that travel annually from Siberia, Alaska, Japan and China.

The park can be explored by the various walking trails, by paddling waterways in a kayak, or by 4WDing along designated tracks and the beach.

There are 20 scenic campgrounds along the length of the Coorong; none are manned, a few are suitable for 2WD vehicles and caravans (access is via unsealed roads off the B1 highway), others are accessible

only by 4WD. Bookings are required and fees must be paid before entry.

The northern gateway to the Coorong and Limestone Coast is **Meningie**, which was established as a staging post serviced by paddle steamers. Today the town offers fishing, boating, skiing, walking trails and fabulous sunsets. Meningie Hill Lookout provides views over Lake Albert and the surrounding pastoral properties, while a wetland bird sanctuary is a haven for the many birds also seen in the Coorong. An interpretive path along the waterfront highlights the diverse history of the region.

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The kids will enjoy a run-around on the playground and a ride on the monorail train; there's also a lovely walk to be had on the golf course.

For 4WD and dirt bike riding action or a camping experience, head out to **Ngarkat Conservation Park**, **Mount Monster** or **Jip Jip Conservation Park**. Walk to the top of Christmas Rocks near **Willalooka** for the best views over the district.

**Mount Monster Conservation Park** is 12 kilometres south of Keith and known for an unusual granite outcrop called Mount Monster. A short hike to the summit offers uninterrupted views over the granite outcrops, natural bushland and the flat agricultural land extending into the horizon.

An interpretive self-guided walk around the base of the granite outcrop reveals some of the secrets of 'the monster'.

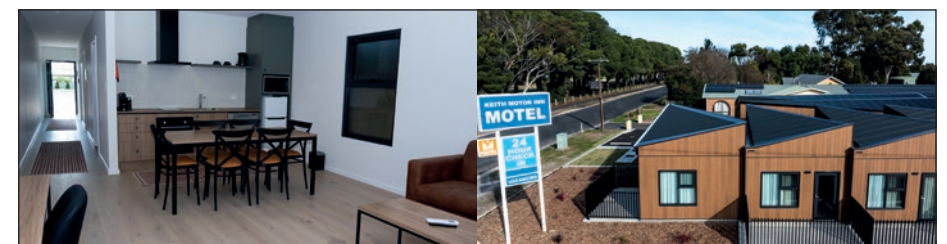
Don't miss **Henry & Rose Café** in Keith. This long-time favourite is a gorgeous period cottage serving awesome coffee and food; it's also a florist and sells very fine homewares. **Harvest Provideore** operates out of an industrial shed selling local meats, cheeses and produce; it also serves coffee and craft beer. And take a small detour to find **Purple Paddock**: this community-run shop is an outlet for local makers and producers – a great place to find home bakes, home-grown goodies and unique pieces of locally made craft.



## BORDERTOWN

Bordertown has been a service centre for travellers since the 1850s gold rush. Today it's an ideal stopover on the modern version of the Gold Escort route – the Dukes Highway – which follows the path originally taken by the police troopers who delivered gold to Adelaide.

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Walkway Gallery, Bordertown

You'll find the work of artists from the region at the **Walkway Gallery** in the **Tatiara Civic Centre**. The collection is supported by an art prize open to all Australian artists. For more creative works, walk the **Public Art Trail** to discover sculptures, murals, ceramics and leadlight.

The town has a series of walking trails with nature reserves and a white kangaroo wildlife park nearby. **Poocher Swamp**, set among old red gums, is a known yabbing hole and picnic spot.

Spare a couple of hours to take the **Tatiara Historic Drive**. Starting at the **Bordertown**

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# Cape Jaffa, Robe & Beachport



The Obelisk, Robe



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The historic town sits at the southern end of Guichen Bay. It was a bustling merchant port in the 1850s, when tall ships came into anchor and trade, the major export at the time being wool. The earliest form of lighthouse, the iconic Obelisk, made of paddock limestone and painted in red and white, sits on Cape Dombey; it has been guiding captains through bands of marine reefs into shore since 1855. The town became famous as an entry-point for more than 16,000 Chinese



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Limestone Coast Boat Tours

gold-seekers. Intending to avoid Victoria's punitive £10 tax imposed at Port Melbourne, they landed at the closest South Australian port and then walked the 400 kilometres to the goldfields. A memorial can be found near Robe Customs House Maritime Museum.

