

Itinerary: Angaston

Angaston is the ideal destination for those seeking a Barossa escape. Combining amazing food and wine against the backdrop of history in an idyllic environment where you can indulge all of your senses and enjoy an active family weekend escape. With a main street that is beautifully compact, and beckons to be explored by foot, Angaston is an ideal destination for those seeking a wonderful culinary experience, outdoor adventure or whole family fun.

Angaston is nestled in the rolling foothills of the Barossa Ranges and was an important stop over on the early route from Adelaide to the Riverland. Settled in 1842, Angaston is one of the oldest towns in the Barossa and boasts some of the Barossa's oldest buildings still in use. Located an hour's drive from Adelaide it is an ideal rural location, but with so much to offer in the township and surrounds. There are a range of ways to explore the area with local tour companies departing from Adelaide or the Barossa, offering group or private tours, but the region's ease of navigation see most visitors explore by car. The area offers a diverse range of accommodation for all budgets, from hotel / motel accommodation to the fully restored luxury Angaston Saleyards, converted barns, renovated old coach house at Strathlyn B&B and even a Masonic Lodge.

The town's website <https://angaston.org.au/> is a great resource to help plan your visit with comprehensive listings on all local attractions, events and accommodation options.

Day One

Arriving at our beautiful township of Angaston, known locally as 'The Jewel in the Crown of the Barossa', plan to settle the family into your accommodation by mid-afternoon before heading to the Visitor Information Outlet located in the Main Street (Murray Street) - the best place to start your visit. Located in the Barossa Valley Cheese Company you will find all the information you need, including a Town map and Heritage Walk map. While there be sure to try a selection of the delicious cheeses and stock up for a pre-dinner drinks platter or picnic during your stay.

By now you'll be ready for a lazy afternoon walk down the main street. You might start at the Barossa Art Gallery and Gifts. The gallery shop displays and sells the work of local and South Australian artists. There are a wide variety of unique items for sale, including fine art, jewellery, wooden items, handmade apparel, candles and ceramics. Then, wander over to Otherness, the latest edition to the Barossa food and wine scene, it is situated in the main street of Angaston. Otherness is many things to many people – a cellar door, wine bar & now food destination with chef; Sam Smith recently joining the team and premium wine producer working with some of the most respected winemakers in the country.

If you have time in the afternoon, Paisley Wines offer a wonderful Family Farm and Vineyard visit. Join their family as you stomp your feet through their vineyards, feed the menagerie and experience life on their hobby farm. Collect the chook eggs and tour the Town Shiraz block, where kids can go on a scavenger hunt in the vineyard, before the adults can enjoy the breath-taking views from a private lookout and taste the Shiraz made from the vineyard (the littlies can enjoy a fruit box). Then it's time to feed the sheep, including the adorable miniature Baby Doll sheep and alpaca, before heading back for adults to do a full wine tasting while the kids are kept entertained with colouring in and other fun activities.

When everyone is tucked out and had their fill of fresh air, perhaps wander down for delicious pizzas at Roaring 40's - voted Australia's Best Pizzas a few years ago, or you can order from their take-away menu for a relaxing night in!

Day Two

Saturday morning is for the unmissable Barossa Farmers Market – it's an absolute treat for adults and children alike! Make sure you don't miss out on a Barossa Breakfast Burger, created with local produce sourced direct from the market vendors. The markets are full of Barossa produce and include some traditional foods iconic to the region such as Wiech's Eggs Noodles, local olive oil and cured meats. Stock up your fridge for either dinner or lunch from the huge variety of traders, including fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, bread and baked goods, Barossa Valley Ice Creams, dried fruits, seasonal produce at its finest. With everything made or grown locally, it is truly an essential start to your weekend - you may even spot a local celebrity chef there!

Any keen cook or food lover is recommended to pre-book for a Casa Carboni Cooking School experience. Here you can participate in some hands-on culinary training before feasting on your morning's work while chatting with your fellow cooks. Matteo and Fiona Carboni run the hugely popular Enoteca, right next door to the Visitor Information Outlet. Chef Matteo, originating from Parma in Italy, combines his homeland recipes with stunning Barossa produce, offering freshly baked Italian pastries and divine coffees, to be enjoyed either on the pavement or inside their Enoteca along with a selection of imported fine wines.

Enjoy a scenic drive out to Gully Gardens, and on the way take in breathtaking views of this small hidden valley, arriving to enjoy some homegrown and produced dried fruit. Continue the drive up the hill to Thorn-Clarke Wines. Known for their golf driving range and panoramic views - perfect while enjoying a wine tasting. Also located just out of Angaston is Flaxman Wines, a boutique winery specialising in small batch hand crafted wines. Colin Sheppard, previous MasterChef contestant, offers long table lunches on weekends, paired with his stunning Eden Valley wines, bookings are essential.

The kids will be ready to stretch their legs, and there's no better place for them to burn off some energy than our incredible Barossa Adventure Station - there is something here for all ages, including the big kids at heart! There is a multi-level play space, skate ramp, fitness stations, zip wire and 1km mountain bike loop (hire your bikes from the nearby Angaston Hardware store if you have not bought your own). Get out the picnic rug and sprawl on the endless green lawns and feast on your goodies bought at the Farmers Market or grab take-away wraps, sandwiches or salads from any of the wholesome food providers and cafes in the Main Street, such as Hive, D&M's or Soul with Zest. We also have Sunrise Bakery who offer a great selection of freshly baked pies and pastry goods.

Heading home after a full day of exploring and adventure, treat yourselves to dinner at multi award winning Vintners Bar & Grill, set amongst the vines, sharing a gorgeous cooked meal either by the fireside in winter or out on their verandah and lawns in the summer. If a pub meal is more the order of the day, there is plenty on offer at the Wanera Wine Bar or the Barossa Brauhaus Hotel

Day Three

Sunday morning – either enjoy breakfast provisions purchased at the Farmers Market the day prior or stop at one of the main street local cafes for breakfast and coffee, before heading out for an action-packed day! Walk off breakfast at the simply stunning Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park, where an array of wildlife and native bush can be seen up close. Part of the popular Heysen Trail, there is a choice of walks and a hill or two which will stretch the muscles if you want a steeper climb. Head down in your car to Mengler Hill Lookout and Barossa Sculpture Park for a walk around the Sculpture Park, home to a number of distinctive abstract stone sculptures created by both local and international artists, while taking in the most glorious view of nearly the entire Barossa Valley floor.

A stop is essential at the world famous Yalumba Family Winemakers, Australia's oldest family-owned winery, giving you the opportunity to sit outside and admire the iconic clock tower whilst sampling beautifully made wines. Also onsite is Yalumba's Cooperage - the only one in Australia operating at a working winery - where they make their own wine barrels. Tours of the cooperage and the stunning 170+ year old winery can be booked in advance. For lunch head next door to The Company Kitchen, a family friendly restaurant surrounded by perfectly manicured grass and vineyards.

Angaston is also home to the country's only working Blacksmith in a main street. Open on weekends and public holidays, it's well worth the visit to learn how this ancient skill still operates today. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase a uniquely crafted fireside tool where you only pay what you feel it is worth - cash only of course!

You'll be leaving this afternoon with hearts full of the shared experiences of the past few days. However, Angaston is only the tip of the iceberg of the Barossa's amazing experiences, and who knows – you might be back again soon to explore another corner of the beautiful Barossa region!

Thank you for coming to stay with us, tell your friends and be back soon!