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We've long been famous for our iconic houseboat holidays and paddle steamer history, but there's more on offer.

Our waterways begin in the lower Murray near Swan Reach. This stretch boasts some of the river's widest expanses and most spectacular ochre cliff faces. Not to mention, we're home to Australia's first dark sky reserve – the [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#).

From here, we follow the Mighty Murray Way towards Mannum and Murray Bridge, two of our larger river towns.

Both have large riverfront recreation areas with restaurants. These idyllic spots are home to major events and people soaking up river life.

In Murray Bridge you can host a function at [Bridges Event Centre](#), stay at the six-storey [Bridgeport Hotel](#) overlooking the riverfront and iconic bridges and take a quick trip out of town to [Monarto Safari Park](#).

South towards the Lower Lakes is the Murray Mouth and Coorong – one of the most unique environments in the world – made famous again by the 2019 film remake of *Storm Boy*.

Along the way, you'll go through Tailern Bend, now firmly on the map thanks to [The Bend Motorsport Park](#).

Further south, you'll start catching glimpses of Lake Albert and Lake Alexandrina, as they begin to open up to the Coorong National Park.

*Our idyllic river reserves are filled with people fishing, skiing, paddling and playing.*

The lakeside town of Meningie is set right on Lake Albert and known for spectacular sunsets and fresh seafood.

On the other side of the Coorong, you can travel through Lake Alexandrina towns (such as Milang, Clayton and Langhorne Creek) on your way to Goolwa, where the Murray meets the sea.

Please ensure that wherever you travel you consider South Australia's most updated COVID-19 measures. Our operators have made significant changes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their visitors, however we all have a responsibility to follow the rules which help protect public health. Visit [sahealth.sa.gov.au](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au) for current information. ■

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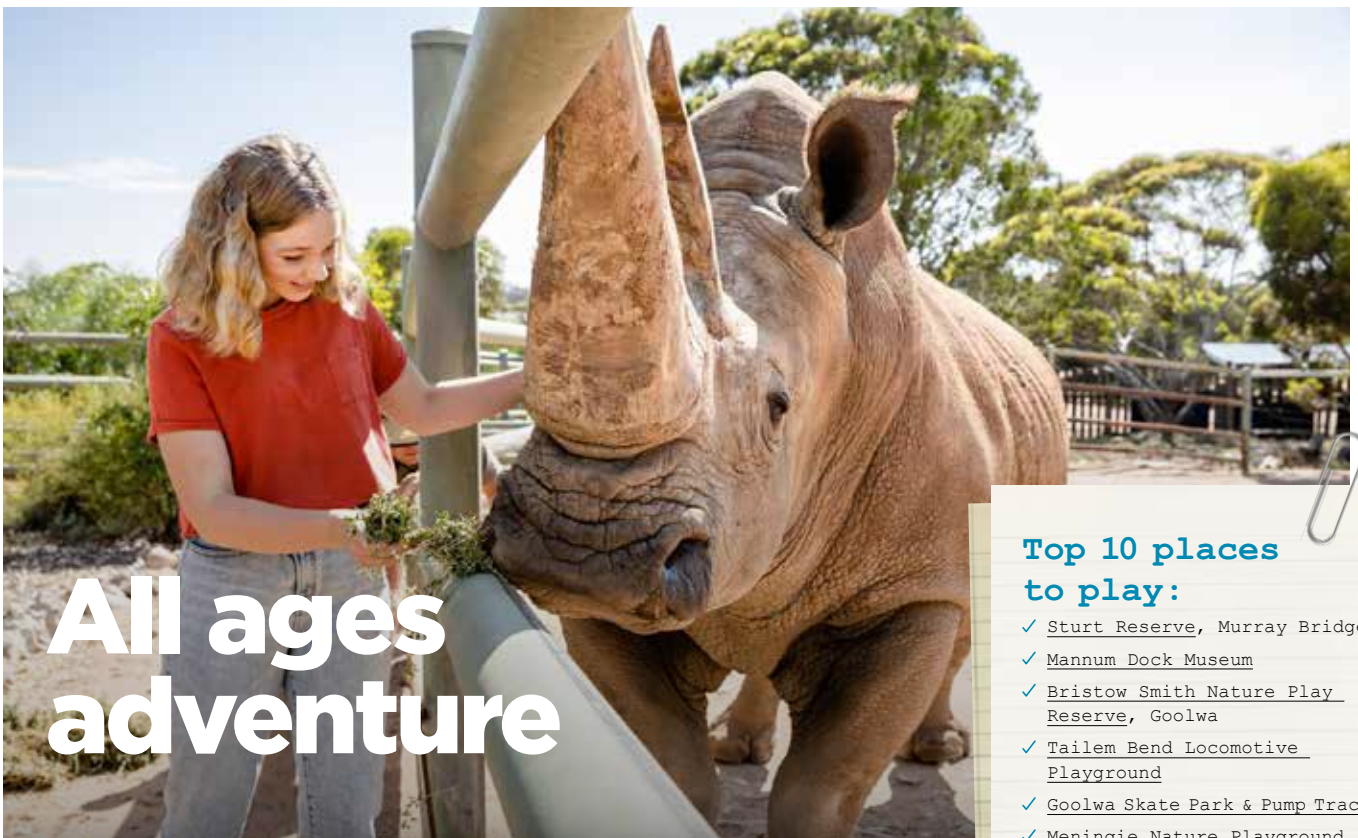
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Karoonda Silo Art



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# All ages adventure

Monarto Safari Park

**Think meerkats, super-slides and skateparks, waterfalls and nature playgrounds, frisbee golf and bunyips. The list goes on...**

Family adventures are our thing. So, whether it's a quick day trip from Adelaide, or an extended getaway with friends in a riverfront holiday home, we think this might just be the perfect place for you.

*Whether it's an up-close wildlife experience at Monarto Safari Park or the chance to roll down a sandhill in the Coorong National Park, we have something to suit all ages.*

Things to add to your itinerary include fishing or paddling along the River, a visit to Karoonda's new space-themed playground featuring a 10m, three-level tower, custom-built moon Lunar Rover, water play space and more.

The interactive display at the Mannum Dock Museum is always a hit with kids. Your little ones can become the 'captain' and steer the wheel, blow whistles and talk through brass funnels.

## Top 10 places to play:

- ✓ Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Mannum Dock Museum
- ✓ Bristow Smith Nature Play Reserve, Goolwa
- ✓ Tailem Bend Locomotive Playground
- ✓ Goolwa Skate Park & Pump Track
- ✓ Meningie Nature Playground
- ✓ Long Island Reserve, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Woodlane Reserve, Myponga
- ✓ Karoonda Playground
- ✓ Mary Ann Reserve Playground, Mannum

\*For a list of all of our playgrounds, visit: [themurrayriver.com/play-pause/recreational-entertainment](http://themurrayriver.com/play-pause/recreational-entertainment)

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Karoonda playground



Murray Coorong Trail

Our flat terrain and mild winters, mean our trails (on and off water) are accessible all year round.

So – whether you're an avid paddler, runner, walker or cyclist – you've got places to break a sweat here, no matter the season. Even [Monarto Safari Park](#) has extensive trails, meaning you can have some seriously up-close encounters with the wild on foot.

Our biggest, is the 325km Lavender Federation Trail, a favourite amongst bushwalkers. It starts in Murray Bridge and winds through diverse countryside, with a highlight being Kinchina Conservation Park, just outside of Murray Bridge.



Kinchina Conservation Park



Kayaking on the Coorong.

