

Itinerary: Gawler

Gawler is just 44kms north of Adelaide CBD, making it easy to escape the 'burbs' and leave everyday life behind as you enter a leafy green town that has a bit of something for everyone.

Enjoy your stay in one of Gawler's unique heritage self contained Bed and Breakfast properties (Eagle Foundry Bed and Breakfast, Churchhill Mews Bed & Breakfast or The Church) or if you are looking for something more casual check out the fabulous cabins at the Caravan Parks or a room in the new [soon to be completed] hotel accommodation.

Day 1

Call into the Gawler Visitor Information Centre to collect a town map, brochures and have a friendly chat with one of Gawler's Ambassadors who will assist with any bookings and further information. Take the lift upstairs to admire the latest exhibition pieces on show in the Gawler Community Gallery on the first floor. For McLeods Daughters enthusiasts view the display.

Take a leisurely stroll for the morning to explore of the Main Street Walking Tour brochure

Call into the Gawler Civic Centre and grab a cup of coffee at the Metro Café and bite to eat (if on a Tuesday take a guided tour of the Civic Centre)

View a local art exhibition, pop in to the award winning Cultural Heritage Centre to comb through the latest exhibition or enquire about your family history if you have any ties to the area in the Cultural Heritage Research Centre. Maybe you will discover some of your family secrets!

Stop for lunch at the Kingsford Hotel to choose an exciting dish from the stone grill menu; their specialty.

Continue to follow the main street walking tour, checking out the wonderful architecture of the buildings and browse the many unique shops while still discovering the stories of yesteryear. Can you find where the flying fox is housed, the stories of industries of a bygone era and view many of the towns murals and public art while treating yourself to some retail therapy, purchasing some lovely keepsakes.

Dine at one of the Asian Restaurants before taking in a movie at the local Gawler Cinema.

Day 2

Today's the day to relax and reconnect with nature and enjoy the country of the Kaurna people.

Start out with a delicious breakfast and coffee from one of the many local cafes and eateries.

Hire a Bike from the Gawler Visitor Information Centre and meander along the North and South Para Rivers along the Tapa Pariara shared pathway.

Explore Dead Mans Pass, uncovering the reason behind its dark name. Visit Apex Park and Clonlea Park, walk along the trail or if its Saturday morning join in on the Park Run to enjoy the fresh country air but get those endorphins pumping or challenge yourself to a workout on some of the fitness equipment in the parks along the way if you so desire.

All that exercise and fresh air will have worked up an appetite! Pick up a local BBQ pack from one of the butchers or some locally produced small goods from the famous Wintulichs Small Goods at their production house, then head to one of the parks to use a bbq to sizzle away. If you have chosen Apex Park you can enjoy sitting under the immense canopy of the cherished Morton Bay Figs while devouring your delicious lunch.

In the afternoon see if you can get a hole in one or just have a lazy round of golf at the Sandy Creek Golf Club or why not send your partner off while you relax with a pamper package in one of the local spas.

In the evening you may be able to catch a dinner and show at the Gawler Civic Centre or have a cosy chat over a few cocktails.

Day 3

Treat yourself to a breakfast at The Exchange Hotel on their decking over looking Pioneer Park. Stop by the heritage listed Rotunda in the middle of the park or visit the War Memorial which was created by famous South Australian Artist Robert Hannaford.

Try your luck and spend a day at the Races with your choice of Thoroughbred Racing at The Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club or greyhound Racing if preferred, enjoying a sumptuous lunch while you have a flutter.

If racing is not for you, and you prefer to be more adventurous then why not try a birds eye view of Gawler and surrounds and take to the skies in a glider or trial a flight in an aircraft at the Adelaide Soaring Club.

You are still spoilt for choice when it comes to foodie experiences, why not dine tonight at Tikka Talian where you have the choice of Indian cuisine or Gourmet Pizzas or if that doesn't tickle your taste buds then ask the Gawler Ambassadors at the Visitor Information Centre for suggestions that suit your taste.

In the evening either grab a bottle of wine and have a quiet night enjoying your accommodation or pop into one of the local hotels for a cocktail on the way home enjoy some local musicians at either the Gawler Arms, Kingsford, Golden Fleece or Exchange Hotels.

Test your knowledge and have a bit of fun attending a quiz night or count your lucky numbers at bingo.

Day 4

After your delicious breakfast at your accommodation check out the Lions Market at the Historic Gawler Railway Station.

Grab some morning tea and a coffee from one of the local bakeries or buy some supplies at the market and sit in a park to enjoy.

Take in a Guided Sensory Walking Tour of the Historic Churches in Gawler culminating with a delightful wine tasting of local Barossa Wines.

If you prefer boot scootin' music, and a little bit more country is to your taste head to the Willaston Country Music Club for an enjoyable foot tappin' time.

Grab a quick lunch at one of the 9 hotels offering local seasonal produce before taking the No 10 Driving Tour of the Town, which completes your time exploring the first country town in the State of South Australia, planned by the Colonial Surveyor Colonel William Light.

Stay longer and take advantage of the surrounding areas:

A day in the Barossa, Clare or the Adelaide Hills where you can sample some of the local wines and produces, a train trip to Adelaide to explore our States City or a drive to the Murray River and watch the old paddle steamers.

So much more to do in and close to our Historic Town.