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IN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Only in South Australia

The state of South Australia is emerging as a premier luxury travel destination, offering a tapestry of authentically Australian landscapes and experiences. From the moment you arrive—soon to be easier than ever with United Airlines' new direct flight from San Francisco to Adelaide starting in December—you are immersed in a world of nature, culture and delectability. Whether it's the cosmopolitan allure of Adelaide, the rolling hills of the wine regions or the rugged beauty that lies beyond, you'll find it all in South Australia.

Here you'll find the world's oldest continually producing vineyard, the country's largest outback mountain range, the Opal Capital of the World, some of the darkest and clearest skies in Australia, unique wildlife, fresh seafood, luxury accommodations, and so much more!

It's a place where every experience feels refined, yet wild. Luxurious, yet grounded in nature. Whether you're sipping a finely-aged Shiraz under a million stars or watching with delight as sea lions bask on the sun-drenched shore, each experience invites you to savor the moment and connect with the surrounding beauty. With United Airlines providing enhanced access from the U.S. to Adelaide starting in December 2025, now is the perfect time to start planning a South Australia getaway.

"To me, travel is one of life's greatest gifts—a way to connect, discover and be transformed by the world's diversity. As a true-blue Aussie, nothing brings me more joy than sharing my homeland with others. While my heart belongs to my native Queensland, I have to admit that South Australia, with its exceptional wine, interesting wildlife, tremendous rock formations and friendly people, is a favorite destination of mine.

When we founded Swain Destinations in 1987, our vision was to help curious travelers discover places that seemed inaccessible or unknown. Now, with increased airlift—including nonstop flights from the U.S. to Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney—getting there is easy! Our expert travel consultants will handle the details, crafting a personalized itinerary to ensure your journey is both seamless and memorable."

~Ian Swain, President and Owner



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Adelaide Hills

The Adelaide Hills serve as the gateway to South Australia's countryside, offering an idyllic balance of cosmopolitan city and rural serenity. Each season brings fresh reasons to explore—from fruit picking to admiring the colorful changing leaves, spotting playful joeys to savoring special tastings of newly released wines. It's a region where refined pleasures are interwoven with nature's bounty, like fresh local produce, stunning landscapes and endless opportunities for outdoor adventure.



Sequoia offers unparalleled luxury in South Australia. Perched on the side of Mount Lofty with sweeping panoramic views, this intimate retreat blends exquisite food and wine, immersive wellness experiences, sustainability and rich connections with nature.



Adelaide Hills is one of the oldest wine regions in Australia, with roots tracing back to the early 1800s. Due to the elevation in the Hills, elegant cool-climate varietals are accompanied by sweeping views of the surrounding valleys and vineyards.

Adelaide

The gateway to South Australia, Adelaide is a hub of culture, flavor, and entertainment. The city is blooming with parks and green spaces and, with more than 400 events held annually, proudly earns the title of Australia's Festival City. Time a visit to Adelaide to enjoy a celebration of the arts, music, culture, or food and wine. Or catch a game of cricket or footy at one of the most picturesque sporting grounds in the world, the Adelaide Oval.

Adelaide is also known for its luxury accommodations, wine, restaurant and bar scene, incredibly friendly people and —according to our very own Ian Swain— exceptional tour guides. Some of our favorite Adelaide tours include the Central Market, a city tour and wine touring.



Wildlife Abounds

Adelaide is surrounded by opportunities to connect with nature and wildlife! You can visit a wildlife park for unique encounters or simply spot the abundant wildlife in the nearby waterways, eucalyptus, fern gullies, forests and gorges.

Just 20 minutes from Adelaide, Cleland Wildlife Park is a natural bushland setting home to more than 130 native Australian species. Stroll the park among free roaming kangaroos, emus, wallabies, wombats, potoroos, koalas, dingoes, birds and even the elusive echidna.



Fleurieu Peninsula

The Fleurieu Peninsula is a place of world-class wine, pristine beaches, gourmet foodie experiences and abundant wildlife. Innovative restaurants, vibrant farmer's markets overflowing with regional produce and untouched stretches of bushland alive with iconic Australian wildlife vie for attention among big name wineries and unique cellar doors. With expert local knowledge and insider industry connections, enjoy a carefully curated food, wine and wildlife tour of this breathtaking region.



Flinders Ranges

One of the oldest mountain ranges in the world, the Flinders Ranges is a breathtaking expanse of steep cliffs and deep craters. Explore the dramatic beauty of the area from the air, on the road, or by foot—we recommend all three to fully appreciate the magnificence of this rugged landscape. A visit to the Opal Capital of the world, Coober Pedy, offers a unique look at Outback life and an opportunity to find an iridescent souvenir straight from its source. Panoramic views and star-filled night skies will leave you utterly mesmerized.



