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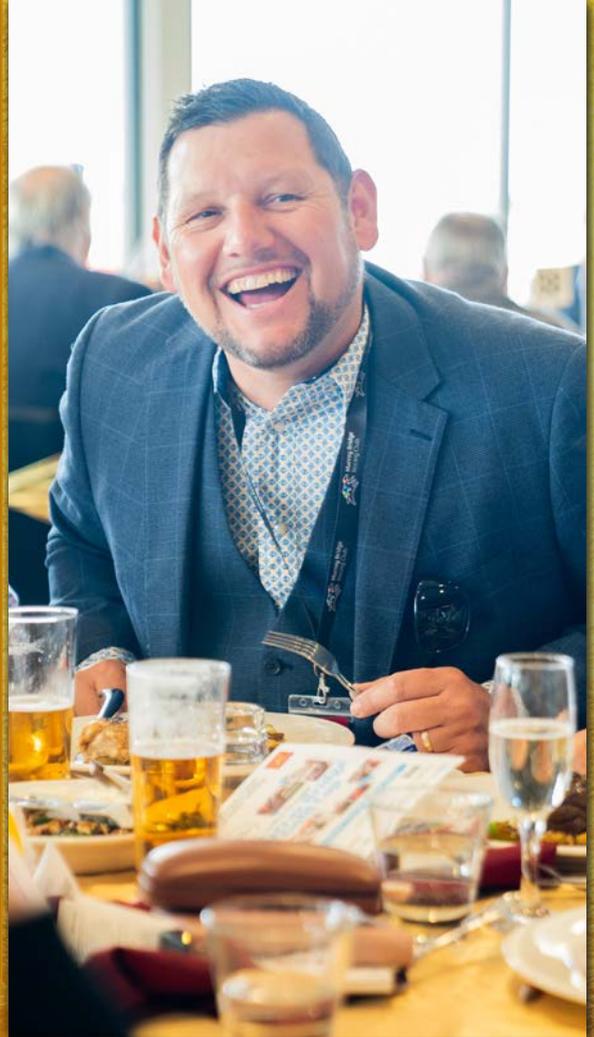


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Come and explore nature’s playground. Our region has some of the most diverse experiences in Australia, meaning you can be mountain-biking one day, water-skiing the next, stargazing at night and maybe even petting a rhino in between.

Your overnight stay might include sleeping on a houseboat, overlooking the historic twin bridges or even waking up to hear the rumble of supercars from Pit Lane. For those looking to relax it could include lazy days with views of the river, lakes or Coorong in a luxury holiday home, floating pod accommodation or even glamping in a private wetland. All of this (and more) is possible here.

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 the [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#) - arguably the best place in the world to see the stars.

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

Both have huge riverfront recreation areas with restaurants and show off our rich paddle steamer history. These idyllic spots are home to major events, playgrounds, skate parks, walking trails and offer a great place to soak 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 take a quick trip to [Monarto Safari Park](#) to visit the lemurs and lions.

South towards the Lower Lakes is the Murray Mouth and Coorong - one of the most unique environments in the world. Along the way, you’ll go through Tailem Bend, now firmly on the map thanks to the [Shell V-Power 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 region has some of the most diverse experiences in Australia.

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 and Clayton Bay) on your way to Goolwa, where the Murray meets the sea.

But make sure you plan some time to stop off in one of South Australia’s best wine regions - [Langhorne Creek](#) - for a day of gastronomic delights and vineyard views! Otherwise, if you’re headed towards the Mallee, stop off for an evening lightshow at the Karoonda Silos, or explore the [Mallee Tourist and Heritage Centre](#). ■

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Acknowledgment of Country

The Murray River Lakes & Coorong Tourism Alliance acknowledges our First Nations people as the traditional owners and occupants of land and waters in South Australia. We pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Monarto Safari Park

One big nature playground

Whether you're a family that loves to go off the beaten track, splash around in our waterways or get hands-on with wild adventures, there's a perfect holiday here.

You can move from a meerkat mingle to superslides and skateparks. Or strap on sneakers for a hike amongst the Mannum waterfalls, exploring nature playgrounds, frisbee golf and bunyips.

Outdoor adventures are why families return each year (and we're only a one-hour drive from Adelaide).

Things to add to your itinerary include fishing or paddling along the river, or a visit to Karoonda's new space-themed playground featuring a three-level

tower and custom-built moon Lunar Rover. The hands-on moving displays

Here you can get an up-close wildlife experience at Monarto Safari Park, ride down Murray Bridge's superslide or go fishing in the Coorong National Park.

accessible all year round. So - whether you're a paddler, runner, walker or cyclist - you've got places to move. Even the newly redeveloped Monarto Safari Park has extensive trails, meaning you can have some seriously up-close encounters with the wild, while exercising too.

at the Mannum Dock Discovery Centre are a hit with kids too, where your little 'captain' can steer the wheel, blow whistles and talk through brass funnels.

Our flat terrain and mild winters, mean our trails are

Our biggest trail is the 325km Lavender Federation Trail, a favourite with bushwalkers. It starts in Murray Bridge and winds through diverse countryside - a highlight being Kinchina Conservation Park, just outside Murray Bridge. The Mannum Waterfalls are also a stunning hike.

Paddle and explore

The Lower Murray Canoe Trail around Tailem Bend and Wellington provides people an up-close experience with the river ecosystems, and offers options for beginner to advanced. The Mannum Canoe Trail has a history focus, as it shows you a view of the PS Marion. 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 or Freedom Boat Hire is for you.