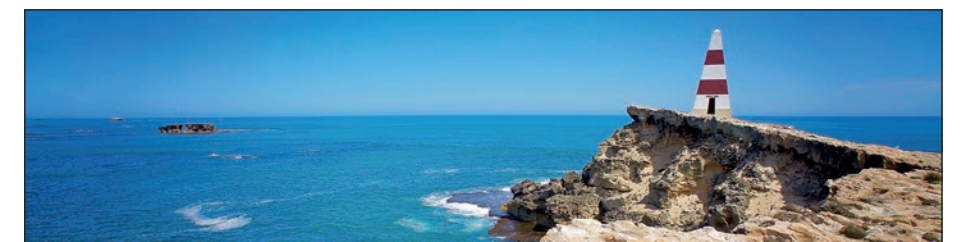
Today, Robe is known for its rugged coastlines, sandy beaches and freshwater lakes. It's also a thriving town with the main street increasingly celebrated for its lively mix of cafés, pubs and restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries.

The food and drink scene has always been strong thanks to its stellar seafood (including lobster, of course) as well as fine coastal-climate wines. But it's increasingly spilling onto the pavement and into courtyards. Mexican-inspired **West Beach Cantina** ensures the margaritas (and burritos) flow, while new **Olives Pizza** is a little slice of Italy with an outdoor courtyard surrounded by limestone walls; meanwhile the bar scene has been boosted with **Black Swan** serving up cocktails, while **Karratta** and **Woodsoak** cellar doors add to the party atmosphere.

Robe also has an interesting industrial area, which has seen a surge in unique retail businesses. Check out **Sky Seafoods**, **Mike's Beef Jerky**, **Mahalia Coffee** roasting house, **Robe Town Brewery** (Australia's only wood-fired brewery), and an award-winning couple who turn bread tags into bowls at **Transmutation**.

Town attractions include fishing at the marina, visiting **Humpalicious Camel Farm** and a fine golf course. You can drive your car on the 12-kilometre Long Beach (to find a spot to call your own!) or go 4WDing to explore the fabulous coves and coastline of Little Dip Conservation Park. Cycle the coastal and inland bike trails or take a guided tour with **Tracx**. You can also change the perspective with **Limestone Coast Boat Tours**: they'll show you the town from the water and include a visit to see a colony of fur seals and sea lions at Baudin Rocks.

Be sure to visit **Robe Visitor Information Centre** to pick up a coastal trail brochure, a guide to the heritage buildings and information relating to dining, fishing and a tasting trail.



## Robe Visitor Information Centre

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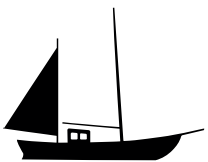



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Bowman Scenic Drive, Beachport



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Beachport is home to South Australia's second-longest jetty, a popular spot for anglers to land a tasty catch. Ask a local about the southern rock lobster catch, a regional delicacy that's easy to come by in season (October 1 to May 31). This is also a great place to see migrating southern right whales.

Other activities include surfing, swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking,

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**The Bowman Scenic Drive** follows the coastline, passing points of interest including Cape Martin Lighthouse, Penguin Island, Post Office Rock and Cowrie Island.

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**1. Access conditions:** Accessibility via the beach tracks and tracks within Little Dip and Beachport Conservation Parks is subject to conditions.

**2. Private land access and respecting boundaries:** The 4WD track between the Nora Creina By-Pass Track and Beachport Conservation Park, along with parts of the dunes to the east in this area, pass through private land. Accessing these areas without explicit permission may result in enforcement action. Public 4WD access is only allowed along the beach between Nora Creina By-Pass Track and Beachport Conservation Park. Inland tracks are private property and accessing them without landowner consent is prohibited. Always respect land access rules to avoid penalties and help preserve these areas.

**3. Recommended route:** Public 4WD access between the Nora Creina By-

Pass Track and Beachport Conservation Park is via the beach only – provided beach conditions are suitable, if not, please take the inland road via Bog Lane and Southern Ports Highway. Always drive carefully and responsibly.

**4. Council's role:** Please note that the council is not responsible for beach conditions, existing tracks, or the recovery of vehicles. Always drive with caution and prepare accordingly.

