

# ADELAIDE



Adelaide is a vibrant, stylish and elegant city, with just over one million residents, and is nestled along the banks of the Torrens River. It is positioned between the Gulf of St Vincent and the Adelaide Hills.

The CBD was designed by Colonel William Light in 1836, and is laid out in a square mile grid, which is surrounded by a border of beautiful parklands.

## *Fine Dining*

Adelaide is a relaxed city of pubs, cafes, restaurants, fresh produce and wine. Many of Adelaide's fine restaurants can be found along Rundle Street, Gouger Street and also in North Adelaide.

## *Cultural events*

A number of sporting and cultural events are held in Adelaide throughout the year. These encompass the arts, food and wine, gardening, car racing and equestrian events. Every two years the city comes alive with the internationally acclaimed Adelaide Festival of Arts and the Adelaide Fringe. This has provided Adelaide with the label "The Festival City".

The city of Adelaide makes an excellent base for visitors wishing to explore the state's other exciting regions, many of which can be explored in day trips.

## **QUICK FACTS ABOUT ADELAIDE**

Adelaide is Australia's fifth largest city with a population of more than 1.1 million.

Best time to visit – all year around

Temperature averages – **Winter** Max 16°C (Min 7°C), **Summer** Max 32°C (Min 9°C)

# WANT TO EXPLORE ADELAIDE FURTHER?

## TAKE A TOUR OF THE CITY CENTRE'S HIGHLIGHTS!

### ***Art Gallery***

The Art Gallery is located in North Terrace, and is open from 10.00am – 5.00pm daily. Admission is free. The gallery is known particularly for its wide range of early prints and drawings, and also has excellent displays of south-east Asian ceramics.

### ***Ayers House***

Ayers House is situated at 288 North Terrace and is an elegant Regency building that was built in 1846 for William Paxton. In 1855 the building was acquired by Sir Henry Ayers, a prominent South Australian businessman and State Premier, who carried out substantial extensions to the original structure. In 1858 he added a library and built a number of bedrooms at the back. In 1859 he added the large eastern drawing room (used sometimes as a ballroom) and the two bow windows at the front. The extensions were finally completed in 1974 when the western wing was added. Ayers continued to live in the house until his death in 1897. During that time Ayers House was used as a residence where he entertained large numbers of prominent dignitaries. Today the house, which has been restored by the South Australian Government, is open for inspection, and also houses the National Trust of South Australia.

### ***Botanic Gardens***

The Botanic Gardens were established in 1855. They are open from 7.00am until a variable closing time. Among the displays are the Museum of Economic Botany, a new glasshouse, a magnificent wisteria arbour and an avenue of Moreton Bay figs that were originally planted in 1866. Of equal interest is the State Herbarium, which is situated in the south-east corner of the Botanic Garden.

### ***Festival Centre***

The Festival Centre comprises a drama theatre, a lyric theatre, an open amphitheatre, an experimental theatre and a multipurpose concert hall, and offers a range of interesting cultural activities throughout the year. Tours of the complex can be taken.

### ***Adelaide Gaol***

Adelaide Gaol is located off Port Road which runs west from North Terrace. It is open to visitors for self-guided tours Sunday to Friday between 11.00am and 3.30pm. Guided tours are available on Sundays at 11.00am, midday and 1.00pm. The gaol is more than 147 years old, and was one of the buildings constructed by Governor George Gawler. It was used for the confinement of prisoners as recently as February 188.

### ***Holy Trinity Church***

The Holy Trinity Church is located at 87 North Terrace and is known as “The pioneer church of South Australia.” The foundation stone was laid by Governor Hindmarsh in 1838, and the church was rebuilt and enlarged in 1844 and again in 1888. The church clock was made by Vulliamy, the clockmaker to King William IV and Queen Adelaide.

### ***Migration Museum***

The Migration Museum is located at 82 Kintore Avenue, off North Terrace and is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on weekends. The museum contains a combination of photographs, computerised information, recreated hostel rooms, and audio-visual displays, and offers an interesting overview of Australia's migration programs since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Entry is free

### ***South Australian Museum***

Situated on the northern side of North Terrace, the South Australian Museum contains five floors of natural and cultural history with particular emphasis on the fossils, animals and minerals of South Australia. It also has a collection of Aboriginal and Pacific Island artifacts.

### ***Parliament House***

The Old Parliament House, nestled between the current Parliament House and the Adelaide Railway Station, was built in 1855, and offers an overview of the political and social history of South Australia. It is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 12.00 noon to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday.

### ***St Frances Xavier's Cathedral***

St Frances Xavier's Cathedral is situated in Wakefield Street and is the centre for Roman Catholic worship in Adelaide. The church was built progressively between 1856 and 1926. There is no spire. Like St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, it has never been completed.

### ***Tandanya***

Tandanya ("place of the kangaroo") is the home of the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute and is located in the East End Precinct of the city. Visitors may observe the production of artifacts, enjoy traditional and contemporary music, theatre and dance, and purchase Aboriginal art and craft.

### ***Telecommunications Museum***

The Telecommunications Museum is located in the city centre at 131 King William Street. It has separate sections devoted to Wireless Telegraphy, Beyond 2000, Early Home Receivers, Telephony, External Plant, Radio Transmission, Optical Fibre, Telegraphy and Machine Telegraphy. It is open from 10.30am to 3.30pm and admission is free.

### ***Adelaide Zoo***

The Adelaide Zoo is located close to the city centre on the banks of the Torrens River and surrounded by the city's Botanic Gardens, and is over 100 years old. Its attractions include an Australian Wetland Exhibit and a walk-through the Australian Rainforest Exhibit. It is open from 9.30am to 5.00pm every day of the year.

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