### Best places to break a sweat:

- ✓ [Murray Coorong Trail](#)
- ✓ [Encounter Bikeway](#), Goolwa
- ✓ [Kinchina Conservation Park](#), Murray Bridge
- ✓ [Mowantjie Willauwar](#), Tailem Bend
- ✓ [Mannum Waterfalls](#), Mannum
- ✓ [Lavender Federation Trail](#)
- ✓ [Lavender Cycling Trail](#)
- ✓ [Lower Murray Canoe Trail](#), Wellington
- ✓ [Rocky Gully Wetlands Walk](#), Murray Bridge
- ✓ [Goolwa Barrage Walk](#), Goolwa

The Mannum Waterfalls are also a great hike for the whole family.

### Paddle and explore

The [Lower Murray Canoe Trail](#) was launched in 2019 and is gaining momentum from Australia's paddle community. Created to give people an up-close experience with the Lower Murray ecosystems, it offers options for beginner to advanced paddlers. The Mannum Canoe Trail has a history focus, as it shows you a view of the historic PS Marion and [Mannum Dock Museum](#) from the water.

Or, if you're after a guided tour to some of our most pristine parts of the Coorong (many only accessible by kayak), then Canoe the Coorong is for you. This team can host all ages and abilities. Or hire your own vessel – our local Visitor Information Centres can get you sorted.

Love stand up paddleboarding?

The Lower Lakes are shallow and great for any style of paddling (or on the blowy days, they're popular for wind and kite-surfing). If you're a morning person, we'd recommend an early start for the ultimate sunrise experience.

### Peddle power

The Encounter Bikeway begins along the Murray River in Goolwa and takes you along the river's edge to the barrage. You'll pedal under the Hindmarsh Bridge and through the wharf precinct. Renowned for its cycling culture, Goolwa cafés will welcome cyclists.

The 300km Murray to Clare Trail takes you on a scenic route via Monarto on dirt roads and tracks. *Please note the trail is not sign-posted, so plan your trip ahead.*

### Anything goes

Some parts of the 450km Murray Coorong Trail are open. This walking and mountain bike trail offers incredible views of the river, Lower Lakes and Coorong. Sections of between 2 - 20km will take you along various surfaces, across the ferry at Mannum, through pine forests near Tailem Bend, along Sturt Reserve in Murray Bridge and from Meningie to the Coorong's edge.

Shorter trails include the Tailem Bend History Trail or Murray Bridge Discovery Trail. For riverside views and native wildlife, try the Pelican Path in Meningie, Swanport and [Rocky Gully Wetlands](#) in Murray Bridge, or the Goolwa Barrage walk to the Murray Mouth. ■

*You can have some seriously up-close encounters with the wild, without the crowds.*



### Insta-worthy icons:

- ✓ Big Bend Cliffs, Big Bend
- ✓ Murray Princess
- ✓ Historic paddle vessels, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Goolwa
- ✓ Day and night silo art, Karoonda
- ✓ Silo mural, Coonalpyn
- ✓ Bertha the Bunyip, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Mannum Waterfalls, Mannum
- ✓ Birdman of the Coorong (ostrich), Meningie

Bridges Event Centre, Murray Bridge Racing Club

### Whether it's wine or wildlife, karting or cruising – we know the perfect group getaways.

Monarto Safari Park is one of our most prominent icons, and it will look even better thanks to the \$58 million upgrade to the visitor centre and new accommodation resort being built. The award-winning Lions 360 encounter allows people a once-in-a-lifetime experience, including hand-feeding the lion pride. Or if it's a gentler family experience you crave, why not meander with the meerkats or feed the giraffes.

If you prefer evening adventures, you'll love the relaxed Gold Stars Sunset Dinner experience with Juggle House Experiences, touring the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.

If you love fresh produce, make sure you drop in to Woodlane Orchard's new produce shop and café at Mypolonga

*Get in the fast lane at The Bend to see who can conquer the karting circuit.*

and take home a bag of fresh honey, dried citrus, award-winning olive oil and other treats.

And if fresh food and fine wine is your thing, then you have to spend a day or two in the Langhorne Creek Wine Region. The 8 unique local cellar doors have a taste of everything, but you can't go past a visit to the recently expanded Bremerton Wines – offering delicious food, wine and gin flights, and the perfect grassed outdoor space to relax with a group.

Nearby here is the Kimbolton Wines, which has some of SA's best rosé – and you can sip on a glass while you take in the cool architecture of its cellar door made from shipping containers (you need to see it to believe it).

While you're here, cruise amongst Coorong National Park's trails to Salt Creek, or along the beach from Goolwa to the Murray Mouth.

For adrenaline junkies, we recommend a visit to The Bend Motorsport Park for karting, hot laps and off-road adventures.

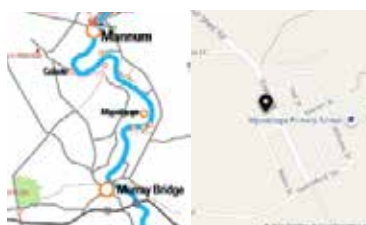
Plus, if racing is your thing, then time your trip around the next Murray Bridge Racing Club meet, and spend the day dressed up at Bridges Event Centre.

If you need a place to stay, then check-in with the team from River Shack Rentals or the new 6-storey Bridgeport Hotel. Or if you want to float along the Murray, try the Unforgettable Houseboats fleet or Houseboat Hirers Association. ■

## Come and experience Murray River magic at Mypolonga.



At Lot 23 you will find an abundance of produce, flavour, fun and a sense of community. See Woodlane Orchard in action through their interactive window, try foods including soups, meals, citrus, olive oil, honey and pomegranate products. Enjoy a coffee or play games in the garden. A great stop over for all the family situated mid way between Murray Bridge and Mannum. Open 7 days.



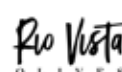
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# Mark it in your calendar



## JAN

### Sounds By The River

Mannum

Postponed, date TBC

### Murray River Splash Festival

Murray Bridge

## FEB

### Murray Bridge Fringe Festival

### Magic Millions Race

Murray Bridge

## MAR

### Adventurethon Multi-sport Event

Murray Bridge

## APR

### Karoonda Farm Fair Aquaquest at Goolwa

## MAY

### Lameroo Country Music Festival

## JUN

### SA Truck & Ute Show

Mannum

## JUL

### Pedal Prix (The Bend Motorsport Park)

## AUG

### The Bend Motorsport Park SuperSprint

### SALA Festival

Across region

### Cellar Treasures

Langhorne Creek

## SEP

### The Bend Motorsport Park Classic

### Pedal Prix

Murray Bridge

## OCT

### Murray Bridge Gold Cup

### Murray Bridge Marathon

## NOV

### Handpicked Festival

Langhorne Creek

### All Steamed Up Festival

Mannum

## DEC

Various Christmas and New Year festivities celebrated across region.

## MARKETS

### Mannum Riverside Market

First Sunday of the month

### Goolwa Wharf Market

First and third Sunday of the month

### Milang Lakeside Markets

Second Saturday of the month

For updated details, refer to event websites, or visit [themurrayriver.com/events](http://themurrayriver.com/events).

# Go with the flow



PS Marion

**Imagine waking up afloat and peering out the window to your own, personal, on-water view of the spectacular Murray River. Cruising holidays are something else.**

PS Murray Princess

Whether you like it fast or slow, on water or land, our lower Murray is simply spectacular and offers an

unrivalled experience for your bucket list. From Swan Reach to Mannum, or Murray Bridge to Lake Albert – the views will blow your mind.