**5. Stay on tracks and beaches:** To protect natural environments and ensure future enjoyment, stay on main tracks and beaches when conditions allow. Be mindful of soft sand and seasonal access changes.

**6. Safety on beaches:** Exercise extreme caution on beaches – check tide times before you go and walk on the sand first if you're unsure of conditions. Use designated areas to inflate your tyres.

**7. Speed limits:** South Australian beach speed limits have been reduced for safety. The default limit is 40 km/h, and within 50 metres of a pedestrian, it's 25 km/h unless otherwise signed.

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# Padthaway, Naracoorte & Lucindale



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## PADTHAWAY

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## NARACOORTE

A visit to the World-heritage **Naracoorte Caves** is a must. One of the world's best fossil sites, this is a place where marsupial lions, enormous kangaroos and giant monitor lizards are preserved by layers of ancient sand. Take a guided tour and see life-sized recreations of Australia's extinct megafauna.

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#### LUCINDALE

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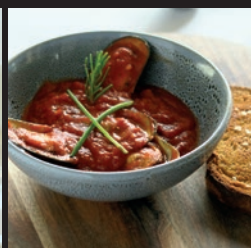
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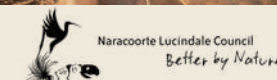
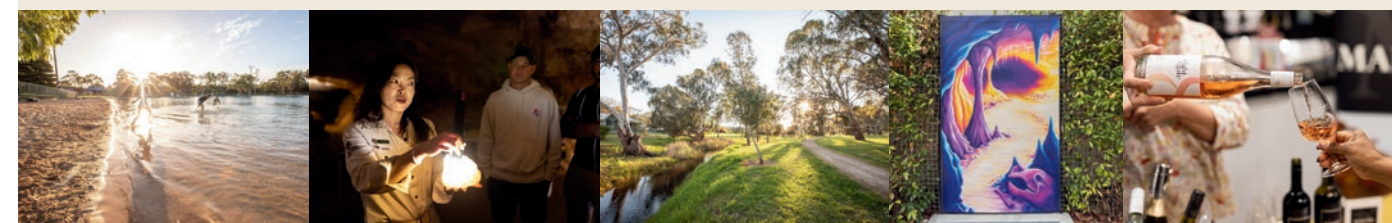
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# Coonawarra & Penola



## COONAWARRA

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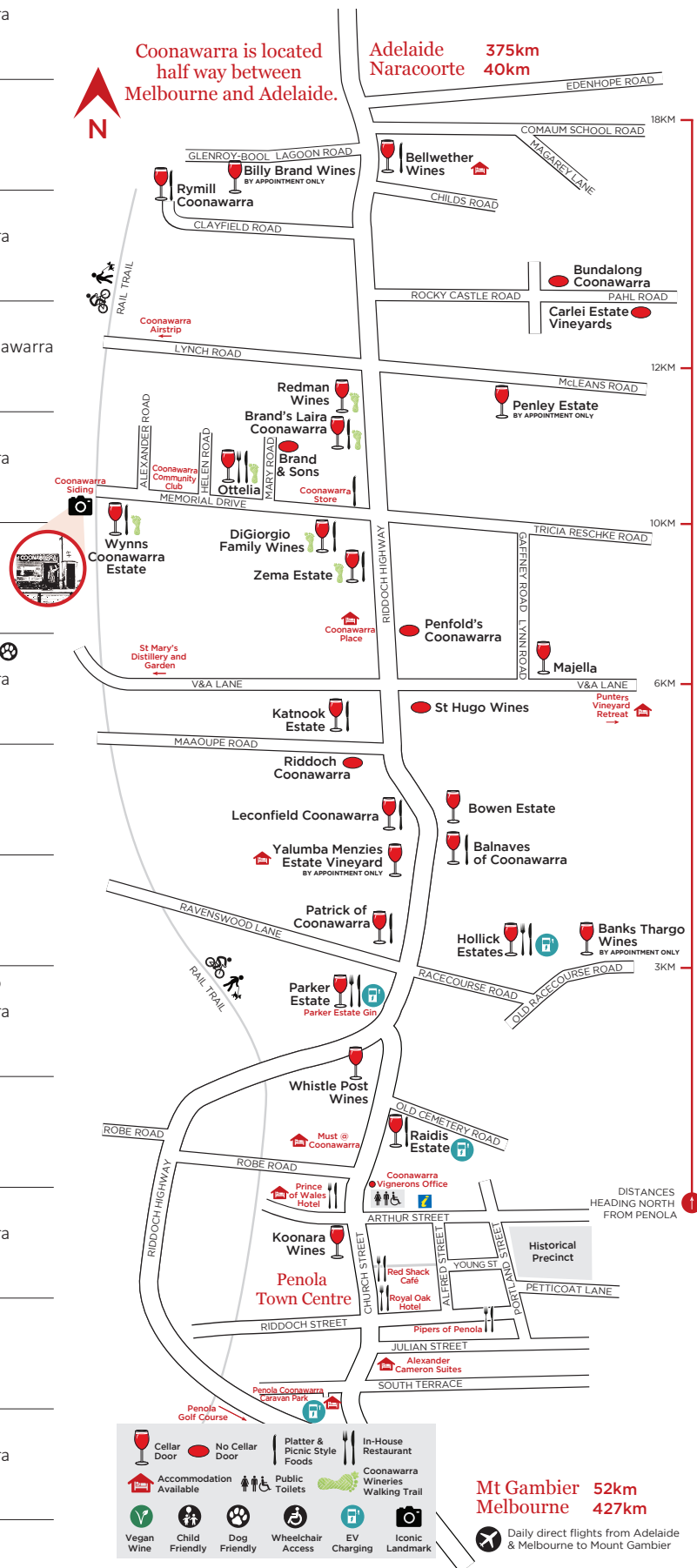
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## PENOLA