Top places to play:

- ✓ Murray Bridge Swimming Centre
- ✓ Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Bristow Smith Nature Play Reserve, Goolwa
- ✓ Tailem Bend Locomotive Playground
- ✓ Raukkan Nature Playground
- ✓ Meningie Nature Playground
- ✓ Long Island Reserve, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Woodlane Reserve, Myponga
- ✓ Karoonda Playground
- ✓ Mary Ann Reserve Playground, Mannum

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Lower Murray Canoe Trail



River Shack Rentals



Murray Bridge Swimming Centre

Trails to make you move:

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

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 too).

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.

Our environment makes for trail season all-year-round, so pack your walking shoes.

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 (this trail is not sign-posted, so plan your trip ahead).

Anything goes

Parts of the 450km Murray Coorong Trail are now 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, around the township of Mannum, through pine forests near Taillem Bend, along Sturt Reserve in Murray Bridge and from Meningie to the Coorong's edge. Shorter trails include the Taillem 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. ■

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RIVER ADVENTURE

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Wander through Murray Bridge and be surprised and inspired by our vibrant arts and culture.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Adventure runs through this region as deeply as the Murray River itself. Immerse yourself in the great outdoors.



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Host your events here:

- ✓ [Bridges Event Centre, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Shell V-Power Motorsport Park](#)
- ✓ [Lake Breeze Wines, Langhorne Creek](#)

SA Wooden Boat Festival

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

A holiday with friends or family is the perfect way to recharge, and we have a great mix of relaxing group escapes, through to fast-paced action, to keep everyone happy.

Get in the fast lane at Shell V-Power to see who can conquer the karting circuit.

For adrenaline junkies, we recommend a visit to [Shell V-Power Motorsport Park](#) for karting, hot laps and off-road adventures. Plus, if racing is your thing, then lock in a Murray Bridge Racing Club meet, and spend the day dressed up at [Bridges Event Centre](#).

[Monarto Safari Park](#) has upgraded its visitor centre and a new on-site resort is set to open in 2024. The award-winning Lions 360 encounter allows people to hand-feed the lion pride. Or if it's a gentler experience you crave, why not meet the new lemur pack.

Book in for the Gold Stars Sunset Dinner experience with [Juggle House Experiences](#), touring the [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#).

If you love food and wine, spend a day or two in the [Langhorne Creek Wine Region](#). The nine unique cellar doors have a taste of everything. You can't go past [Kimbolton Wines](#). Here you can sip on a glass while you take in the cool architecture from the rooftop bar of its award-winning cellar door made from shipping containers. There's even a paired-tasting for the kids, so bring the whole family.

There's also the recently expanded [Bremerton Wines](#) – offering delicious food, wine and gin flights, and the perfect grassed outdoor space to relax with a group.

For some off-road action, cruise amongst [Coorong National Park's](#) trails to Salt Creek, or along the beach from Goolwa to the Murray Mouth. Or to see it from the water, book a tour with the local legends from [Spirit of the Coorong](#) or [Coorong Wildside Tours](#).

Need a big place for the whole crew to sleep over? Check-in with the team from [River Shack Rentals](#) or the new six-storey [Bridgeport Hotel](#). Or try the [Unforgettable Houseboats](#) fleet or [Houseboat Hirers Association](#) options. ■



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Bridges Event Centre

JAN

Sounds By The River
Mannum

Santos Tour Down Under
Men's Stage 4
Murray Bridge

Nitro Funny Car Festival State Nationals
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park
Tailem Bend

MAY

Pedal Prix
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park
Tailem Bend

JUN

SA Truck & Ute Show
Mannum

Mowers at Meningie
Meningie

OCT

Murray Bridge Gold Cup
Murray Bridge

SA Wooden Boat Festival
Goolwa

Coonalpyn Show
Coonalpyn

Pinnaroo Show & Field Day
Pinnaroo

FEB

Murray Bridge Fringe Festival
Murray Bridge

AUG

Repco Supercars Championship
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park
Tailem Bend

Cellar Treasures
Langhorne Creek

SALA Festival
Across region and SA

NOV

Handpicked Festival
Langhorne Creek

PS Marion 30 Year Restoration Celebration
Mannum

ASBK Grand Finale
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park
Tailem Bend

Murray Bridge Riverfront Christmas Festival
Murray Bridge

MAR

Murray Bridge Fringe Festival
Murray Bridge

Magic Millions Race
Murray Bridge

Mannum Show
Mannum

Lower Murray Heritage Rally and Tractor Pull
Murray Bridge

SEP

Shell V-Power Motorsport Park Classic
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park
Tailem Bend

Pedal Prix 24 hour Event
Murray Bridge

Murray Bridge Show
Murray Bridge

DEC

Murray Bridge Christmas Cup
Murray Bridge

Various Christmas and New Year festivities celebrated across region.

APR

Lameroo Country Music Festival
Lameroo

Karoonda Farm Fair & Show
Karoonda

REGIONAL EVENT SNAPSHOT
For updated details, refer to event websites,
or visit themurrayriver.com/events.



Go with the flow

Murray Princess

Why fly when you can cruise? Imagine waking up afloat and peering out the window to your own, personal, on-water view of the spectacular Murray River. Cruising is really something else.

Our lower Murray is simply spectacular and offers an unrivalled experience for your bucket list. From Swan Reach to Bowhill, or Murray Bridge to Lake Albert and the Coorong – the views never get old. Around each bend and cliff you'll see something different, from towering gum trees and beautiful birdlife to serene sunsets. While you're cruising, you can get even closer by just grabbing the kayak and heading out for a peaceful paddle.