Arkaba

Nestled on a 60,000-acre former sheep station, the Arkaba Homestead offers a select few guests a taste of wild bush luxury. Here, you'll immerse yourself in an authentic Australian Outback experience. A private wildlife conservancy, guests have exclusive access to explore the ancient geology, diverse wildlife and pastoral heritage of the land.



Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island offers far more than its namesake marsupials. Diverse natural habitats support an astonishing array of wildlife, including sea lions, koalas, cockatoos, wallabies, penguins, echidnas, platypuses, dolphins, whales and, yes, kangaroos. With more than 350 miles of unspoiled coastline, the island enchants visitors with pristine beaches, dramatic cliffs and striking geological wonders—none more iconic than the massive and unusual Remarkable Rocks.



Southern Ocean Lodge is a sanctuary of comfort and style, where contemporary luxury and thoughtful design opens onto endless views of the beautiful Southern Ocean. Ideally positioned within easy reach of Kangaroo Island's premier attractions yet blissfully secluded, the lodge offers a seamless blend of stunning scenery, personalized service, exceptional dining, and impeccable design —making it a true icon of South Australian luxury.

Seal Bay Conservation Park

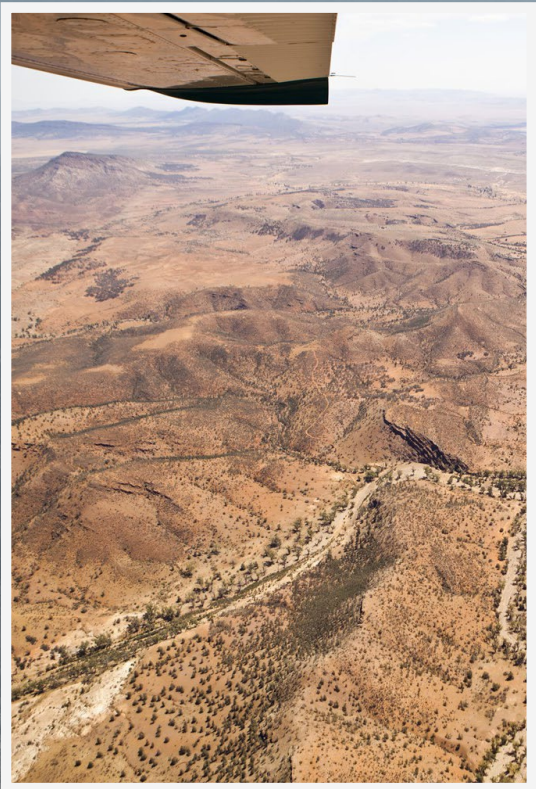
Seal Bay Conservation Park offers an extraordinary opportunity to witness Australian sea lions lounging on pristine shores. Guests can stroll the beach alongside these graceful creatures, guided by expert naturalists with a passion for educating visitors about these fascinating pinnipeds and the importance of conserving the species. Set against a backdrop of incredible coastline and the majestic Southern Ocean, the experience is both intimate and unforgettable.



South Australia Exploration

You truly can find it all in South Australia. This eight-night journey takes you from the rugged beauty of the Outback through the world-renowned vineyards to pristine beaches and beyond. Signature experiences at each property help create an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in pure luxury, surrounded by unspoiled nature and enchanting wildlife.

Outback



Arrive at Arkaba by scenic flight over the majestic Flinders Ranges, taking in sweeping views of ancient mountain landscapes. Spend three unforgettable nights immersed in the vast beauty of the Outback, where you can explore alongside expert field guides or venture out on your own.

Explore the full itinerary [HERE](#).

Vineyards



Journey on to the picturesque Adelaide Hills for two exquisite nights at Sequoia, where you'll be surrounded by rolling vineyards and eucalyptus forests. Savor a private guided tour of the Fleurieu Peninsula, indulging in the region's celebrated food, fine wines and encounters with native wildlife in their natural habitat.

Coast



Your adventure continues as you're whisked away to Kangaroo Island for a luxurious three-night stay at the all-inclusive Southern Ocean Lodge. Here, a bespoke itinerary awaits, personalized to your liking to showcase the island's extraordinary landscapes, iconic wildlife and breathtaking coastal beauty.

Luxury With Heart

Swain Destinations curates extraordinary travel experiences that immerse travelers in some of the world's most stunning locations—all while prioritizing sustainability, conservation, and cultural awareness.

At the heart of our Luxury With Heart philosophy is a commitment to protecting the environment, wildlife, and the communities that make each of our destinations unique. From connecting with people in their cultures to encountering wildlife in their natural habitats to enjoying impeccable accommodations in breathtaking landscapes, luxury and compassion truly can go hand-in-hand.

We invite you not just to set out on a grand adventure, but to be a part of something greater.

[Contact our Master Designers of Luxury Travel](#) to customize a journey to South Australia just for you.

your adventure starts here