Penola is the largest town in the wine region and has many of its heritage stone buildings still intact. It's also famous as the home of Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Mary MacKillop began her work in education here in the 1860s, while residing with her uncle, Alexander Cameron (known as 'the King of Penola'). Visit the **Mary MacKillop Penola Centre** to see the old schoolhouse where she taught after being inspired by Father Julian Tenison Woods to provide education for all children in the district.

Download the Walk with History app to tour other historic buildings in the town which was also home to poets John Shaw Neilson, Will Ogilvie and Adam Lindsay Gordon.

**Petticoat Lane** features 1850s cottages including the home and herb garden of shoemaker Christopher Sharam and his wife Ellen, mother to their 15 children.

Visit local galleries, cafés and shops or, for a bit of exercise, walk, run or cycle the Coonawarra Rail Trail, which extends 19 kilometres through the wine region. The sealed trail begins in Penola and follows the unused Wolseley to Mount Gambier rail corridor. Check out **Penola eBikes**; their funky fat-tire bikes can be hired for part-day (three hours) or whole day (eight hours).

North east of Penola is **Confido Coonawarra** – a family-run property that's home to 1600 olive trees. As well as producing a range of premium olive oils and related products, Confido tasting and touring experiences; look out for new cooking classes and mid-year harvesting tours. The **Greenrise Recreational Reserve**, just south of Penola, incorporates a site available for a two-night stay for fully self-contained RVs. Picturesque red gums surround a large 'dry lake' adjacent the **Greenrise Arboretum Trail**, with 6200 trees and more than 110 selections plus extensive pathways. This is an ideal spot to walk the dog, have a picnic or use the exercise equipment.

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Zema Estate, Coonawarra



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# Millicent, Port MacDonnell & Surrounds



Stillwater Four Wheel Drive Scenic Tours, Southend



## SOUTHEND

The small coastal township of Southend was the first seaport in the Limestone Coast. Named Grey Town (after Governor Grey) in 1846, and Rivoli Bay South from 1875 to 1879, it was changed back to Grey Town until 1971 when it was officially named Southend.

Today, the town is a working lobster fishing port and a holiday village. The ocean remains the focus of life, with plenty of safe swimming beaches, good surf, walking trails, boardwalks, lookouts and popular 4WDing spots.

Located 27 kilometres north of Millicent and 20 kilometres south of Beachport on the Southern Ports Highway, it's the gateway to the **Canunda National Park** which covers approximately 9300 hectares from Southend to Carpenter Rocks.