Our multi award-winning Murray River cruising options are brilliant. Be your own captain or let someone else steer, while you relax.

Float along the river and immerse yourself in the best of the Murray lifestyle.

Slow down

The PS Murray Princess is the pinnacle of Murray River cruising.

On board this glorious vessel you can cruise at a relaxed pace for three, four or seven nights, while the expert crew

takes 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 reading a book, while slowly sipping your morning cuppa – or more at ease in the Paddlewheel Lounge catching up with newfound friends over a game of cards, it all looks the same. Calm, carefree and comfortable. The Princess kitchen also cooks up some of the best meals on the Murray, so prepare for daily feasts.

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Proud Mary



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Or indulge with a short stay on board the award-winning (and SA Tourism Hall of Fame inductee) Proud Mary.

This beautifully restored vessel offers up two and five-night cruises, and has a lunch cruise every Monday from the Mannum riverfront.

Both 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 PW Mayflower

Hear the sounds of wildlife and see the towering ochre cliffs by day.

(both based in Mannum), the Captain Proud (Murray Bridge) or the PS Oscar W (Goolwa).

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.

Go your own pace

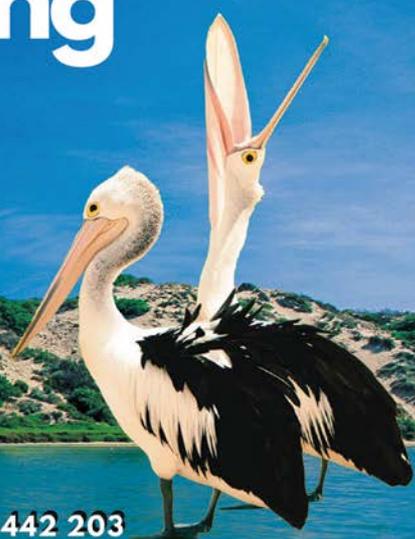
A houseboat is one of the best ways to experience the river. Grab your friends and explore the stunning scenery from a bubbling on-board jacuzzi, set up on shore for a campfire, or bring the speedboat for on-water action. Start planning with the SA Houseboat Hirers Association, or Unforgettable Houseboats. ■

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Go wild!



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Where to go wild:

- ✓ [Monarto Safari Park](#)
- ✓ [Juggle House Experiences](#)
- ✓ [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#)
- ✓ [Murray Mouth, Goolwa Beach](#)
- ✓ [Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park, Nildottie](#)
- ✓ [Pangarinda Botanic Garden](#)
- ✓ [Ngarkat Conservation Park](#)
- ✓ [Spirit of the Coorong](#)

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, native animals, African safari and unique landscapes are some of our greatest assets.

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! A must for nature lovers is a day tour with the team from [Spirit of the Coorong](#) (Goolwa) or [Coorong Wildside Tours](#) (Meningie). Both are local experts and will show you how to catch and prepare local seafood, and guide you through up-close wildlife experiences only accessible by boat.

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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's much more. A few years back, the almost extinct Mallee Emu Wren was

released back in to Ngarkat Conservation Park, and near Tailem 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](#)).

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) Kelly 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](#). ■



PS Murray Princess



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Karoonda Silos

Everyone loves a road trip, and with a region full of adventure, history and sights, you need to spend a few days with us.

Swan Reach

Grab a bite to eat at the [Swan Reach Hotel](#). Stay a night here to see the breathtaking [River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#). It's the first of its kind in Australia and only the 16th in the world. For a culturally enriching experience, book a guided tour of the [Ngaut Ngaut Conversation Park](#), located between Swan Reach and Nildottie. The traditional owners will teach you about the history and stories of this area and the Nganguraku people.

Karoonda

A detour to Karoonda will be well worth the trip. The award-winning silo art, including a night time illumination show, has brought this Mallee town global attention. 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 history, drop into [Pioneer Park](#).

Bowhill

Find yourself watching the water-skiers whiz past showing off their best moves, or one of the local paddlesteamers cruising past.

Mannum

Next 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 [PW Mayflower](#). Both of these beautifully restored vessels allow you to experience the nostalgia of historic maritime experiences.

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

Murray Bridge

Driving south from Mannum will land you in Murray Bridge. A quick walk into the town will greet you with 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 river. Here you can take a history tour ([bookings essential](#)), or just wander around the gardens yourself – it's open to the public.

Across the road you'll find the award-winning [Bridgeport Hotel](#). The modern interior will blow you away, so head inside and see it for yourself (or stay the night and wake up with river views).

Extend your stroll down to Sturt Reserve where you'll pass the rowing club, grass tennis courts, waterfront café, iconic views and the 'dreaded' bunyip. Keep following the tracks through wetlands to Long Island Reserve, or visit the Swanport Wetlands where you can stroll along boardwalks or watch the birds from custom-built viewing hides. Plus, you can't leave without adding [Monarto Safari Park](#) to your itinerary (and meet the new lemur family).

Tailem Bend

Tailem Bend has put itself on the map with its world-class [Shell V-Power Motorsport Park](#). Between the impressive race circuit, rally, offroad tracks, 4WD adventure park, new drag way and karting course, you can spend an adrenalin-fueled day here. It's also got a bar and restaurant, plus showroom of some of the world's most incredible cars on display.

