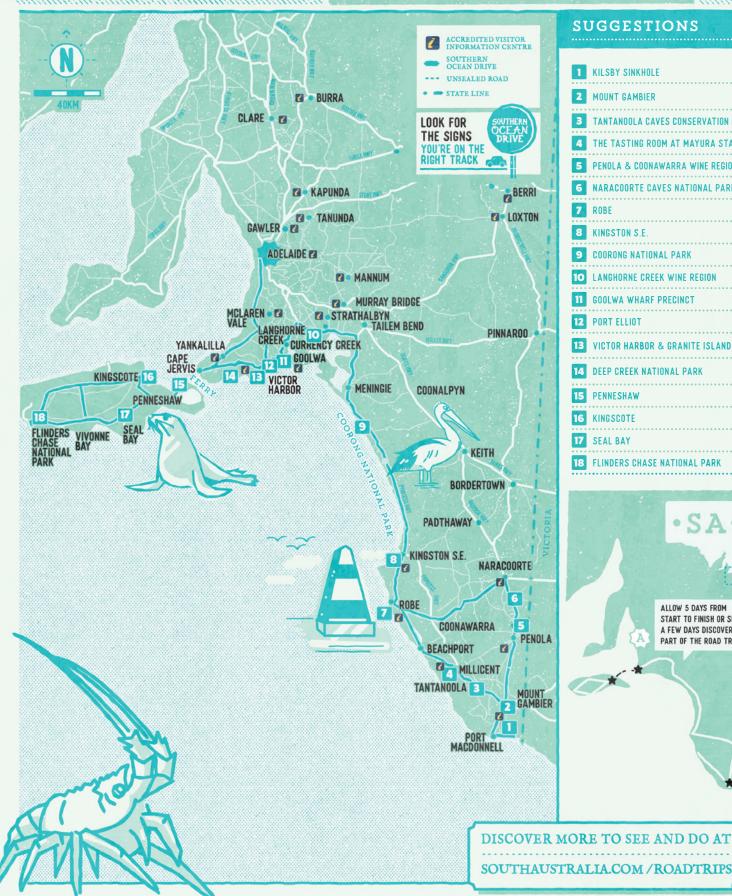
# SOUTHERN DRIV

## THE GREAT SOUTHERN JOURNEY

A road trip along South Australia's southern coast offers something for everyone. Taste wines from Coonawarra through to McLaren Vale, four-wheel drive along beaches, kayak the waterways of the Coorong and discover the natural wonders of Kangaroo Island.



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ALLOW 5 DAYS FROM START TO FINISH OR SPEND A FEW DAYS DISCOVERING PART OF THE ROAD TRIP.



#### 1 KILSBY SINKHOLE

Kilsby Sinkhole is the only site of its kind that welcomes snorkellers, freedivers and open water certified scuba divers under the supervision of a licensed and industry qualified guide. It's also home to Sinkhole Gin, produced from crystal clear limestone-filtered water and local native botanicals.

#### **2** MOUNT GAMBIER

#### MOUNT GAMBIER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Geological wonders are abound in Mount Gambier, the heart of the Limestone Coast and second largest town in South Australia. Discover the dazzling sapphire waters of the famed Blue Lake/Warwar, the local's favourite Little Blue Lake and explore an underground garden of Eden at Umpherston Sinkhole.

#### **TANTANOOLA CAVES** CONSERVATION PARK

Witness the breathtaking display of cave decorations and formations. A knowledgeable guide will introduce you to the history and geology of the caves and explain how this spectacular array of formations has developed over thousands of years.

#### THE TASTING ROOM AT MAYURA STATION

Indulge in the ultimate paddock-to-plate dining experience showcasing Mayura Station's sumptuous award-winning Wagyu beef at their on farm restaurant. Yum!

