



Yorke Peninsula & Western SA

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Why Go?

A couple of hours west of Adelaide, boot-shaped Yorke Peninsula (aka 'Yorkes') bills itself as 'Agriculturally Rich – Naturally Beautiful'. And indeed, while Yorkes is thin on urban hubbub, it does have a certain agrarian beauty – deep azure summer skies and yellow barley fields spread across hazy, gently rolling hills. The coastline here is gorgeous, with great surf, roaming emus, kangaroos and ospreys, plus whales and dolphins cruising by.

Further west, the vast, straw-coloured triangle of Eyre Peninsula is Australia's big-sky country, and is the promised land for seafood fans. Meals out here rarely transpire without the option of trying the local oysters, tuna and whiting. Sublime national parks punctuate the coast along with world-class surf breaks and low-key holiday towns, thinning out as you head west towards the Great Australian Bight, the Nullarbor Plain and Western Australia (WA).

Best Places to Eat

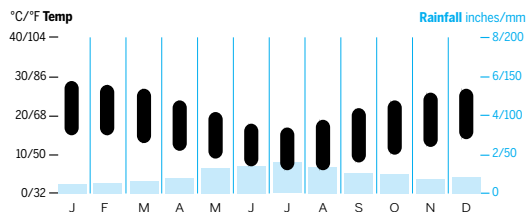
- ➔ Fresh Fish Place (p787)
- ➔ Dragon Well (p781)
- ➔ Mocean (p789)
- ➔ Ceduna Oyster Bar (p789)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Point Turton Caravan Park (p783)
- ➔ Tanonga (p787)
- ➔ Port Lincoln YHA (p786)
- ➔ Dawes Point Cottage (p788)

When to Go

Ceduna



Nov–Dec The tourist season hits its straps and it's warm enough to swim.

Mar–May Warm autumn days and cool nights: perfect beach and oyster-slurping weather.

Aug–Oct Spring is in the air, the wheat fields are green and the roads are empty.

Yorke Peninsula & Western SA Highlights

- 1** Digging into Cornish copper-mining history in **Moonta** (p782).
- 2** Paddling out into the surf at isolated **Pondalowie Bay** (p783).
- 3** Getting a feel for Australia's desert heart at the **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden** (p785) in Port Augusta.
- 4** Seeing some seafood (or better still, eating some) in **Port Lincoln** (p786), the tuna capital of Australia.
- 5** Staring mortality in the eye on a **shark-cage dive** (p786) off Port Lincoln.
- 6** Exploring bays, dunes and remote walking tracks in **Coffin Bay National Park** (p787).
- 7** Slurping down a dozen briny oysters au naturel in **Ceduna** (p789).
- 8** Scanning the sea for migrating southern right whales at **Head of Bight** (p790).