Our top historic landmarks:

- ✓ [Mannum Dock Discovery Centre](#)
- ✓ [Pioneer Park, Karoonda](#)
- ✓ [Church on \\$50 note, Raukkan](#)
- ✓ [Port Milang Railway Museum](#)
- ✓ [Point Malcolm Lighthouse, Narrung](#)
- ✓ [The Round House, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Letterpress Printing Display, Pinnaroo](#)
- ✓ [Red gum press, Bleasdale Vineyard](#)



Coorong.Life

Stay the night here in the Rydges Pit Lane Hotel, or Big 4 Holiday Park.

Nearby Tailem Bend is Wellington East and the much-loved Pangarinda Botanic Garden. If you love native flowers – this is a must-see.

Meningie

Further down is the gorgeous lakeside town of Meningie. Here you can step out onto the jetty and get a close-up view of Lake Albert's magnificent scenery. If you have time, finish your trip a down south in the Coorong National Park (if you're in a 4WD, explore the tracks amongst the Coorong).

The Raukkan Aboriginal community is a beautiful spot to visit. Here you can learn about the home of famed Ngarrindjeri man David Uniapon, visit the church on the \$50 note, take in Coorong views on the new walking trail, or spend time on the nature playground.

If you have the time, drop in to visit the famed [Coonalpyn silo art](#) and grab some waffles, or if you're heading further south swing past Tintinara's Lake Indawarra. ▶

A Place to Relax

Located just outside of picturesque Mannum, Reedy Creek Retreat offers premium accommodation with river views and generous inclusions.

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Spend a day on one of our BBQ boats – either hire / drive or hosted experience – for a relaxing cruise on the River.





Shell V-Power Motorsport Park

Langhorne Creek

If you choose to cross the ferry at Wellington, you'll be driving along the edge of Lake Alexandrina towards the [Langhorne Creek Wine Region](#). Make sure you stop at [Kimbolton Wines](#), with its incredible rooftop deck, refreshing rose, cheese tasting plates and brilliant hospitality. Just down the road, [Bremerton](#) has expanded its cellar door - so there's plenty of space to play, eat and drink - and you need to 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](#), [Windsong Wines](#) and [Rusticana](#).

Goolwa

If you're following the Murray River, your trip will finish in Goolwa, the home of the Murray Mouth. This beautiful riverside town is home to the award-winning biennial [South Australian Wooden Boat Festival](#), which returns in 2024. If you love river history, or just want to experience something new - take a trip on the [PS Oscar W](#). The Goolwa wharf is a great place to explore from, and has community markets on the first and third Sunday of every month. 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 where the river meets the sea.

Pinnaroo and Lameroo

These two gorgeous Mallee towns are the perfect stopping point before the Victorian border. Their town centres are being redeveloped with new playgrounds, splash parks, pump tracks, picnic areas and more. If you love history, stop at the [Mallee Tourist and Heritage Centre](#) to see the historic letterpress printing display. For those seeking adventure (and love a 4WD challenge) grab yourself a coffee from local favourite the [Groundsman](#) and head to to [Ngarkat Conservation Park](#) where you can drive the famed border track. ■

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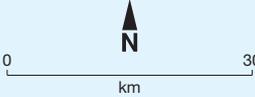
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			Dark Sky Reserve





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Local info at a glance

	Accommodation	RV Friendly / Dump point	Vehicle repairs	Banking / EFTPOS	Post Office	General Store	Public Toilets	Liquor License	Hospital	Fuel	Meals	Boat Ramp	Police Station*
Bowhill	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					✓	
Callington		DP		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Cambrai	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Clayton Bay	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Coonalpyn	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Goolwa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hindmarsh Island	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	
Karoonda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Lameroo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Langhorne Creek	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Mannum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓
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Murray Bridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓
Mypolonga					✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
Narrung/Raukkan		RV				✓	✓						✓
Nildottie	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓						✓
Palmer	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Parilla							✓						
Pinnaroo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Purnong							✓					✓	
Sedan	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Swan Reach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Tailem Bend	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓
Tintinara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		24	✓		
Truro	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Tungkillo	✓						✓						
Walker Flat	✓	RV			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Wellington	✓	RV		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Younghusband	✓	RV					✓						✓

RV = RV Friendly Only. DP = Dump point only. *NOTE: Not all police stations are open 24 hours. For more information on locations and opening times, visit police.sa.gov.au/contact-us

Local Information

There are a number of accredited and volunteer-run tourism Visitor Information Outlets and Visitor Information Centres:

Meningie: 49 Princes Highway

Tintinara: 1 Dukes Highway

Tailem Bend: Railway Terrace

Pinnaroo: Railway Terrace South

Goolwa: 4 Goolwa Terrace

Murray Bridge: 3 South Terrace

Mannum: 6 Randell Street

National Parks, SA

parks.sa.gov.au

Fishing regulations (PIRSA)

pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

(08) 8226 0995

Boat and marine safety

sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine

General enquiries: 122 324

Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone

Certain fruit and vegetables cannot travel into the Riverland. Receipts are only accepted from a small list of accredited stores. Find the list online at:

fruitfly.sa.gov.au/travelling-to-the-riverland

This law is in place to protect the area from fruit fly. Before traveling into the Riverland Pest Free Area, you must eat or dispose of produce at quarantine bins.

Visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions.

