



## ADELAIDE LUXURY STAY

### GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING MONDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)

7 Days / 6 Nights

Embark on a seven-day adventure through Australia's southeast, celebrated for its vineyards, valleys, coastlines, and cosmopolitan cities. Travel along the East Coast aboard the Great Southern, enjoying an all-inclusive gastronomic summer experience. Upon arriving in Adelaide, indulge in a luxurious stay at Sofitel Adelaide, your elegant base for exploring one of South Australia's most famous food and wine regions.

#### 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
- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to Hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily.
- Small Batch Wine Tour 'Uncork McLaren Vale' premium full-day tour including lunch
- 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
- Discover hidden-gem wineries of McLaren Vale
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a delicious restaurant lunch featuring the flavours of the region.

*Please note, itineraries are subject to change.*

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Your East Coast journey begins with a warm welcome at Hanworth House in East Brisbane, where you'll check in gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. After setting off from Brisbane on the Great Southern, life on board begins to unfold. Savour lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the Great Southern arrives in the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Here, the evening unfolds in true coastal style. As the sun sinks below the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapés on the sand at Charlesworth Bay before a signature outdoor dinner - weather permitting- showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. The soundtrack is set by a live band and the gentle rhythm of waves on the shore. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night on board. (L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 nights Great Southern

#### DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER VALLEY, PORT STEPHENS OR NEWCASTLE

Start the day with a hearty breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region. Known for Semillon and Shiraz, here you'll spend the day amongst the vines, visiting Tulloch and Brokenwood Wines followed by a platter-style lunch featuring local produce at Twine Restaurant. If you'd prefer to take to the skies, treat yourself to an optional upgrade with a Hunter Valley helicopter flight that soars over the rolling green hills, showcasing the best of the wine region and beyond.

Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast Stockton Bight Sand Dunes, the largest mobile dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. Stop to admire your surrounds and drive to the top of a dune to take in the sweeping views - you may even choose to sandboard down. On the water tour, be dazzled by turquoise seas as you soak up the coastline on a relaxed boat cruise, with the chance to spot dolphins along the way. Whether by land or sea,

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after your Port Stephens adventure you'll enjoy a leisurely lunch at Nelson Bay Golf Club before returning to the train in the afternoon.

Closer to the city, explore Newcastle on a guided walking tour that reveals its coastal charm, capped with lunch at Scratchleys on the Wharf before returning to the train for a regionally inspired dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 – GREAT SOUTHERN, REGIONAL VICTORIA OR MELBOURNE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the Great Southern travels through Victoria's high country before choosing your next Off Train Experience.

Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park in the Moorabool Valley. Clyde Park is a beautiful vineyard, cellar door and bistro set among rolling hills. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines while being entertained on the glorious lawns.

Alternatively, spend the day in cosmopolitan Melbourne to discover why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Highlights include the Ian Potter Centre at NGV Australia, with its remarkable collection of Australian art, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, guided by a club member. History buffs may prefer the Old Melbourne Gaol, where stories of the past, including those of Ned Kelly, come to life.

To complete your Melbourne experience, take in the sweeping views from Melbourne Skydeck before ascending to Eureka 89 for a curated lunch showcasing seasonal local produce. Afterwards, return to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

Catch the morning light over regional South Australia, a final reminder of the landscapes you've travelled through. Sit back and enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, savouring the last moments of life on train. Soon, the Great Southern glides into Adelaide, where you will be transferred to your accommodation. The day is yours to explore the city. Home to over 900 restaurants, pubs and cafes, and a lively food and wine scene, you'll be spoilt for choice. (B)

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

### DAY 5 – MCLAREN VALE

Experience a fabulous day out in stunning McLaren Vale with 'Small Batch Wine Tours' to discover hidden-gem wineries on a premium McLaren Vale wine tour like no other. Visiting boutique, usually sustainably-focussed wineries you'll see, smell, taste, and learn about fantastic wine all day. In addition to discovering the Mediterranean-inspired wines of McLaren Vale, you'll also enjoy a stellar restaurant lunch at a popular local restaurant featuring the flavours of the region. (B,L)

### DAY 6 – ADELAIDE

Do as little or as much as you please today, the choice is yours.

You may wish to explore more of Adelaide at your leisure or hop on the tram and head to Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest undercover fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere, buzzing with life and colour.

Perhaps you'd like to get more of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine-growing region, Barossa Valley is the perfect option. Small Batch wine tours offer a premium tour to take you off the beaten path on a whimsical tour of boutique Barossa wineries (additional charge applies, and pre-booking is required). (B)

### DAY 7 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation where your Adelaide Luxury stay concludes. (B)