

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, COFFS HARBOUR DINNER

Your east coast adventure begins with a warm welcome experience in Brisbane, where you'll check in and gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. Begin your journey aboard the Great Southern with lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the train arrives at Grafton, where you'll transfer by coach to 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 dining experience (weather permitting) showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. A live band and the gentle waves on the shore provide the ultimate soundtrack. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern

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

The day begins with a hearty breakfast on board before your choice of Off Train Experience. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, tasting its signature semillon and shiraz before settling in for a leisurely lunch surrounded by rolling vineyards. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight over the surrounding landscapes, soaring above the vines and rugged Brokenback Range before returning to the Hunter Valley for further tastings and lunch among the vines.

Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast sands of Stockton Beach and discover the stories of this remarkable coastal landscape, with the chance to sandboard from the top of the dunes. Or take in the coastline from the water, cruising through Port Stephens to keep watch for bottlenose dolphins. Both experiences include a relaxed lunch overlooking the bay.

Closer to the city, discover Newcastle through its history, art, and architecture. Explore Fort Scratchley and the city's military history before following Memorial Walk and



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discovering Newcastle Museum. Or uncover the city's artistic and architectural heritage at Newcastle Art Gallery, City Hall, and Civic Theatre. Whichever experience you choose, enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking Newcastle's harbour before returning to the train for your first regionally-inspired dinner on board. (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. After arriving at Broadmeadows Railway Station, transfer by coach into cosmopolitan Melbourne for your next Off Train Experience.

Experience the city your way. Explore the Australian art collection at the National Gallery of Victoria and go behind the scenes at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Uncover a historic chapter of the city's past at the Old Melbourne Gaol or cruise along the Yarra River. Complete your Melbourne experience with a curated lunch at Eureka 89, high above the city with sweeping views across Melbourne, the Yarra River and beyond.

Alternatively, remain onboard and relax a little longer as the train travels past Melbourne to Inverleigh, where you'll discover the cool-climate character of the Moorabool Valley at Clyde Park. Enjoy a relaxed lunch overlooking the vines, paired with elegant chardonnay and pinot noir, before returning to the train for a leisurely afternoon and delicious dinner as the Great Southern continues its journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

Catch the morning light over regional South Australia and sit back to enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, savouring the last moments of life on train. Soon the Great Southern will glide 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)