Fruit Fly Hotline (SA)

1300 666 010

Phylloxera

Phylloxera is a biosecurity threat to vineyards in South Australian wine regions. To minimise risk of these pests, 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

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

Police

Emergency: 000

Police assistance: 131 444

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

SAPOL website: police.sa.gov.au

Fire Services

Country Fire Services (CFS)
cfs.sa.gov.au

Life threatening emergency: 000
Bushfire information hotline:

1300 362 361

State Emergency Services (SES)
ses.sa.gov.au

Storm or flood emergency: 132 500

Hospitals

Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
96 Swanport Road
Murray Bridge
(08) 8535 6777

Tailem Bend District Hospital
74 Princes Highway
Tailem Bend
(08) 8572 5800

Meningie and Districts Memorial Hospital
2 South Terrace
Meningie
(08) 8575 2777

Mannum District Hospital
Parker Street
Mannum
(08) 8569 0200

Karoonda and District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
3 Stokes Road
Karoonda
(08) 8579 1111

Pinnaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
Bunday Terrace
Pinnaroo
(08) 8577 9222

Lameroo District Hospital
1A Vardon Terrace
Lameroo
(08) 8576 4600

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Gawler 08 8522 9260
Kapunda 08 8566 2902

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Burra & Goyder - Burra 08 8892 2154
Clare Valley - Clare 08 8842 2131

EYRE PENINSULA

Elliston 08 8687 9200
Port Lincoln 08 8621 2360
Whyalla 08 8645 7900

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Fleurieu Coast - Yankalilla 08 8558 0240
Goolwa 08 8555 7248
McLaren Vale & Fleurieu - McLaren Vale 08 8323 9944
Strathalbyn 1300 466 592
Victor Harbor 08 8551 0777

FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK

Coober Pedy 08 8672 4617
Flinders Ranges - Quorn 08 8620 0510
Hawker 08 8648 4022
Peterborough 08 8651 3355
Port Augusta - Wadlata 08 8641 9194
Port Pirie 08 8633 8700
Roxby Downs 08 8671 5941
Wilpena Pound 08 8648 0048

KANGAROO ISLAND

Penneshaw 0417 551 444

LIMESTONE COAST

Bordertown 08 8752 1044
Mount Gambier 08 8724 9750
Naracoorte 08 8762 1399
Penola/Coonawarra - Penola 08 8737 2855
Robe 08 8768 2465

MURRAY RIVER, LAKES & COORONG

Mannum 08 8569 1303
Murray Bridge 08 8539 1142

RIVERLAND

Barmera 08 8588 2289
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Loxton 08 8584 8071
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Waikerie District - Waikerie 08 8541 0720

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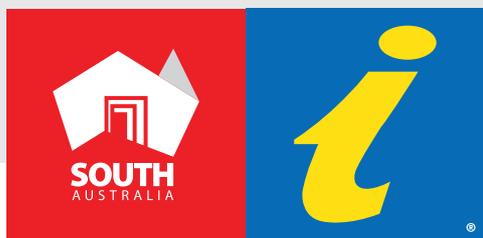
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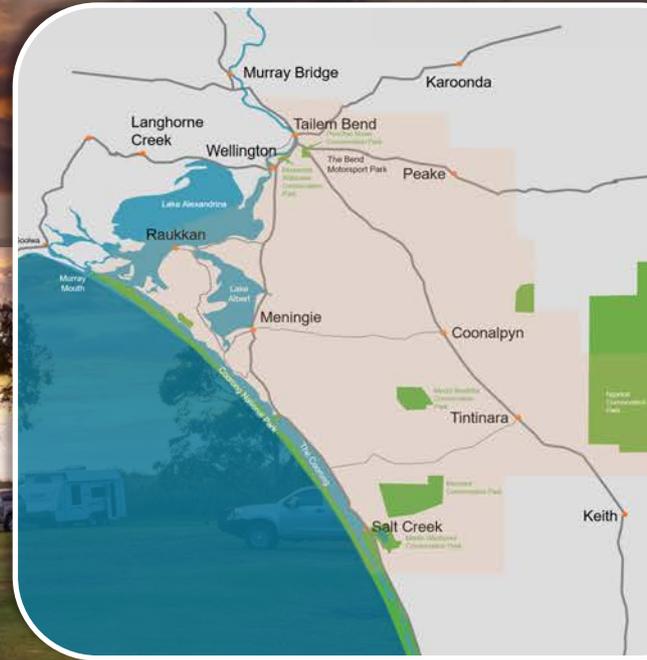


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- ◆ Walking Trails

- ◆ Canoe trails
- ◆ 4WD adventures
- ◆ Bird watching
- ◆ Ngarrindjeri Culture
- ◆ Historical sites

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For more information visit themurrayriver.com or call into one of our friendly Visitor Information Outlets

- ◆ Meningie Information Hub - 49 Princes Hwy, Meningie
- ◆ Taillem Info Station - Railway Tce, Taillem Bend
- ◆ Tintinara Heart of the Parks - 22 Dukes Hwy, Tintinara





Bill's Boathouse

Bill's Boathouse is a sustainable tiny house moored at the Riverglen Marina Reserve. Come relax, float and make unforgettable memories on the Murray River.