#### 5 PENOLA & COONAWARRA WINE REGION

Penola's the perfect place to base yourself for exploration within the Coonawarra Wine Region. Brimming with excellent dining choices including Pipers of Penola and Ottelia. The Mary MacKillop Penola Centre lets you head back in time to the very place where Mary MacKillop began her journey to becoming Australia's first saint. Venture out into this world-renowned strip of prized terra rossa soil extending pours from over 20 cellar doors. It pays to have a plan of attack for this journey!

# 6 NARACOORTE CAVES

Step back in time some 1.3 million years and explore the ancient caves of this World Heritage site. Join a guided tour, where you'll be led through underground chambers dripping with glistening stalactites and stalagmites. Feast your eyes on fascinating fossils and limestone formations or kick things up a notch with an adventure caving tour - the perfect activity for both families and thrill seekers alike.

#### 7 ROBE

Start your day by heading to the famous 10km stretch at Long Beach, perfect for swimming, surfing and (very) long seaside walks. Later on; wander into town for ethically sourced awardwinning coffee at Mahalia. As lunch rolls around, pull up a stool at the Caledonian Inn. The seafood platter offers the perfect opportunity to indulge in some local ocean fare. Mid-afternoon, head out to the iconic Obelisk and after that, enjoy a pit stop at Robe Town Brewery to sip on family produced small-batch ales. For dinner? Put simply, it'd be sacrilege not to eat lobster when you're here! Sky Seafoods in Robe is a good start, at fine-diner Sails at Robe their Lobster Thermidor is a genuine bucket-list experience, and if you haven't had enough after leaving Robe, the Lobster Pot in Beachport is an institution.

#### 8 KINGSTON S.E.

On the side of the freeway sits Larry, the spiny 17-meter tall giant lobster. He has become a symbol of Kingston and the entire region. But giant crustaceans aside, Kingston, in close proximity to Pinks Beach and Cape Jaffa, contributes some fantastic seaside stops including Lacapede Seafood - the finest little fish and chip shop, selling cooked Southern Rock Lobsters caught by local fisherman, oysters and Lobster Påté. A number of wineries lay on the trail to Robe; stop by Cape Jaffa Wines for a tasting plate accompanied with a biodynamic wine or beer that is brewed onsite.

#### **9** COORONG NATIONAL PARK

From dunes to lagoons, the ecological diversity is staggering. Particular highlights include kayaking through secluded estuary systems, exploring Jack Point Observatory - a viewing shelter overlooking the largest breeding colony of Australian Pelicans and the Murray Mouth, where Australia's largest river system empties into the Southern Ocean at Sugars Beach on Hindmarsh Island.

#### LANGHORNE CREEK WINE REGION

There are nine cellar doors to explore in this scenic wine region. Lunch at The Winehouse, Bremerton, Angas Plains or Lake Breeze. Visit the architectural award winning Kimbolton Winery and drink in the views from their rooftop deck. Savour wine and chocolate at Vineyard Road. Check out the horseradish farm at Rusticana Wines, home of Newman's Horseradish, discover one of Australia's most awarded historic wineries at Bleasdale and enjoy unique wines among Windsong Wines eco-vineyard and 60 tree fruit orchard.

#### 11 GOOLWA WHARF PRECINCT

Take it easy with a soft adventure eco cruise on the Spirit of the Coorong, grab brunch at Kuti Shack seafood cafe and kiosk in Goolwa Beach, spend a relaxing afternoon sampling local spirits and brews at Fleurieu Distillery or appreciate artwork produced by local, state and national artists in the Signal Point Gallery. If you're lucky, you can meander the Goolwa Wharf Markets on the  $r^{\alpha}$  and  $3^{\alpha}$  Sunday each month. Why not take the cockle train to the next stop, Victor Harbor!