Each day you'll take in views of stunning cliff faces, towering gum trees and beautiful birdlife. To get even closer, just grab the kayak and head out for a peaceful paddle.

*A day floating along the river, is a day immersing yourself in the best of the Murray lifestyle.*

Our award-winning Murray River cruising options are endless. Be your own captain with one of our self-drive

houseboat fleet options, or let someone else navigate while you relax.

## Slow down

During a stay on the historic PS Murray Princess, you can cruise at a relaxed pace

as the crew take care of your needs, navigating via Murray Bridge, Mannum, Big Bend, Swan Reach and beyond.

Whether you're sitting on the top sun deck with your feet up and reading a book, while slowly sipping your morning cuppa – or if you're chilling out in the Paddlewheel Lounge catching up with newfound friends over a game of cards, it all looks the same. Calm, comfortable and carefree.

Or indulge with a short or long stay on board the award-winning (and SA Tourism Hall of Fame inductee) the Proud Mary. This beautifully restored vessel offers up two and five-night cruises, and has also added a lunch

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Proud Mary

Spirit of the Coorong



Four Knots Cruises

cruise every Monday from the beautiful Mannum riverfront.

Both of these cruises include onshore excursions, on-board entertainment and all of your dining needs.

If you're looking for a day-trip, try the historic PS Marion and PS Mayflower (both based in Mannum), the Captain Proud (Murray Bridge) or the PS Oscar W (Goolwa).

*You'll hear  
the sounds of  
wildlife and see  
the towering  
ochre cliffs  
by day.*

### Speed up

Another way to experience the Murray and Coorong is on board some of our smaller vessels for a guided tour. These faster cruises take you everywhere from the Murray Mouth at Goolwa, right across Lake Alexandrina, through the Coorong National Park and further up River to townships such as Swan Reach.

Based at Goolwa, the team from Spirit of the Coorong Cruises offer everything from two-hour to seven night guided tours – and will take you to places you

never knew existed.

Get up close with native wildlife and walk through golden sand dunes while the team look after you.

Otherwise if you're in Mannum for the day, jump on board with the Four Knots team for a short sunset cruise or their popular birdwatching cruise. These guys can even arrange private tours to secluded river reserves where you can taste wine, gin, local produce and listen to live music – perfect for group getaways. ➤

# Spirit of the Coorong

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Houseboat holidays

### Your own pace

One of the best ways to experience the Murray River, is on a houseboat. Grab a group of friends or family (our biggest houseboats sleep up to 12) and explore the river's stunning scenery close up.

Whether you prefer to stay on board soaking in the jacuzzi, or find a quiet section of the riverbank to pull up for a campfire – it's a holiday you must experience. With all the luxuries you'd expect, you're guaranteed to find something for your taste and budget.

If you're not sure where to start, head over to the [SA Houseboat Hirers Association](#) website.

Here you can find and book a huge range of houseboats with locations departing from top to bottom of the Murray River in SA. The range includes everything from gorgeous little vintage boats which sleep two people, all the way to premium modern houseboats sleeping up to 12.

Otherwise, check out our biggest fleet from the award-winning (and SA Tourism Hall of Fame inductee) [Unforgettable Houseboats](#). These guys have modern houseboats, with most boasting heated jacuzzis and plenty of extra living space.

*But by night,  
you'll marvel at  
the magnificent  
starry dark sky  
reserve.*

### Jump right in

Whatever vessel you decide on, don't forget to pack or hire your paddling equipment. Load up with kayaks, stand-

up paddleboards, tinnies, and speedboats – so you can make the most of the water. A few extra toys on board allows you to head out for a paddle on sunset, or into the backwaters and drop a line.

Some of the vessels or accommodation along the river will throw this equipment in as part of your package, however if you need extras, try Freedom Boat Hire, Canoe the Coorong or Lake Albert Paddle Boards (Meningie). ■

Private jetty at River Shack Rentals property in Bowhill



*Paddling on Lake Albert*





## Please join us at our new cellar door experience at Langhorne Creek

It's a bright and beautiful new extension to our restored 1866 stone barn – new or old, they're great places to hang-out, enjoy a regionally inspired lunch, a picnic on the lawn, a gin flight, and of course, experience Bremerton's award winning range of wines. See you soon!



Lucy & Rebecca Willson  
Bremerton Wines

*It's our life.*

# Meet our wildlife



Coorong National Park

**Feed a lion, meet a Coorong pelican, learn how to fillet fish, or set up camp for one of the greatest views to the stars in the world.**

Whatever wild adventure your heart craves, our region will have something to try during your next trip. Our spectacular waterways, dark skies and unique land are some of our greatest assets.

Our backyard is the perfect place to switch off the phone and immerse yourself in nature. So whether it's the morning sunrise across the Murray, sunset over the Lakes, or twinkling stars over the Mid Murray, you'll want to stop in our backyard.

## Switch off, and get back to nature

Camping, bushwalking, mountain biking, fishing, four-wheel-driving and kayaking all work together here. Every day we see 4WDs loaded up for an off-road adventure.

Start at the freshwater end, camping along the banks of Swan Reach or Walker Flat, before you head along the Mighty Murray Way towards campsites at Mannum and Murray Bridge. From here, you can explore the Lower Lakes and Coorong for a saltier experience and feel a million miles away from civilisation. If you love fishing, try for a giant mulloway or even a fresh callop without having to board a boat!

*Explore the Lower Lakes and Coorong for a saltier experience and feel a million miles away from civilisation.*

A must for seafood lovers is the [Coorong Wildside Tours](#) experience. Coorong mullet has become pretty famous down this way, and tour operators Tracey and Glen will take you on a close-up experience in their new custom-made touring and fishing boat.

## Twitch, twitch

Twitchers love the region for its incredible variety of birdlife and conservation areas. Of course the gem of the region is the Jack's Point Pelican Observatory down near Salt Creek, but there is much more.

Just recently, the almost-extinct Mallee Emu Wren was released back in to Ngarkat Conservation Park near Tintinara, and near Taillem Bend you'll find plenty of unique native birds at the volunteer-run Pangarinda Botanic Garden.

At the other end of our region, we have the Lower Murray backwaters and lagoons which are home to a variety of ducks, herons and bitterns. Places to view these birds include hides at Mannum (Hermann Gass Reserve), Goolwa and Murray Bridge (Riverglades and Swanport Wetlands).

## Where to go wild:

- ✓ [Monarto Safari Park](#)
- ✓ [Coorong Wildside Tours](#), Meningie
- ✓ [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#)
- ✓ [Murray Mouth](#), Goolwa Beach
- ✓ [Coorong National Park](#), Salt Creek and Goolwa
- ✓ [Ngarkat Conservation Park](#), Tintinara
- ✓ [Big Bend By Night](#), Big Bend



*Coorong Wildside Tours*



*Juggle House Experiences*

## A wild tour in style

If you want a guided wildlife tour in luxury, then jump on board the famous [Juggle House Experiences](#) limo bus. Let bus driver (and local expert) Kellie guide you on a ride around [Monarto Safari Park](#), explore the Aussie farming fun at Big Bend By Night, or sip champagne en route to the best astro hot-spots underneath the [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#). ■



# Share the Wonder

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*Giraffe Safari experience*





### Our top historic landmarks:

- ✓ Mannum Dock Museum, Mannum
- ✓ Pioneer Park, Karoonda
- ✓ Church on \$50 note, Raukkan
- ✓ Port Milang Railway Museum, Milang
- ✓ Point Malcolm Lighthouse, Narrung
- ✓ The Round House, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Printing Museum, Pinnaroo
- ✓ Red gum press, Bleasdale Vineyard

**This region is packed full of exciting stops, but how do you fit them all in to one trip? Fear not – this guide will direct you to all the local hidden gems.**

The Round House,  
Murray Bridge

### Swan Reach

Starting in Swan Reach, you can grab a bite to eat at the crowd favourite, [Swan Reach Hotel](#). You'll need the fuel of a quality pub feed to get through the rest of the itinerary – so tuck in!