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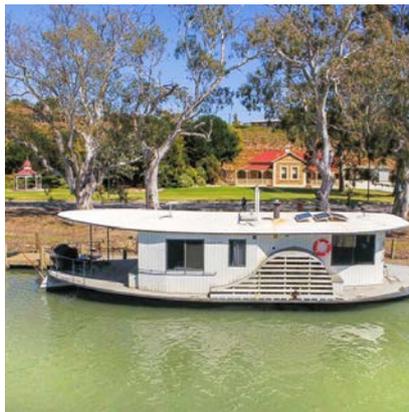
Phone: 0427 604 047
 Email: coorongwild@gmail.com
 Website: coorongwildsidetours.com.au



Cristal

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Swan Reach Hotel

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 Address: 1 Hasse Hill Road, Swan Reach
 Website: swanreachhotel.com.au



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Wellington Hotel

On the banks of the Murray River, 'The Welly', est 1846, is one of SA's oldest pubs with panoramic views overlooking the river. Family friendly meal areas. Offering river-front cabins and budget units. Lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

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 Website: wellyhotel.com.au



Willow Point Wines

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Phone: 08 8532 2632
 Email: info@willowpointwines.com.au
 Website: willowpointwines.com.au



Kimbolton Wines

Explore our tastes

More top tastes:

- ✓ [Freshies Café & Bar, Meningie](#)
- ✓ [Little Local Co, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Bombora on the River, Goolwa](#)
- ✓ [Wellington Hotel](#)
- ✓ [Café Mannum](#)
- ✓ [The Winehouse, Langhorne Creek](#)
- ✓ [1924 River Tavern, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Bremerton Wines, Langhorne Creek](#)



The Winehouse

From traditional pubs to stylish modern cuisine, there's plenty to tempt the tastebuds. Discover a new place for a wine tour, romantic night out, family get-together, or to hold your next event.

Langhorne Creek is one of South Australia's oldest winemaking regions, with vineyards and wineries that have been proudly owned and operated for generations. This area continues to thrive with new cellar doors, a growing calendar of events, local craft brews and small batch gin complementing the impressive selection of award-winning wines.

Kimbolton Wines is making a big name for itself. This contemporary-designed cellar door is nestled among vines, sprawling lawns and shady trees. Enjoy a cheese and wine flight from the rooftop deck (there's even a special kid's version too!). When the weather warms up, the cellar door comes alive with music and food trucks during their special live music events.

Down the road, Bremerton Wines' cellar door expansion blends heritage and modern styles, offering one of the most beautiful winery experiences for the whole family. This makes the perfect place for lazy days playing games on the lawn and trying their internationally recognised wines or even gin.

Langhorne Creek is a must-visit for all food and wine lovers. Kids will love it too!

At Vineyard Road, you'll find the ultimate trio: wine, chocolate, and spa products. Over at Lake Breeze, you can enjoy a relaxing lunch with unbeatable views, host your wedding, or dance until dark at the annual Handpicked Festival. Named Winey of the Year at the 2024 Halliday Wine Companion Awards, Bleasdale Vineyards lets you tour 'behind the cellar door' to view their vintage redgum press.

The Winehouse is perfect for group lunches with a restaurant, cellar door and brewery combined into one. Or, cosy up in country comfort at the historic Bridge Hotel.

Riverside delights

Murray Bridge's six-storey Bridgeport Hotel offers multiple dining options to suit your visit. Sit on the terrace for a casual lunch overlooking the riverfront, the Rivergum Restaurant for an intimate dinner with a glass of SA wine or beer, the lounge for cocktails or high tea, the CODS Bar for some live sports action, or have brekky delivered to your room.

A crowd favourite, the Swan Reach Hotel is a classic country pub perched above the river, offering panoramic views, friendly hospitality, and a hearty menu with local produce. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the beer garden any day of the week.



Shell V Motorsport Park



Bremerton Wines

Cellar doors

- ✓ [Angas Plains Wines](#)
- ✓ [Bleasdale Vineyards](#)
- ✓ [Bremerton Wines](#)
- ✓ [Kimbolton Wines](#)
- ✓ [Lake Breeze Wines](#)
- ✓ [Rusticana Wines](#)
- ✓ [The Winehouse](#)
- ✓ [Vineyard Road](#)
- ✓ [Windsong Wines](#)
- ✓ [Willow Point Wines](#)
(Murray Bridge)

Taste the lakes

If you're planning a stop at the Coonalpyn Silo, you can't go past the delicious traditional Belgian waffles served up across the road. Over in Taillem Bend, take a seat at [Shell V-Power Motorsport Park's](#) sleek APEX Bar x Dining with views over pit straight.

In Meningie you can pick up a fresh Coorong mullet sandwich at most cafés, but for an immersive experience, [Coorong Wildside Tours](#) can take you out to the

Coorong where you can help Glen catch the freshest seafood you'll ever taste!

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, restaurants and Sunday markets. You can even head out for a tour with [Spirit of the Coorong](#) or the [PS Oscar W](#) from here. ■



Bridgeport Hotel



KIMBOLTON

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the essence of the Langhorne Creek wine region



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Ngarkat Conservation Park

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Reedy Creek Retreat

Take your pick of our diverse natural views and spend a dreamy night under the stars, waking up to a colour-splashed sunrise and even a visit from local wildlife.

Caravan Parks

Powered or unpowered? Many of our well-appointed caravan parks let you choose. The BIG4 Breeze Holiday Park in the heart of Mannum has a good mix of riverfront sites, villas and cabins. Make the most of the kayak hire, a tennis court, basketball ring and the river on your doorstep.

Murray Bridge has three caravan parks throughout the town. If river access and boat ramps are on your checklist, try the Avoca Dell Caravan Park or Murray Bridge Marina Camping and Caravan Park.

Not bringing the kids? On the edge of town, at the Murray Bridge Tourist Park, there are architecturally designed cabins.

Families adore the BIG4 The Bend Holiday Park's sophisticated amenities and facilities. Modern accommodation, an outdoor heated pool, basketball court, playground, jumping pillow, and mini golf course are within walking distance of the world-class motorsport park.

