



GREAT SOUTHERN FESTIVE ESCAPE

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BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2025

7 Days / 6 Nights

Celebrate the magic of Christmas on a seven-day rail adventure that begins in Brisbane on 22 December. Journey south aboard the Great Southern, where festive cheer meets iconic landscapes and regionally inspired dining. Along the way, explore Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley, the Port Stephens region and Melbourne before arriving in Adelaide on Christmas Day. Toast the occasion with a lavish lunch at *Penny Blue*, Adelaide Marriott's signature restaurant, then enjoy three nights in South Australia's vibrant capital immersing yourself in its celebrated food, wine and arts scene, with the option to add a McLaren Vale winery experience.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley region and Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast and Christmas Day lunch including a welcome cocktail or glass of Pommery Champagne on arrival.
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience in Coffs Harbour
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Region
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Enjoy a lavish Christmas Day lunch in Penny Blue, at Adelaide Marriott Hotel, with all the Christmas trimmings.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Today, you'll set off from Brisbane on your week-long adventure covering Australia's East Coast. Settle into your cabin and prepare to savour lunch on board and spend a relaxing afternoon admiring the views before arriving in Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapes on the beach at Charlesworth Bay before a unique outdoor dinner, where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood paired with fine wines. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for your first night on board. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern

DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER REGION

Start the day with breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. You may choose to meander through the picturesque vineyards of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine regions, or explore Port Stephens by land or sea. Alternatively, explore Newcastle and discover the vibrant mix of old and new in the beautiful coastal city.

Late afternoon, return to the train along with the rest of the guests to enjoy a regionally inspired meal and relaxing time on board before retiring for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – GREAT SOUTHERN, MELBOURNE OR REGIONAL VICTORIA

After enjoying a delicious breakfast on board and a relaxing start to the day travelling through Victoria's high country, you'll have a choice of Off Train Experiences. Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park, a beautiful vineyard in the Moorabool Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines.

Alternatively, opt to visit cosmopolitan Melbourne to find out why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Explore the oldest and most-visited art collection in Australia at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) or visit the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). If you're a history buff, head to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Lunch is at Eureka 89,



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where you'll dine on a beautifully curated menu showcasing local and seasonal produce with spectacular views over the city.

After lunch, you'll make your way back to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH ADELAIDE

Merry Christmas! Today, the Great Southern delivers you to Adelaide, where the celebrations continue in style. After transferring to your city accommodation, savour an unforgettable Christmas Day lunch at *Penny Blue*, Adelaide Marriott's signature restaurant. Expect a decadent menu of festive favourites with a contemporary twist, paired with the warm hospitality this season deserves.

The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure - perhaps take a twilight stroll through the city lights before returning to your hotel for a restful night, filled with memories of a truly special Christmas Day. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Adelaide Marriott Hotel

DAY 5 - ADELAIDE

Today is yours to discover Adelaide at your own pace. Wander through leafy boulevards and vibrant markets, explore the city's thriving arts and cultural precincts, or indulge in its renowned food and wine scene. From boutique shopping to picturesque parklands, the laid-back charm of South Australia's capital is yours to enjoy. (B)

DAY 6 - ADELAIDE

Explore more of Adelaide or if you'd like to get to the source of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine growing region, McLaren Vale is the perfect option. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

McLaren Vale Winery Experience

\$225 per person

A tour to McLaren Vale along the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula includes four cellar door experiences and a delicious restaurant lunch. The region is best known for its Shiraz, but expert vignerons will explain why Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grapes also thrive in this unique microclimate.

DAY 7 – FAREWELL

After a leisurely breakfast, it's time to check out of your accommodation and bid farewell to Adelaide. Your festive journey comes to a close today, leaving you with lasting memories of shared moments, indulgent dining, and the magic of travelling through some of Australia's most captivating landscapes. (B)