We recommend staying the night at Swan Reach to see the breathtaking [River Murray Dark Sky Reserve](#). It's the first of its kind in Australia and only the 16th in the world, so you won't want to skip it. Its dry climate and cloudless skies result in a once in a lifetime view of the night sky.

For a culturally enriching experience, book ahead for a guided tour of the [Ngaut Ngaut Conversation Park](#), located between Swan Reach and Nildottie. The traditional owners will fill you in on the history and stories of this area, providing an understanding of the local Nganguraku people.

### Karoonda

Why not take the longer route to Murray Bridge, a detour to [Karoonda](#) here will be well worth the trip. The large scale award-winning silos art, including a night time illumination show, has brought them global attention –



but don't worry you can't miss it. There's also a great new space-themed playground for kids nearby if you have the little ones with you.

Otherwise, if you're more interested in the deep history of Karoonda you should drop into Pioneer Park – their major historical attraction.




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*Bowhill General Store*

### Bowhill

From Swan Reach or Karoonda, you can follow the Mighty Murray Way down to Bowhill where you can stop for a coffee with a view. The Bowhill General Store has earned itself an impressive status for its recent renovation. This modern beauty has been attracting audiences from near and far who come to sit in the outdoor dining area and look out over the cliff face, onto the glassy Murray River below.

In the warmer days you'll find yourself watching the water-skiers whiz past showing off their best moves, or one of the local paddlesteamers elegantly cruising past with a crowd on board.

To make the most of your visit and relax, you'll find some quiet places to stay right on the river at nearby Younghusband – or why not stay right on the water in a houseboat at Kia Marina?

### Mannum

After you've passed through Younghusband, you'll come to the dual-ferry crossing at Mannum (which is a great way to view the river). Mannum is the home of PS Marion and PS Mayflower. Both of these beautifully restored paddle steamers allow you to experience the nostalgia of historic river maritime experiences.

Plus, if you like to hike, then you'll love Mannum Waterfalls. This popular bush walking destination, with moderate to steep walking tracks, follows along Reedy Creek right up to the falls.

### Murray Bridge

Driving 25 minutes south from Mannum will land you in Murray Bridge, the heart of our region.

A quick walk into the town will greet you with a wide variety of shops and cafés. Or to take in the local history, spend time at the restored Round House, overlooking the twin bridges and offering a 180 degree panoramic view of the Murray River.

Here you can take a history tour (bookings essential), or just wander around the beautifully manicured gardens yourself – it's open to the public all year round.

Across the road from the Round House you'll find the Bridgeport Hotel, (and trust us, you can't miss it!). You'll be able to spot it from almost anywhere in Murray Bridge, especially if it has its neon blue lights on. The modern interior will knock your socks off, so head inside and see it for yourself (or stay the night and wake up with river views, a gourmet breakfast and barista-made coffee). >



*Murray Bridge*

**KAROONDA**  
Heart of South Australia's Mallee

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Point Malcolm Lighthouse, Narrung

If you have time, it's worth taking a walk across the pedestrian path of the historic Murray Bridge. On the town side, extend your stroll down to [Sturt Reserve](#) where you'll pass the newly upgraded rowing club, iconic riverfront views and the dreaded Bunyip.

For those who want more, keep following the tracks through wetlands to [Long Island Reserve](#), or extend your trip with a visit to the [Swanport Wetlands](#) where you can stroll along boardwalks or watch the birds from custom-built viewing hides.

It's always worth adding [Monarto Safari Park](#) to your itinerary too (and if you're travelling from Adelaide, you can add it to the start or end of your trip as it sits along the South Eastern Freeway).

## Tailem Bend

From Murray Bridge, a small 15 minute venture south east will land you in the centre of Tailem Bend.

This country town has put itself on the map with its world-class [The Bend Motorsport Park](#). Between their impressive race circuit, rally and off-road tracks, 4WD adventure park and karting course, you'll easily spend an adrenalin-fuelled day out. It's also got a bar and restaurant, plus showroom of some of the world's most incredible cars on display for you to get up close with.

Once again, you can stay the night here in the [Rydges Pit Lane Hotel](#), or nearby at The Bend's own Big 4 Holiday Park.

If motorsport isn't your thing, you could always pop into [Regional Profile Cutters](#) to personalise your own memorabilia. This family business are local artists, and will create metal keepsakes and designs for you to take home and display indoors or out.

From here, you'll have two options – to either cross the Wellington Ferry or keep driving south, down the east side of the Murray River.

## Meningie

If you choose not to cross, you'll be led down by the Princes Highway to where the river flows into Lake Albert. In the gorgeous lakeside town of Meningie, you can step out onto the jetty and get a close-up view of this magnificent scenery. And if you have the time, why not finish your trip a little further down south in the Coorong National Park. If you're in a 4WD, you can explore the tracks amongst the Coorong – or head inland to Ngarkat Conservation Park and drive the renowned border track. When driving between these two beautiful parks – make sure you drop in to visit the famed Coonalpyn silo art, and even spend a night at Tintinara's newly renovated [Motel on Becker](#).

## Langhorne Creek

If you choose to cross the ferry at Wellington, you'll be following the road along the edge of Lake Alexandrina and on to the [Langhorne Creek Wine Region](#).



Here, you'll want to ensure a stop at [Kimbolton Wines](#) (with its incredible rooftop deck, refreshing rose, cheese tasting plates and brilliant hospitality. Just down the road, Bremerton has just expanded its cellar door – so there's plenty of space to play, eat and drink – and you should definitely try their new small batch gin flavours with a flight out on the lawns. Other wineries to visit include [Lake Breeze](#), [Bleasdale](#), [Angas Plains](#), [Vineyard Road](#), [The Winehouse](#) and [Rusticana](#).

## Goolwa

If you're following the Murray River, your trip will finish in Goolwa, the home of the Murray Mouth. If you happen to arrive on the first and Sunday of the month – the Goolwa Wharf Markets should be your first stop.