Our camping areas include views of the river, lakes, Coorong and bushland.

Meningie's Lake Albert Caravan Park has extraordinary lakefront views with a friendly, country atmosphere. Over in the Mallee, Karoonda Tourist Park has added new self-sustainable eco cabins.

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



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Campgrounds

If you like to keep it simple, some towns offer free or low-cost camping at reserves with basic facilities so you can enjoy the camping experience nearby town centres.

The rugged Coorong National Park and Salt Creek is an outdoor playground for the whole family. 4WD-ing, fishing, boating and birdwatching is right at your fingertips. The Ngarkat Conservation Park (34km 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

Our Council-owned RV parks have amenities including toilet dump points, fresh water, and convenient access to local facilities.

The Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Caravan Park is pet-friendly and great for keeping families entertained. 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.

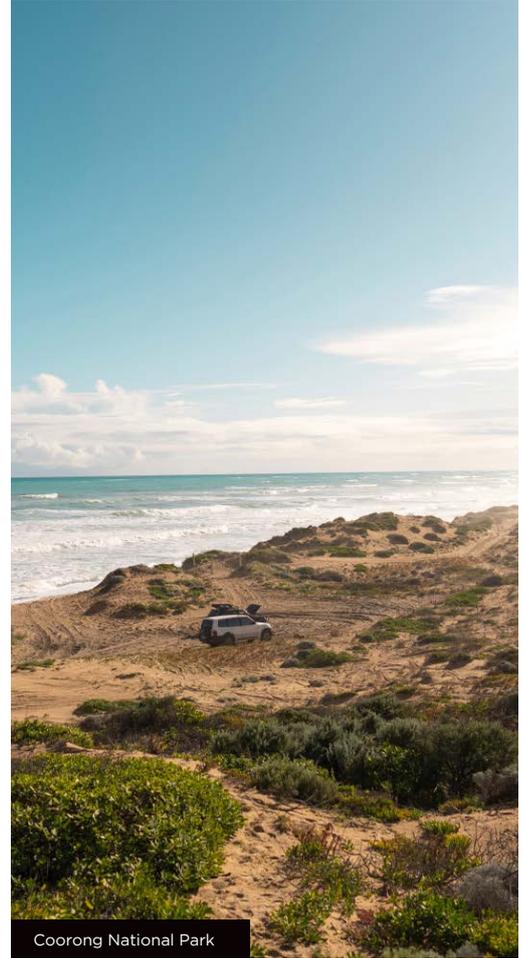
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Karoonda Eco-Cabin



River Shack Rentals



Coorong National Park

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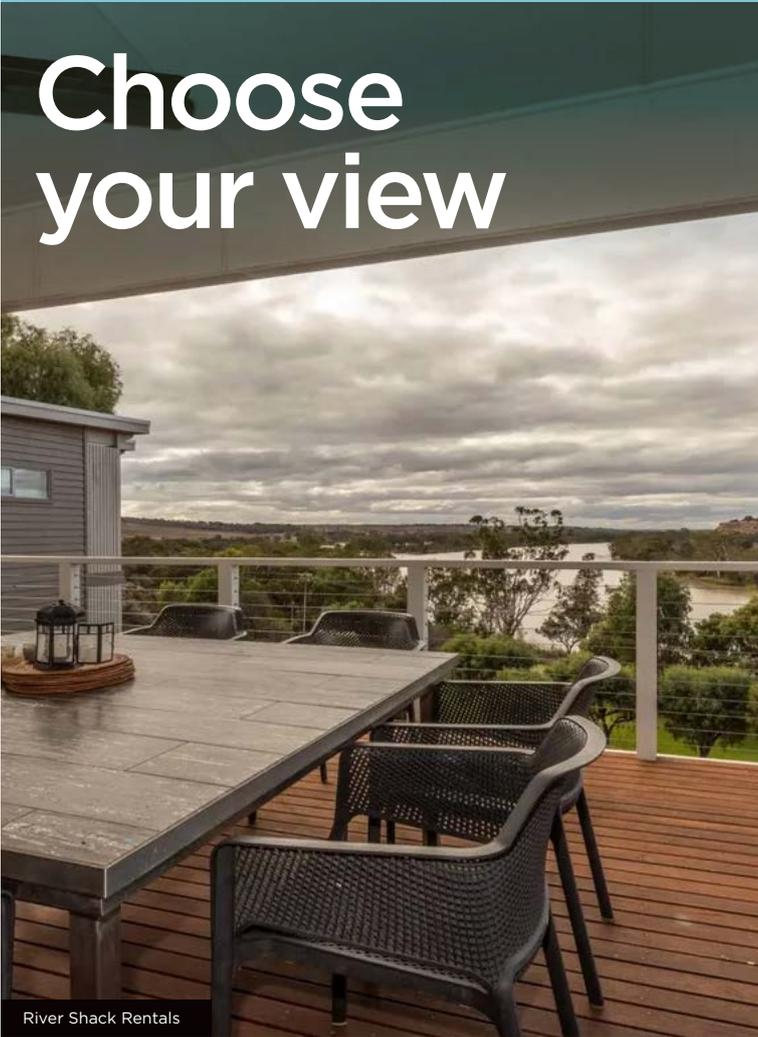
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River Shack Rentals



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No matter where you stay, you'll be treated to a sight. Whether it's a luxury waterfront holiday home with friends and family, unique floating accommodation for two or local hotels and motels, there's so many options.