#### 12 PORT ELLIOT

South Aussies will drive for over an hour to get a famous pie from the Port Elliot Bakery, but recently they've been sticking around for a while to enjoy the great atmosphere of some stellar main street food options like Salt the classy addition to Hotel Elliot and Yeo Haus - you're certainly spoilt for choice. Spend an afternoon exploring the magnificent and family-friendly Horseshoe Bay. Like to watch surfing or want to learn? Just around the corner lies Middleton, the famous surf beach, where there are several operators that can teach you how to ride a wave.

#### 13 VICTOR HARBOR & GRANITE ISLAND

A favourite with holiday makers and local fishers for generations. Go for a dip at one of the quiet sandy beaches, take the horse tram to Granite Island, hike the rugged cliftop for the views, sample delicious local seafood, partake in a Bluff coastal tour with the Big Duck Boat Tours or see the ocean's gentle giants with whales, dolphins and seals frequenting the bay. For land-based wildlife the family will love Urimbirra Wildlife Park adventures and Softfoot Alpacas and Wildlife Park.

#### 14 DEEP CREEK NATIONAL PARK

There's a great variety of walking options for all abilities at Deep Creek National Park. Camp for the night and rise early to hike the famous Heysen Trail. For fully guided multi-day adventures, Southern Ocean Walk have you covered. Seeking an immersive, yet easily accessible walk, look no further than Goondooloo Ridge Walk - home to a spectacular new trail, lookout and visitor facilities, that is family and pram-friendly.

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## **KANGAROO ISLAND**

#### 15 PENNESHAW

If you're arriving by ferry, you'll have departed from Cape Jervis by SeaLink Ferry and docked in Penneshaw. This is a convenient spot to base yourself and find accommodation. In Penneshaw you'll find all the required amenities are close by including car hire, supermarkets, the bottle shop and great coffee from Millie Mae's Pantry. Visit False Cape Wines and Dudley Wines for a unique cellar door experience. On the way to Kingscote you'll head through American River, a perfect pitstop for sailing and a spot of lunch at the Oyster Farm Shop—shucking fresh a native dozen for an excellent price.

#### 16 KINGSCOTE

After perking up with a cup of coffee at Cactus café, head out to find the best local produce that the island has to offer, including KI Ligurian Honey, Kangaroo Island Spirits and craft beer served out of an old farm shed by Kangaroo Island Brewery. Stop in at Cygnet River and spend a half-day hopping your way along the Cygnet River trail. You'll find outstanding cool climate wines in the Islander Estate Vineyards Tasting Room, enjoy the view at Springs Road Wines cellar door, then get the fully guided tour of one of Australia's only vertical mills at Kangaroo Island Wool, or even hire an e-bike to ride the trail sampling all things authentically Kangaroo Island.

#### 17 SEAL BAY

As Kangaroo Island's premier tourist attraction, the award-winning Seal Bay offers visitors an unforgettable wildlife experience. Set your own pace on the wheelchairaccessible boardwalk to several viewing platforms, or join a guided tour for beach access to the sea-lion colony. Raptor Domain offers visitors the chance to hold a bird of prey in their hands. Voted as one of the best beaches in Australia, Vivonne Bay is a pristine stretch of paradise perfect for swimming, picnicking and sunset strolls, a must-stop on your island adventure. Just around the corner, Little Sahara presents a set of dunes perfect for sandboarding. Hire your board from Kangaroo Island Outdoor Action.

#### 18 FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK

Flinders Chase National Park is a must see during a visit to Kangaroo Island. Known for its dense bushland, soaring cliffs, untouched white sandy beaches and pristine rivers and lagoons, Flinders Chase is the ultimate adventure location for those looking to reconnect with some of the best natural wonders South Australia has to offer. Visitors can road trip to the insta-famous Cape du Couedic Road, visiting Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and Weirs Cove and camping at West Bay and Harvey's Return. For walking lovers, Kangaroo Island wilderness Trail is one of Australia's great walks, this world class, 66km, five-day walking trail gives you unparalleled access to some of the most rugged, remote and spectacular coastlines in South Australia.



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