This beautiful riverside town is also home to the award-winning biennial South Australian Wooden Boat Festival – plus the much-loved Cockle Train. If you love river history, or just want to experience something new – take a trip on the [PS Oscar W](#). Otherwise, finish your trip with a quick adventure over the bridge to Hindmarsh Island. Here you can spend time at the marina hotel, or head out to Sugars Beach to see close up, where the river meets the sea at the Murray Mouth. ■





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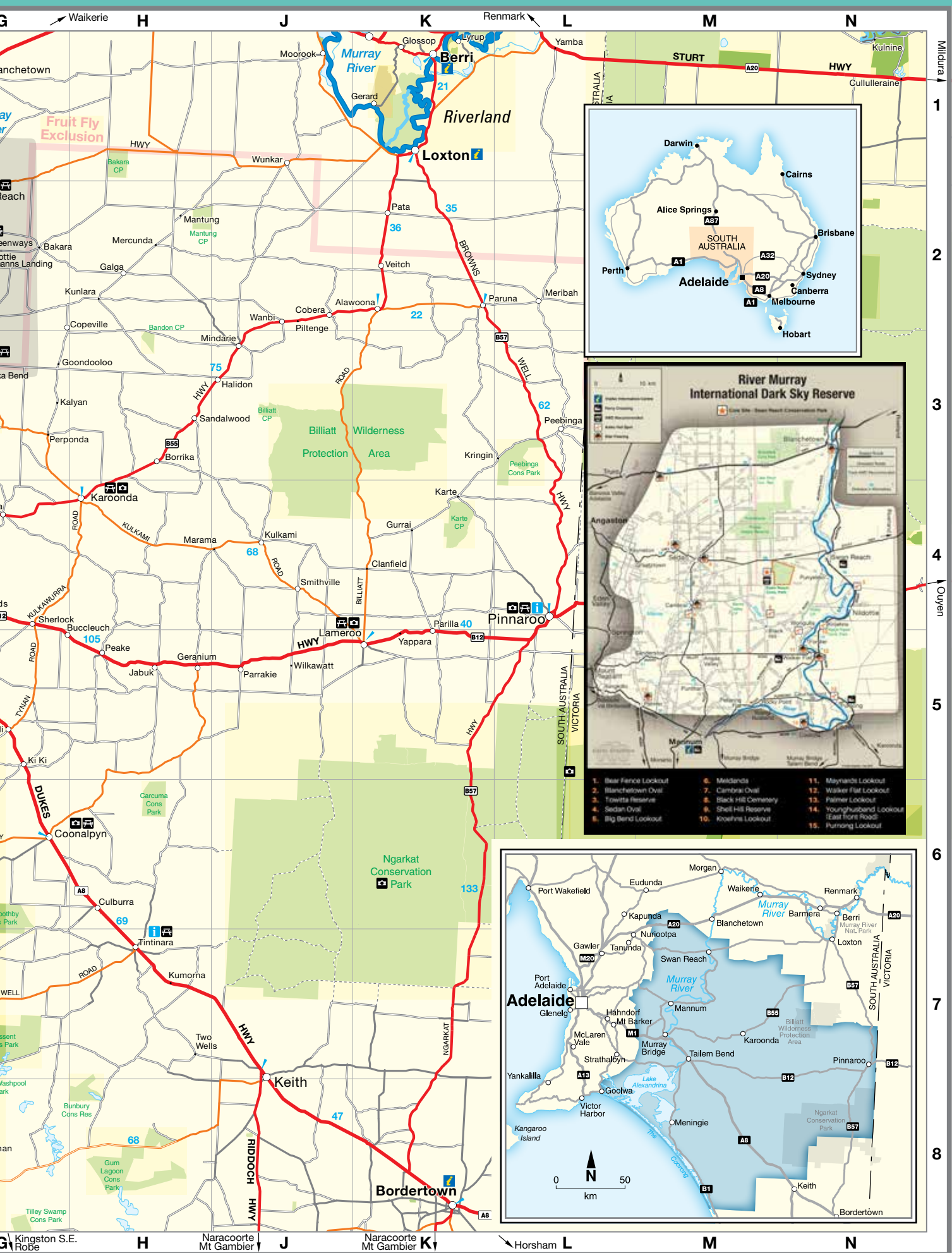
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Adelaide Hills - Hahndorf	08 8393 7600
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### BAROSSA

Barossa - Tanunda	08 8563 8334
Gawler	08 8522 9260
Kapunda	08 8566 2902

### CLARE VALLEY

Burra & Goyder - Burra	08 8892 2154
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### EYRE PENINSULA

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Goolwa	08 8555 7248
McLaren Vale & Fleurieu - McLaren Vale	08 8323 9944
Victor Harbor	08 8551 0777

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Port Pirie	08 8633 8700
Roxby Downs	08 8671 5941
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### KANGAROO ISLAND

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Beachport	08 8735 8029
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### MURRAY RIVER, LAKES & COORONG

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### RIVERLAND

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### YORKE PENINSULA

Ardrossan	08 8837 4195
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# Local info at a glance

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Callington		DP		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
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Coonalpyn	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	
Goolwa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hindmarsh Island	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓		
Karoonda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Lameroo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Langhorne Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Mannum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Tailem Bend	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Walker Flat	✓	RV				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Wellington	✓	RV		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Younghusband	✓	RV					✓					✓		

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## Local Information

There are a number of accredited and volunteer-run tourism information outlets, including:

**Goolwa:** 4 Goolwa Terrace

**Murray Bridge:** 3 South Terrace

**Tailem Bend:** 87-79 Railway Terrace

**Pinnaroo:** Railway Terrace South

**Meningie:** 49 Princes Highway

**Tintinara:** 1 Dukes Highway

**Mannum:** 6 Randell Street

## National Parks, SA

[parks.sa.gov.au](https://parks.sa.gov.au)

### Fishing regulations (PIRSA)

[pir.sa.gov.au/fishing](https://pir.sa.gov.au/fishing)

(08) 8226 0995

## Boat and marine safety

[sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine](https://sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine)

**General enquiries:** 122 324

## Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone

The laws around bringing fresh fruit and vegetables into the region has changed. Certain produce can no longer travel with you, with or without a receipt. You must eat or dispose of produce at quarantine station bins before traveling through the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone.

Visit [fruitfly.sa.gov.au](https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au) for guidelines.

### Fruit Fly Hotline (SA)

1300 666 010

## Phylloxera

Phylloxera are a significant biosecurity threat to vineyards in South Australian wine regions. To help minimise risk of these microscopic pests causing destruction to grapevines, follow the hygiene practice of ensuring clothing, footwear and vehicles have been thoroughly washed upon arrival.

Please obtain permission before entering any vineyard.

Visit the Vinehealth Australia website for more information.

[vinehealth.com.au](https://vinehealth.com.au)

## Mosquito Guide

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites by covering up with long, loose fitting clothing, and using insect repellent. The most common diseases spread by mosquitos in South Australia is Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus. Visit the SA Health website for more information.

[sahealth.sa.gov.au](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au)

## Police

**Emergency:** 000

**Police assistance:** 131 444

**Crime Stoppers:** 1800 333 000

**SAPOL website:** [police.sa.gov.au](https://police.sa.gov.au)

## Fire Services

**Country Fire Services (CFS)**

[cfs.sa.gov.au](https://cfs.sa.gov.au)

**Life threatening emergency:** 000

**Bushfire information hotline:** 1300 362 361

**State Emergency Services (SES)**

[ses.sa.gov.au](https://ses.sa.gov.au)

**Storm or flood emergency:** 132 500

## Hospitals

**Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital**

96 Swanport Road  
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**Tailem Bend District Hospital**

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Tailem Bend  
(08) 8572 5800

**Meningie and Districts Memorial Hospital**

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**Mannum District Hospital**

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**Karoonda and District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital**

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**Pinnaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hospital**

Bundey Terrace  
Pinnaroo  
(08) 8577 9222

**Lameroo District Hospital**

1A Vardon Terrace  
Lameroo  
(08) 8576 4600



# Meet our regional neighbours

**Whether you're basing yourself in the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong for a long stay or just passing through on a day trip, our regional neighbours have all kinds of adventures and experiences that can top off your holiday.**

Follow the self-drive routes mentioned below and create your own road trip itinerary. Otherwise, if you'd prefer to take the backseat, you can let [Juggle House Experiences](#) plan and chauffeur your group on a range of package tours through our region and our neighbours.

## Riverland

### North of our region

#### **Mighty Murray Way**

As its name suggests, the Riverland is our closest linked region, stretching upwards from Blanchetown and across to the South Australian border.

