



Barossa Valley & Southeastern SA

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Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ Ferment Asian (p760)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Reilly's (p765)
- ➔ Waikerie Hotel Motel (p768)
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Why Go?

From legendary wine regions north of Adelaide, around the lugubrious bends of the Murray River and down along the Limestone Coast, this vast swathe of South Australia demands your undivided attention.

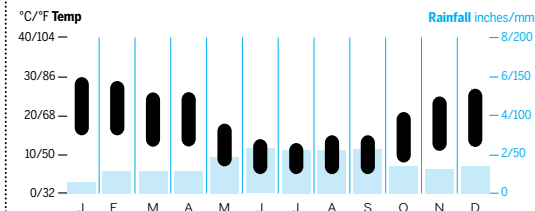
You can tackle the Barossa and Clare Valleys as day trips from Adelaide, but when the wine and food are this good, why rush? Spend a few days in each, exploring old-fangled towns, cycling between cellar doors, eating and revelling in general hedonism. These compact corners of SA are custom-built holiday haunts.

Conversely, the Murray River is vast, curling across the entire state. Towns here are utilitarian, with country sensibility at the helm. Silently sliding by, the river is undeniable in its beauty and grace.

Heading southeast, trace the Limestone Coast through the sea-salty Coorong, past beachy holiday towns to Mount Gambier, SA's second city. And, if you haven't already OD'd on wine, the Coonawarra Wine Region awaits.

When to Go

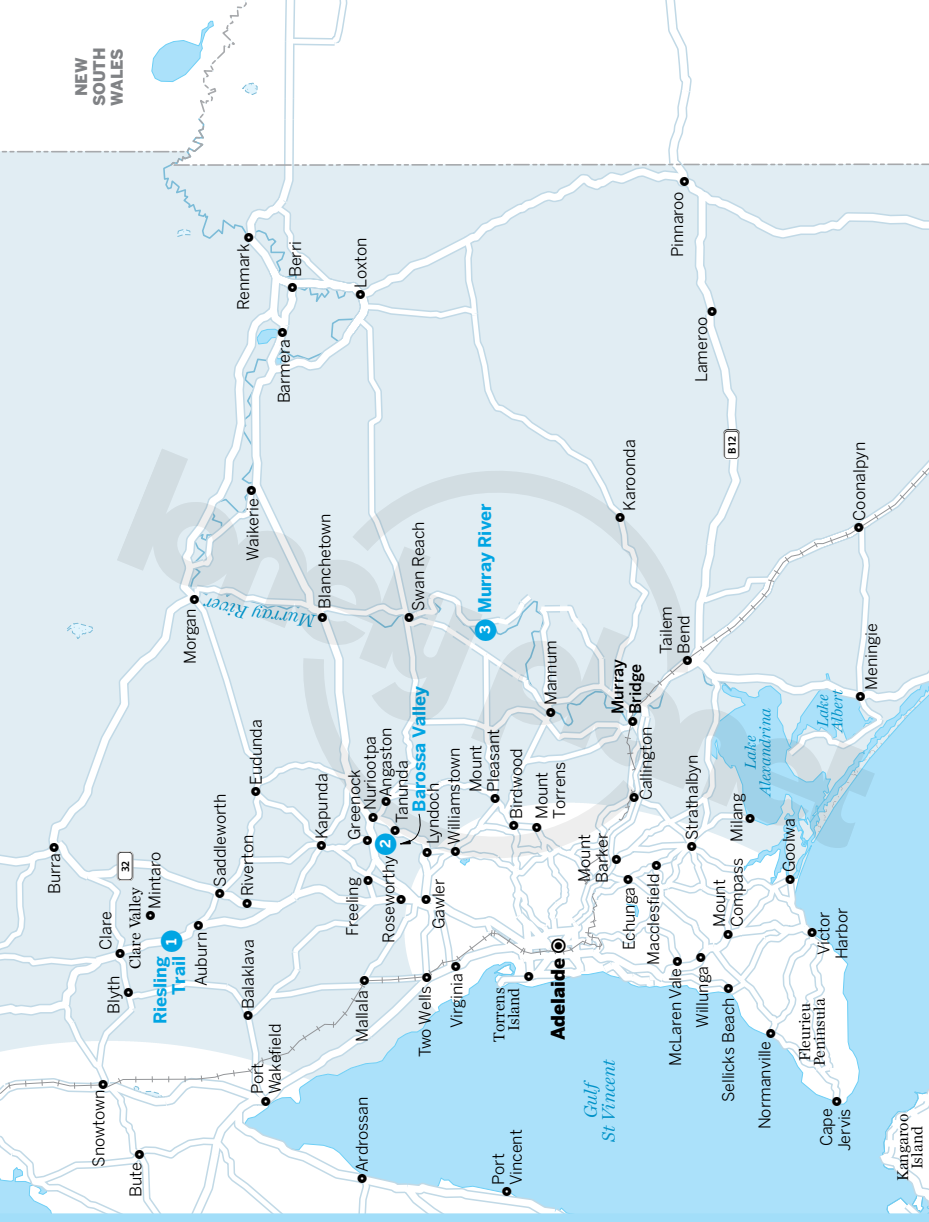
Tanunda



Mar–May Low autumn sunsets and russet-red grapevines: harvest is in the air.

Oct & Nov Spring-time on the Murray River, before the jet skis arrive en masse.

Dec–Feb Summer's here and the time is right for snoozing on the beach.



Barossa Valley & Southeastern SA Highlights

- 1** Cycling between cellar doors along the **Riesling Trail** (p763) in the Clare Valley.
- 2** Eating some sauerkraut and schnitzels in the **Barossa Valley** (p758), washed down with fine wine.
- 3** Hiring a houseboat and chug around the bends of the **Murray River** (p766).
- 4** Losing a few hours (or days) exploring the quiet corners of the **Coorong National Park** (p772).
- 5** Assessing the colour of the Blue Lake in **Mount Gambier** (p775).
- 6** Going underground at the World Heritage-listed **Naracoorte**