The Canunda National Park offers well-signed 4WD tracks where you can enjoy scenic views, discover Aboriginal shell middens and try your hand at beach fishing. (Please note, vehicles must stay on the designated track.)

The nearby township of Mount Burr has the newly developed Mount Burr Trails, offering picturesque views and opportunities to immerse yourself in nature.



## MILLICENT

One of South Australia's most significant rural centres, Millicent is steeped in rich Aboriginal

and pioneering history, surrounded by fertile farmlands, timber and seafood industries.

It's the perfect spot to base yourself to explore a number of major natural and historical attractions; it also offers a range of accommodation, shopping, café and dining experiences, including the legendary **Mayura Station**.

Millicent has an impressive range of historic buildings, among them the 1873 primary school building which now houses the award-winning **Millicent Museum**. The museum has a 'Shipwreck Room', a display on the extended drainage system of the South-East, the Helen Hughes vintage clothing assortment and one of Australia's best collections of horse-drawn vehicles. There's art to be enjoyed at the **Millicent Library and Gallery**; Millicent is also home to murals, sculptures and continually evolving public art installations incorporated into a walk around the township.

The town prides itself on a number of free, family-friendly attractions. The largest is the Millicent **Domain Skatepark and Nature Play Space**, rightly called the 'Mega Playground' owing to its impressive range of play spaces, swings and slides. **The Millicent Swimming Lake** (open November to March) and the **Road Safety School** are also popular with families.

Wide open spaces surround the township with a reclaimed quarry at **Lake McIntyre** bursting with bird life and native vegetation (it also has barbecue facilities). Take a stroll through the stunning Coola Outstation trail in the **Canunda National Park**, or journey on a 4WD adventure with **Stillwater 4x4 Scenic Tours**.

Venture south to **Tantanoola** via the Windfarm Tourist Drive, taking in views of

**Lake Bonney**, the largest freshwater Lake in South Australia on the edge of Canunda National Park. The **Tantanoola Cave** is recognised as one of the finest single-chamber caves in the region. Don't miss the historic **Glencoe Woolshed** and stunning scenery of **Lake Leake** and **Lake Edward**.



## PORT MACDONNELL AND CARPENTER ROCKS

Port MacDonnell is known as Australia's southern rock lobster capital and was once the second busiest port in South Australia.

A long and often treacherous history of seafaring can be discovered at the **Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum** located in the Community Complex along with the **Community Art Gallery**.

The town plays host to some distinctive attractions, including South Australia's southernmost point and the striking natural formation known as 'the petrified forest'. There's also **Feast's collection of classic cars** and memorabilia not far out of town – a collection that reliably excites those who stumble upon it!

Surfers will want to seek out the waves at **Cape Northumberland**, where you can still see the foundations of the first lighthouse built on mainland South Australia. **Carpenter Rocks** is the gateway to popular fishing and camping sites at Cape Banks Lighthouse and the southern entrance of **Canunda National Park** that runs north to Southend and Beachport.



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Customs House, Port MacDonnell

Port MacDonnell is close to many of the region's famous sinkholes. **Kilsby Sinkhole**, perhaps the most renowned, is an attraction located on private property (booking essential); it's a must for divers who rate the 65-metre-deep sinkhole among the best in the world owing to the water clarity. You can also snorkel Kilsby with a guide, a chance to learn about the awe-inspiring geological phenomena. There's snorkelling and diving on offer at **Ewens Ponds** (by permit only) which boasts a freshwater spring system. Wetsuit and equipment hire is available nearby from Allendale East General Store and Dive Shop. The **Little Blue Lake** is near Mount Schank. This popular sinkhole can get pretty busy on a summer's day, with visitors drawn to its cool, clear waters. It's perfect for a quick dip (with meals and refreshments available nearby at the Bellum Hotel on the Riddoch Highway); however be aware there is no shade at the site. Join the cold plunge enthusiasts early mornings, or consider wetsuits, and be sun smart later in the day; and finally take your rubbish home with you to help keep Little Blue naturally beautiful!

Make time to visit nearby State Heritage-listed Mount Schank. Picnic at the foot of the dormant maar volcano; then hike the walking trail which leads to the scenic rim (100 metres above sea level) for dramatic views of the

surrounding landscape, and into the crater itself. More walking trails can be found at **Dingley Dell Conservation Park**, **Germein Reserve** and further afield at **Telford Scrub**.