The variety of river, lakeside and national park experiences on offer make this a popular holiday destination.

Expect to taste fresh, seasonal produce at roadside stalls and providores, restaurants and cellar doors. It also has a growing number of boutique wine labels.

## Fleurieu Peninsula

### South of our region

#### **Murray Way, Epicurean Way, Southern Ocean Drive**

The Fleurieu Peninsula is known for its diverse coastlines, secluded beaches and endless amount of experiences that will get you paddling, swimming, snorkelling and sailing the wide open, crystal blue waters.

Wine lovers will have most likely heard of the notable McLaren Vale wine region, which has world-class wineries – the perfect complement to the wines you've already tasted in the Langhorne Creek Wine Region on your way there.

## Adelaide Hills

### West of our region

#### **Epicurean Way**

Visit vibrant farmers markets and small artisan stores, or spend time at charming countryside towns with pubs, cafés, restaurants, cellar doors and distilleries.

You can walk, run, cycle and trot through scenic paths and stay in accommodation from luxurious retreats and villas, rustic cottages, secluded B&Bs, or even a castle. This can be the perfect next stop after our region where you might also visit Monarto Safari Park or go mountain biking through Kinchina Conservation Park.

## Limestone Coast

### East of our region

#### **Southern Ocean Drive**

Over in the Limestone Coast, there's iconic natural wonders to explore including prehistoric caves, volcanic sinkholes, sparkling lakes and a rugged coastline that connects with our very own Coorong National Park.

The Coonawarra wine region produces world-famous reds accompanied by their, award-winning Wagyu beef.

## Barossa

### North-West of our region

#### **Epicurean Way**

With 150 wineries and 80 cellar doors – the Barossa is one of the best wine regions in the world, but there's much more to see, do and taste. Take off on a hot air balloon adventure or cycling tour, browse the region's unique offerings at the farmers market, stay in deluxe safari tents, self-contained farm-stays, or retreats right next to sweeping vineyards.

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# Eat, drink, play, stay



Bridges Event Centre, Murray Bridge

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With 8 unique cellar doors, Langhorne Creek is home to a handful of families who make some of Australia's best wines, only matched by the cellar door hospitality. It's fast-becoming the ideal place for a wine tour, romantic weekend, family catch-up or function (and it's less than an hour from Adelaide). >

## Top tastes:

- ✓ Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge
- ✓ APEX Bar x Dining, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Coorong Café, Hindmarsh Island
- ✓ Waffles and Jaffles, Coonalpyn
- ✓ Freshies Café & Bar, Meningie
- ✓ Little Local Co, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Bowhill General Store, Bowhill
- ✓ Kuti Shack, Goolwa
- ✓ Café Mannum, Mannum
- ✓ Wellington Hotel, Wellington
- ✓ The Pretoria Hotel, Mannum





Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge

One of your first stops should be the internationally recognised wines, regionally-inspired platters and premium pizzas of [Bremerton](#). This cellar door has just had a major renovation and now boasts enormous lawns out of the back of its restored barn. This makes the perfect place for lazy days playing games and drinking wine. Choose a flight of whites, reds or even a tasting of gin thanks to the introduction of their new small-batch Willson label.

Just down the road is [Kimbolton's](#) award-winning wines (including one of SA's top rosés). Here you can sit amongst the gum trees marvelling at the architecturally-designed cellar door, or take to the rooftop for 180 degree views of the vineyards – all while enjoying their cheese and wine flights (there's even a special little kids food and drinks tasting flight for fun, so bring the whole family).

### Cellar doors

- ▶ Angas Plains Wines
- ▶ Bleasdale Vineyards
- ▶ Bremerton Wines
- ▶ Kimbolton Wines
- ▶ Lake Breeze Wines
- ▶ Rusticana Wines
- ▶ The Winehouse
- ▶ Vineyard Road
- ▶ Willow Point Wines (Murray Bridge)

One of the newest wineries on the block is [Vineyard Road Wines](#). Here you'll find the ultimate trio: wine, chocolate and spa products. Nearby, you can't go past [Lake Breeze's](#) charming second-storey deck for unbeatable views. Or, for something different, you can also indulge at [Meechi Brewing](#) – part of [The Winehouse](#) – a restaurant, cellar door and brewery.

If you love history, then [Bleasdale Wines](#) is a must-see. As the oldest winery in South Australia, it's no surprise that these guys have a long list of awards (including the 2020 Jimmy Watson Trophy). Plus you can now tour 'behind the cellar door' and view their vintage redgum press up close.

### Taste the lakes

Heading south to Tailem Bend, you must try Little Local Co's coffee and decadent desserts. This gorgeous little café is a favourite amongst locals, with the owners putting passion into every bite. And if you're on the highway, you can't go past Coonalpyn without indulging in the traditional Belgian waffles served up across the road from the giant silo mural; or even make a stop at The Bend Motorsport Park where you can dine in at the bar or restaurant while you overlook some of the best, fastest and coolest cars having fun on the world-class track.

*The Bridgeport is a great place to stay the night – and it's worth it just to sneak in a dip at the incredible new infinity pool on level two.*

In Meningie you can pick up a fresh Coorong mullet sandwich at most cafés, or sit down for a meal on the banks of Lake Albert at [Freshies Café and Bar](#). However, for an immersive experience, get in touch with the crew from [Coorong Wildside Tours](#) and head out on one of their tours where you can help Glen catch the freshest seafood you'll ever taste!

### Riverside delights

If you're coming up for an event at the Murray Bridge Racing Club, you're in luck – because the food and hospitality being served up by the [Bridges Event Centre](#) is exceptional. This venue has been beautifully designed, and offers up spaces for small to large events, or simply the perfect view to take in the

next race meet (so check the calendar, dress up, and come for a drive!).

If you're staying in or near Murray Bridge while you're visiting, you have to add the new [Bridgeport Hotel](#) to your list of places to eat, stay or spend time with friends. The menu boasts everything you'd expect from a pub meal and more, a long local wine list and specialty cocktails. You can enjoy these tastes, all while you overlook sweeping views of the Murray River.

[The Bridgeport](#) is also a great place to stay the night – and it's worth it just to sneak in a dip at the incredible new infinity pool on level two.



## Host your events here:

- ✓ [Bridges Event Centre](#), Murray Bridge
- ✓ [Bridgeport Hotel](#), Murray Bridge
- ✓ [The Bend Motorsport Park](#), Tailem Bend
- ✓ [Four Knots Cruises](#), Mannum
- ✓ [Mannum Motel Function Centre](#)
- ✓ [Monarto Safari Park](#)
- ✓ [The Winehouse](#), Langhorne Creek
- ✓ [Lake Breeze Wines](#), Langhorne Creek
- ✓ [PS Marion](#), Mannum



Kimbolton Wines

Further up river, you can watch the twin ferries cross the Murray, while you dine at Café Mannum. Attached to the [Mannum Motel](#), this café has some of the best views of the region – and the huge breakfast menu and barista-made coffee makes it one of the top places to visit in the morning.

If you have the time, make sure you drop in to Mypolonga and visit the new café and producer space at [Woodlane Orchard's](#) Lot 23. Here you'll find some of the best local produce turned into incredible meals, snacks and market delights. This local collective of food includes dried citrus (perfect for your cocktails), chocolate dipped fruits, locally-made ready meals, award-

winning olive oils, pomegranate products, fresh honey, raw fruits and vegetables and more. Bring a bag and stock up for the pantry – and know you're supporting local farmers in the meantime.

