

ADELAIDE LUXURY STAY

GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE
DEPARTING TUESDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)
6 Days / 5 Nights

Embark on a six-day adventure through Australia's southeast, celebrated for its vineyards, valleys, coastlines, and cosmopolitan cities. Commencing 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. Then travel along the East Coast to Brisbane aboard the Great Southern, enjoying an all-inclusive gastronomic summer experience.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Small Batch Wine Tour 'Uncork McLaren Vale' premium full-day tour including lunch
- Private vehicle transfer from hotel to Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Grampians, Canberra and the Northern New South Wales Coast
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover hidden-gem wineries of McLaren Vale
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a delicious restaurant lunch featuring the flavours of the region.
- Appreciate the ancient beauty of the Grampians
- Explore Canberra's art, history and culinary culture
- Take in the beauty of the NSW coast

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Welcome to Adelaide. Check in to your accommodation, located in the heart of the CBD. The evening is yours to discover Adelaide's restaurant scene or relax and enjoy the facilities at your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 2 – ADELAIDE

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

You may wish to explore 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 a gourmet experience by visiting the Barossa Valley. 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 3 – 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 4 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN ADELAIDE

Your east coast adventure begins the moment the Great Southern's bright orange locomotive leaves Adelaide on its epicurean journey. Settle into the comforts of your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the lounge carriage. As the landscapes shift beyond the window, savour morning tea and a long, leisurely lunch. By afternoon, the train rolls into regional Victoria and your first Off Train Experience awaits in the spectacular Grampians.



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Explore at your own pace. Discover the flavours of the Grampians with a tasting of local handmade wines paired with curated canapés and stories of the region's winemakers, producers, and character. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk to the serene Venus Baths, encounter wildlife and learn about conservation at Halls Gap Zoo, or delve into the history of the iconic Stawell Gift before exploring Halls Gap and the surrounding landscapes of Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. Return to the train for a delectable supper as it continues its journey up the east coast. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA

After a leisurely breakfast on board, step into the heart of the nation. Today is all about Canberra, Australia's political and cultural heart. Following a coach ride to Canberra's city centre, choose from a selection of curated Off Train Experiences, each offering a different perspective on the nation's capital.

Step inside the working heart of Australian democracy at Parliament House. Reflect on stories of service and sacrifice at the Australian War Memorial. Discover the people and stories that have shaped Australia at the National Portrait Gallery. Or explore the Royal Australian Mint before wandering the trees and miniature landscapes of the Australian National Arboretum. Midday, gather for an exclusive lunch in a landmark Canberra setting.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train for a gourmet dinner on board, then unwind with a nightcap in the lounge carriage. As conversation flows with fellow travellers, let the Great Southern carry you north beneath the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Today, a morning of coastal discovery awaits. After breakfast on board, and as the Great Southern arrives in Coffs Harbour, choose from a selection of Off Train Experiences that reveal the natural beauty, culture, and character of the region.

Wander through the lush gardens and rainforest of the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden, discover the landscape and enduring culture of the Gumbaynggirr people on a guided coastal walk, or settle into a relaxed morning by the Pacific with a mimosa and fresh seasonal fruit. Alternatively, go behind the scenes at a local wildlife sanctuary to meet rescued marine and native animals and learn about the work protecting them, or discover a playful side of Australian culture through cartoons, classic cars, or the craft of local brewing.

After your morning in Coffs Harbour, return to the train for a final lunch on board as the Great Southern continues north towards Brisbane, bringing your coastal rail journey to a close. (B,L)