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- → Peel Street (p725)
- Gin Long Canteen (p726)
- Star of Greece (p740)
- Flying Fish Cafe (p743)
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Best Places to Stay

- → Adabco Boutique Hotel (p721)
- → Port Elliot Beach House YHA (p743)
- Stirling Hotel (p736)
- Largs Pier Hotel (p724)
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Why Go?

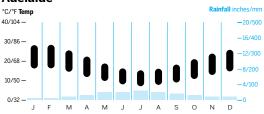
Escape the frenzy of Australia's east coast with a few days in gracious, relaxed Adelaide. Capital of the driest state on the driest inhabited continent, Adelaide beats the heat by celebrating life's finer things: fine landscapes, fine festivals, fine food, and (...OK, forget the other three) fine wine.

Just down the tram tracks is beachy Glenelg, Adelaide with its guard down and board shorts up. Nearby, Port Adelaide is slowly gentrifying but remains a raffish harbour 'hood with buckets of soul. Inland, Adelaide's winking plains rise to the Adelaide Hills, just 12 minutes up the freeway. The Hills' gorgeous valley folds, old-fangled towns and cool-climate vineyards are all close at hand.

A day trip away, the Fleurieu Peninsula is Adelaide's weekend playground, with surf and safe-swimming beaches, historic towns and the fabulous McLaren Vale wine region (love that shiraz...). Further afield, Kangaroo Island's wildlife, forests and seafood await just offshore.

When to Go

Adelaide



Feb-Mar Adelaide's festival season hits its straps: Fringe and WOMADelaide are highlights. Mar-May Beat the summer city heat in shoulder season (also September to November). **Sep** Football finals time: yell yourself silly in the stands, beer and pie in hand(s).

Adelaide & Around Highlights

- 1 Sniffing out the ripest cheese, fullest fruit and strongest coffee at Adelaide's Central Market (p710).
- 2 Swirling, nosing and quaffing your way through
- **McLaren Vale** (p737), our favourite SA wine region.
- 3 Day tripping through the **Adelaide Hills** (p733), checking out cellar doors, markets and historic towns.
- 4 Listening to the seals snort on **Kangaroo Island** (p745).
- 5 Joining the after-work booze hounds on Adelaide's Peel St (p727) or at the Exeter Hotel (p727).