### Murray mouth goods

Towards the Murray Mouth in Goolwa, you can sample fresh Pipsis at Kuti Shack. Otherwise, the wharf precinct is bustling with cafés, a gin distillery, a brewery, cafes, restaurants and Sunday markets. You can even head out for a tour with [Spirit of the Coorong](#) or the PS Oscar W from here – so make sure you plan to spend a full day (or days) dining out.



*Bremerton Wines*

### Events

We're also home to some of the most cool and quirky event venues. So, whether you want to hire out SA's largest regional function space at [Bridges Event Centre](#), take your guests for hot laps at [The Bend Motorsport Park](#), sip cocktails overlooking the mighty Murray at [The Bridgeport Hotel](#) or feed giraffes after your nuptials at [Monarto Safari Park](#), we have something for you. ■

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Swan Reach Hotel

*Big Bend By Night*

**While you're visiting the beautiful Murray River, Lakes and Coorong, make sure you get a taste of the fresh, unique, local produce. Whether you're dropping into a roadside orchard, or dining out at a riverfront cafe, the local food options are worth it.**

Start your journey at the [Swan Reach Hotel](#), which showcases uninterrupted 180-degree views of the Murray River. Renowned for its country hospitality, picture yourself enjoying a cold beverage while marvelling at the breath-taking views across the Murray River and ferry crossing (and at night, you can gaze up to the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve).

*Aussie Apricots*

With more than 20 years' experience, new manager Craig Fromm is busy reinvigorating the Hotel, ensuring it remains a must-see destination for visitors. Here, you can taste test local produce across the menu, including citrus, onions and potatoes.

While you're in town, check out the [Swan Reach Craft Shop](#) for homemade jams, pickles, relishes and some locally grown and handpicked dried fruits from nearby producer [Cooinda Dried Fruit](#). There's also a range of bespoke crafts and clothing, as well as one-of-a-kind gifts and artworks created by residents.

Just down the road (or the River) is [Big Bend By Night](#). This family-run business showcases the ultimate Aussie experience, with bush tucker breakfasts (including freshly squeezed orange juice from the local orchard), cart rides and shearing demonstrations on offer.

*Dwarfed by the Big Bend cliffs on the banks of the Murray River, this family-run business showcases the ultimate Aussie experience.*

Be guided through the Punyelroo Caves and Big Bend Cliffs and see first-hand

wombats, bats, owls and kangaroos ... all at night!

Whether you're in the car, houseboat, speedboat, or tinny – don't drive past the [Bowhill General Store](#) without stopping. This spectacular spot is growing in popularity and you can choose to dine in for breakfast or lunch, or grab some local produce

(including local wine, citrus, olive oil, almonds, dried fruit and more) and build your own riverside picnic.

Café Mannum, attached to the [Mannum Motel](#), offers quality restaurant meals at café prices – and keep an eye out for local produce featured on their specials board.



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Woodlane Orchard

Head just down river, the Pretoria Hotel is another which makes the most of the splendid views, offering not only the best in food and drink, but entertainment ... think Sunday Arvo Acoustics. Keep a look out for Mannum's new vodka distillery – Roylancer Distillery Co., which is set to open its doors early 2022 in a historic Randall Street building. Roylancer uses grain from local farmers and supports small business – complete with a selection of local produce on the shelves.

Further down river, in the beautiful country town of Mypolonga you'll find some of the best fresh fruit of anywhere in the world. The climate, soils and passionate people here lend themselves to creating beautiful tastes – and these are available as you pass though.

One stop is Woodlane Orchard, where founder Kelly concocts magnificent meals, bite-sized delights and everything else she can create from the Mypolonga food bowl. While she specialises in dehydrated fruits and nutritious hand-made ready meals – she also serves up a mean ginger gin punch and other cocktail garnishes.

*Further down river, in the beautiful country town of Mypolonga you'll find some of the best fresh fruit of anywhere in the world.*

Woodlane Orchard will be opening its own boutique coffee shop food store and local produce market in 2022

– so keep an eye out when you pass by. Here you'll find produce from Bakehouse Farm (including their award-winning honey), fresh hand-picked pomegranates from PomiGold, and olive oil from multi-award winning (and chef-recommended) Rio Vista Olives.

Not far from here is the much-loved Aussie Apricots. This place will blow you away – not only because it has the best

dried apricots you're likely to ever taste, but also because of the experience you'll get on site. But, don't let their name fool you, they also grow and process oranges, mandarins, ginger, prunes, peaches, avocados and more.

When it comes to dining out, Murray Bridge's Bridgeport Hotel incorporates some of the very best local produce across its menu, including olive oil, dukkah and balsamic glaze from Rio Vista Olives and Edward's Crossing vintage cheddar. On the wine menu, you'll find some of Langhorne Creek's top labels, Lake Breeze and Bleasdale.

Other great places to check out includes Farm Fresh Markets, Drakes and Josh's IGA – all based in Murray Bridge.



Bowhill General Store



Farm Fresh Market



Brayfield Lavender Park

### Try these Murray River tastes:

- ✓ Fish and Chips at the Swan Reach Hotel
- ✓ Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge (Look out for the pelican symbol on the menu – this indicates local produce.)
- ✓ Lavender scones from Brayfield Lavender Park
- ✓ The 'Paddlesteamer' big breakfast at Café Mannum
- ✓ Ginger Gin Punch from Woodlane Orchard, Mypolonga
- ✓ Choc-dipped apricots from Aussie Apricots, Mypolonga





# Wake up with a view

*Motel on Becker in Tintinara*

River Shack Rentals, premium holiday home at Bowhill

**Wherever you stay, there's sure to be a view you won't forget waking up to. Whether it's a luxury waterfront holiday home with friends and family, unique floating accommodation for two, or even an executive room overlooking a world-class racing track, we have you covered.**

A lot has changed along our stretch of the Murray in recent decades, and where once stood rows of traditional river shacks, now stand magnificent premium holiday homes with two-storey views, lush lawns and extensive outdoor kitchens – making it your own private riverfront paradise.

Our holiday homes offer an escape from reality for water lovers. They're purpose-built to provide the best kind of stay the Murray River can offer, with private jetties for boats and kayaks and two-level decking so you can sit back, relax and watch the world quietly float by your front door.



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Rydges Pit Lane Hotel

Premium provider [River Shack Rentals](#) has the biggest range of holiday homes to choose from spanning from Swan Reach and Mannum to Murray Bridge and Wellington – with many options in between. This team are local and can help you find the perfect place to suit your taste, travel size and budget.

Or for somewhere on the opposite side of our region, you can also check out [Coorong Realty's](#) growing portfolio of stays. If you want to get the best of the Coorong National Park but want to step it up a few notches, [Coorong Cabins](#) and [Coorong Waterfront Retreat](#) are great waterfront options.

*Our holiday homes offer an escape from reality for water lovers.*

Towards the end of the Murray at Goolwa lies a riverfront esplanade and marina lined with beautiful holiday homes. This area is steeped in a rich culture of wooden boats and sailing, with views overlooking the historic Hindmarsh Island Bridge, the barrage – and on most days, plenty of on-water action. Most of these places can be found by searching the popular Stayz, Airbnb or Booking.com sites.

We also have unique floating accommodation if you're after a quirky kind of stay. Murray Bridge has The Cube, Bill's Boathouse or Alexia at Riverglen Marina.

Otherwise, try The Hex at Mannum (run by River Shack Rentals). But if you want to cruise at your leisure, you could hire your own houseboat ([more info on page 10](#)).