A private paradise awaits you, complete with a personal jetty, lush lawns, outdoor kitchen, and spacious decking to sit back and relax. Riverfront holiday homes are a staple of our region and can range from renovated traditional shacks to upscale purpose-built holiday homes.

River Shack Rentals offers the widest selection spanning from Swan Reach downstream to Mannum, Murray Bridge and Wellington, with many options in between. This local team will help you find the perfect option to suit your taste, travel size and budget.



From budget to luxury – along South Australia's Murray River – we can accommodate you.



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Bridgeport Hotel



Bill's Boathouse



Cristal

Coorong Cabins and Coorong Waterfront Retreat are excellent options for those who wish to upgrade their experience at the Coorong National Park.

Towards the end of the Murray at Goolwa, there is a riverfront esplanade and marina lined with beautiful holiday homes overlooking the Hindmarsh Island Bridge and the barrage. Time spent here will bring you slow-paced living steeped in paddle steamer history.

We have plenty of caravan parks, campsites and RV friendly parks to choose from (see p26-27).

Water lovers can take an escape from reality all year-round.

Or you might want to test out the new KipPods nature retreats from [Coorong.Life](#). Based on the edge of the world-renowned Coorong, these tiny homes allow you to disconnect and soak up nature with magnificent views and only the sounds of birds to keep you company.

Float with us

Our region is known for unique floating accommodation. If you're after a luxurious couple's retreat, try [Bill's Boathouse](#), [Ark-imesdes](#), the gorgeous new [Cristal](#) houseboat, or even [The Floathouse at White Sands](#) (pictured on the front page).

All based on the outskirts of Murray Bridge, these are the perfect place for a relaxing, self-indulgent escape from reality.

If you want to cruise at your own leisure, you can do so in style with the wide range of options offered by the Unforgettable Houseboats, or for a bigger selection try the Houseboat Hirers Association. Or take it up a notch at [Shell V-Power Motorsport Park](#) and stay at the Rydges Pit Lane track-view suites, where you can enjoy a chef-prepared breakfast before jumping into a pulse-racing experience.

There are several hotels and motel options including the [Bridgeport Hotel](#), [Mannum Motel](#), [Motel on Becker](#), and [Swan Reach Hotel](#) to name a few. ■

 Mannum Motel



Located next to the mighty Murray River in Mannum - only 87km from the Adelaide CBD - yet a whole world away, making it your ideal getaway location.

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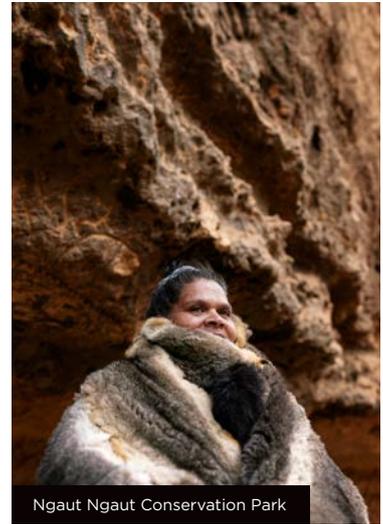
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River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve

Astro hot spots:

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



Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park

Whether you're a stargazer, astrophotographer or simply love the great outdoors, the 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 you'll see. The reserve is the first of its kind in Australia, and one of only 16 in the world. Darkness measures 21.97 out of 22 at the reserve's core location, drawing photographers and astronomers from all over the world in search of the best views of the Milky Way.

Its international status means it's protected from artificial light, so nothing can interrupt your evening view.

Experience Juggle House Experience's award-winning 'Dark Sky Gold Stars' tour with experts in astronomy and Aboriginal Custodians guiding you through the Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. Big Bend by Night and the PS Marion also offer tours.

With the best time to view late at night 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, Purnong or Caurnamont.

Driving on country roads

Many of the access roads into the core site, the Swan Reach Conservation Park, are for

4WD only. Mobile phone service can be patchy so check where you're going before you leave and remember to keep an eye out for our native wildlife on the roads (especially at night).

Mid Murray Landcare SA-catalysts for pursuing and achieving Dark Sky Accreditation



What you need to know before you visit

The reserve is about 90 minutes from Adelaide, or 10 minutes from Mannum. You don't need fancy equipment out here. A pair of binoculars will do the trick for beginners. Or just sit back and look up.

The reserve contains several astro hotspots and ideal places for stargazing (see a list of sites on themurrayriver.com). If you're a keen stargazer, set up your telescope on the specially made concrete pads.

If you love camping, find a spot in our conservation park or local river reserves, and soak up the beautiful night sky.

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

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By day, our towns and villages, maritime heritage, Aboriginal culture, river cruising, ancient landscapes, parks, reserves, playgrounds and walking trails provide deep and meaningful connection to our people, culture, history and landscape.

By night, Mannum is the gateway to the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve that stretches across 3200 square kilometres of our magnificent Mid Murray. From Bowhill to Blanchetown, Swan Reach to Keyneton, Palmer to Cambrai, you will lose yourself in one of the world's darkest skies – a star-filled canopy of delight which has to be seen to be believed.

Come for a day or stay for a week. Watch the world float by, enjoy our local hospitality and explore this wonderful part of South Australia. **SEE YOU SOON.**

Image: Ben Goode



HERITAGE PADDLE VESSEL CRUISES

Image: Dave Hartley



MANNUM DOCK DISCOVERY CENTRE

Image: Jenni Callander



NGAUT NGAUT CONSERVATION PARK

Image: Jacob Jennings



MORGAN HISTORIC WHARF

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COME BY & SAY 'HI':

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