When it comes to a feed of fresh seafood, head out to sea on a fishing charter or visit the local eateries and factory outlet. Buy fresh lobster from **Five Star Seafoods**, or dine in at **Salt Café & Bar**. Check out also **Tide Espresso Bar**, **Bay Pizzeria**, **The Victoria Hotel's Shipwreck Bistro** (great for families), or the popular fish and chip shops overlooking the Port MacDonnell foreshore. Stop by the **Rocks Tavern** at Carpenter Rocks and enjoy house-made pies from The Rocks Shop!

Discover SA's best kept river secret with a kayak trip along the Glenelg River from Donovans to the Victorian border. The town's annual market is held over Easter.

For a historic stay, check out the stately **Customs House**, which overlooks the foreshore of Port MacDonnell. The property has undergone a spectacular renovation to offer beautiful two- and three-bedroom apartments.

#### NELSON, PORTLAND & NARRAWONG

Just over the Victorian border, you'll find Nelson, a tiny township located

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Continue on the Great Ocean Road to **Portland** with its beautifully maintained heritage buildings, **Botanic Gardens** and **Marine Discovery Centre**. Watch the local fishing fleet unload its catch, walk the foreshore, spot the resident seals and perhaps spy a southern right whale from the breakwater.

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101 Jenkins Terrace, Naracoorte

Phone: (08) 8762 8100

#### Penola War Memorial Hospital

18 Church Street, Penola

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### Fire danger

During Fire Danger Season, generally from November to April, there are strict conditions for lighting any fires, including campfires. On Total Fire Ban days, all fires are banned. Avoid severe penalties by checking [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) before lighting any fires.

Visit [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) and subscribe to bushfire warnings and other important information and check the CFS Facebook page to stay informed. Monitor the daily

weather forecast and Fire Danger Ratings, know your Bushfire Safer Place, and listen for warning messages and updates on your local AM radio station. Further bushfire safety information is available by contacting the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 362 361.

### Enjoy South Australia's regions – but don't bring a pest with you

We take zero chances when it comes to fruit fly. To protect our produce, fines apply for bringing restricted fruit and fruiting vegetables across the border.

If you're planning a trip to the Riverland, buy local and support our growers. Do not bring any fresh fruit or fruiting vegetables into the region unless you have an itemised receipt from a South Australian retail outlet showing it was purchased from outside a current fruit fly outbreak or suspension area.

To find out more, visit [pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly)

### Keep our vines and wines safe

South Australia has some of the oldest winegrape vines in the world. Your shoes and clothing can pick up and spread pests and diseases, including phylloxera. Please don't walk amongst our vines. Help protect the vines that make our special wines. For more information about vineyard biosecurity, visit [vinehealth.com.au](http://vinehealth.com.au)

### Emergency broadcasting

ABC broadcasts official warnings from emergency agencies at regular intervals on ABC Radio, ABC News 24 and via Twitter @abcemergency. For local ABC Radio frequencies, phone 13 99 94 or go to

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### Drones

It is an offence to fly drones (remotely piloted aircraft) in South Australia's national parks, conservation parks, game reserves, recreation parks or regional reserves and marine park restricted access zones without a permit. For more, visit [parks.sa.gov.au/permits-and-licences/drones-and-aircraft](http://parks.sa.gov.au/permits-and-licences/drones-and-aircraft)

### Responsible 4WD exploring

As word gets out about the fantastic National Parks and coastline on offer in the Limestone Coast, more and more people are visiting the region each year to drive the tracks and explore these areas for themselves.

While new visitors are welcome, irresponsible driving habits are endangering the fragile coast. The coastal landscape, although it looks rugged and harsh, can be easily damaged by 4WDs and motorbikes driving off the tracks.

There are some simple principles we ask you to follow:

- Remain on established tracks
- Don't disturb the plants and animals
- Respect the heritage and the history
- Look out for others
- Take your rubbish home

Also please note, speed limits on South Australian beaches have been reduced to increase safety for all beachgoers. From December 1 2023, the default speed limit on beaches will be 40km/h and 25km/h within 50 metres of a pedestrian, unless otherwise signposted.



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