If it's on-land adrenalin you crave, then a stay at [The Bend Motorsport Park](#), with its track-view suites, could be perfect. All you need to do here is simply wake up, enjoy a chef-prepared breakfast and the suit up ready for your world-class racing experience.

If you want to keep things simple and low cost, we have plenty of beautiful caravan parks, campsites and RV Friendly parks to choose from ([more on that on page 32-33](#)).

There are also a number of hotels and motels located in most of our major townships and popular holiday spots, including [Motel on Becker](#), [Mannum Motel](#), [Meningie Waterfront Hotel](#), and [Swan Reach Hotel](#) to name a few. ■

**Book your Murray River escape in one of our picture perfect holiday homes.**



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# Simple comforts



Camping on the River

**There's nothing quite like toasting marshmallows around a campfire under a blanket of twinkling stars, then waking the next morning to a chorus of birdlife.**

Whether you want escape into a secluded campsite, or enjoy the comfort of a well-appointed caravan park, our region has it all.

You can find campsites and caravan parks close to our popular townships with easy access to shops, restaurants, and facilities, while others are in natural bush settings with water frontage and a full range of recreational activities near by.

## Caravan Parks

The [BIG4 Breeze Holiday Park in Mannum](#) has a good mix of riverfront sites (powered and un-powered), villas and cabins. It's in the heart of the town, next door to the iconic twin ferry crossings and a short stroll from a range of cafés, pubs, bakeries, shopping, the Mannum Dock Museum and more.

Murray Bridge has three caravan parks spread throughout the town.

The [Avoca Dell Caravan Park](#) and [Murray Bridge Marina Camping and Caravan Park](#) provide close access to the river and boat ramps. On the edge of town there's the [Murray Bridge Tourist Park](#) which has architecturally designed self-contained accommodation.

*Some towns offer camping reserves with basic facilities so you can enjoy the camping experience while still enjoying some creature comforts.*

In Tailem Bend, families love the new [BIG4 The Bend Holiday Park](#). It's only 700m from the world-class Motorsport

Park and offers a range of accommodation types as well as an outdoor heated pool, playground, jumping pillow, large recreational areas and modern amenities and facilities.

Meningie's [Lake Albert Caravan Park](#) has some of the most picturesque views and friendly, countryside atmosphere – and it's conveniently by the town centre, making

for a great base to explore this side of the region.

[Karoonda Tourist Park](#) offers Jayco cabins and 8 powered and unpowered sites positioned beside large lawns, big gumtrees and BBQ facilities. It's the perfect place to stop on your road trip and catch the town's iconic silo art during the day and projections at night.

Others include the Punyelroo Caravan Park, Clayton Bay Riverside Holiday Park, Discovery Parks Goolwa, Wellington Caravan Park, Pinnaroo Caravan Park, Westbrook Park and the River's Edge Caravan Park in Tailem Bend.

## Campgrounds

Some towns offer free or low-cost camping at reserves with basic facilities so you can enjoy the camping experience while still enjoying some creature comforts.

Of course, there's the rugged Coorong National Park and Salt Creek where you can brave the elements along remote stretches of lagoons and sand dunes with native wildlife at all corners. 4WD-ing, fishing, boating and birdwatching is right at your fingertips here.

The Ngarkat Conservation Park (34 km south of Pinnaroo) is another great option for those who like to rough it. If you don't have a 4WD, a 2WD will still get you to some good spots.

For some seriously good river and lakeside camping, we suggest the Haythorpe and Bolto Reserve in Mannum, Tenbury Hunter Reserve in Swan Reach, Wongulla Campground, and Nurrung Jetty Reserve.

## RV-friendly towns

We've got room for what you're hauling. Our Council-owned RV parks have various amenities ranging from toilet dump points, fresh water, and convenient access to local facilities.





Karoonda Silos

### Responsible camping

- ✓ Leave it as you found it
- ✓ Take your rubbish with you (if no bins are provided)
- ✓ If fires are permitted, please bring your own firewood – don't damage local vegetation
- ✓ Protect native wildlife
- ✓ Be considerate of others

Four-wheel-driving in the Coorong National Park

The Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Caravan Park is pet friendly and great for keeping families entertained with a BMX track, swimming pool and playground on-site.

You can find a nice, shady spot next to the Bremer River at the Frank Potts Reserve, located in the heart of the Langhorne Creek Wine Region.

See [page 22](#) for a great source of additional information, with complete lists of all RV towns and Visitor Information Centres. ■

## Nature, beauty and adventure

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# Our sparkling skies

## River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve

### Astro hot spots:

- ✓ Big Bend Lookout
- ✓ Purnong Lookout
- ✓ Kroehns Lookout
- ✓ Palmer Lookout
- ✓ Cambrai Oval
- ✓ Meldanda Campground



A houseboat moored underneath the stars, in the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve

**Whether you're a stargazer, astrophotographer or simply love the great outdoors, the newly accredited River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve should be on your bucket list.**

The 3,200 square kilometre area (some of which falls within the Swan Reach Conservation Park) has some of the darkest skies in the world. The reserve is the only one of its kind in Australia, and one of only 16 in the world.

Photographers and astronomers travel here from around the world chasing the clearest views to the Milky Way, with darkness measuring 21.97 out of 22 at the reserve's core site – almost complete darkness. Spanning over such a large and diverse space means the reserve has an array of astro hot spots, ideal star viewing areas and tour options available with the teams from [Big Bend By Night](#), [Juggle House Experiences](#) and the [PS Marion](#).

With the best time to view during complete darkness, visitors should make the most of their adventure and **stay the night in the nearby towns of Swan Reach, Walker Flat, Punyelroo, Cambrai, Sedan, Mannum, Purnong or Caurnamont.**

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### Driving on country roads

Remember, that many of the access roads into the core site, the Swan Reach Conservation Park are for 4WD only, and mobile phone service can be patchy. So just check where you're going before you head off, and remember to keep an eye out for our native wildlife on the roads (especially at night).

### What you need to know before you visit

The reserve is about a 90 minute drive from Adelaide, or 10 minutes from Mannum.

You don't need a telescope or fancy stargazing equipment out here. A pair of binoculars will do the trick for beginners. Or just sit back and look up (you might see the International Space Station pass overhead).

If you are a keen stargazer, then bring along your telescope and set yourself up in a quiet, remote area (a full list of sites here [themurrayriver.com](http://themurrayriver.com)).

Photographers should bring all equipment fully charged (remember, there's no power in the reserve).

If you love camping, then find one of the many spots out in our Conservation Park or local river reserves and soak up the beautiful night sky any time you want.

If you're not an experienced camper, we would suggest an organised tour and overnight accommodation through one of our great local caravan parks, cabins, motels, riverside holiday homes – or a houseboat. ■

Mid Murray Landcare  
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# STARRY NIGHTS, GLASSY WATER AND SO MUCH TO EXPLORE IN BETWEEN

Make sure your next holiday includes time in the Mid Murray. Here you can stay on the riverfront watching the world float by or take in the best of the Murray on a historic paddle steamer or modern houseboat. Whether it's a day-trip or a week, spend some time enjoying the local hospitality at our cafés and caravan parks or exploring our museums, reserves, playgrounds and walking trails with the whole family. And don't forget to look up at night to take in some of the world's best stars under our River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.

## IT'S ALL WAITING FOR YOU IN THE MID MURRAY, EXPLORE MORE AT [MID-MURRAY.SA.GOV.AU](http://MID-MURRAY.SA.GOV.AU).

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