

Itinerary: Langhorne Creek

Day 1 – Friday

Arrive in Langhorne Creek after lunch via Strathalbyn. Carriage of Occasion will meet you at the Bridge Hotel and take you for a 3 and a half hour horse drawn carriage ride around the wineries of Langhorne Creek that you'll explore in depth later in the weekend. Enjoy the ambience of horse drawn carriage travel, while sharing a cheese platter with your friends, and learn a little about the history of the region. Carriages of Occasion will make sure your getaway in the Creek begins with a glass of wine on the rooftop of Kimbolton's cellar door, overlooking the vineyards. The building recently won an architectural prize for its creative blend of repurposed shipping containers and natural timbers.

Book in to La Maison Du Vigneron B&B and meet your hosts, Charmaine Aplin and Ian McKenzie. Take an evening stroll (850 metres) to The Bridge Hotel and meet some friendly locals at this unique small town country pub renowned for its generous pub fare.

Day 2 - Saturday

You might want to stick to a light continental breakfast on your B&B terrace because today the plan is to jump out of a plane over Langhorne Creek with SA Skydiving! SA Skydiving is the longest running and most experienced skydiving operation in South Australia doing 8,000 - 10,000 skydives a year out of their two custom painted Cessna 206 aircraft.

The morning's adrenaline rush dictates a cruisy afternoon! Book into The Winehouse for a relaxed and hearty lunch in stylish rustic surrounds. This is 1.3 km from your accommodation, so those up to it can stretch their legs and walk it. Here, you will always find local Coorong seafood, hearty salads and a legendary steak sandwich. The Winehouse is also the cellar door for Gipsie Jack, Heartland, Ben Potts Wines and John Glatzezer wines. Taste first in the cellar door and select the wines you might like for lunch.

Mosey on back to your accommodation along the main street. If you're on foot, you'll get a feel for the pioneering history of the tiny town as you stroll past the restored historic schoolhouse, town hall, church and Oddfellows hall. This afternoon take some time out and relax in the award winning garden of your B&B. This evening, your host Charmaine will prepare an amazing private dinner at your accommodation matched with wines specially selected by winemaker and wine judge Ian McKenzie from his cellar. Think dishes like King George Whiting, flathead & scallop mousse or pan seared quail with wild rice or beef cheeks in red wine.

Day 3 – Sunday

After a lie in and a cooked breakfast in the garden, walk across the road from your accommodation to Bremerton wines for a gin or wine tasting. While you're there, pick up some regional produce for tonight's dinner. It's time for the Creek Cruiser to pick you up for your day trip around Langhorne Creek. Appreciate the ingenuity of the districts early white settlers when you visit Bleasdale Winery, home of the Jimmy Watson Trophy and James Halliday Wine maker of the Year, Paul Hotker. Here you can tour their 170-year-old winery and

view their giant redgum vats and their massive press made from whole tree trunks. Maybe pick up a bottle of their special fortified wine for a souvenir.

Further picnic foraging can be made at Rusticana Wines which is also the home of Newman's Horseradish. Located on a working horseradish farm, you can try before you buy from their range of condiments and dips. The view from your lunch destination at Lake Breeze is stunning, overlooking the vineyards and beyond over the plains to Mount Lofty. Taste a regional platter along with the award winning wines as Lake Breeze recently achieved 2022 Halliday Best Value Winery of the Year. After lunch, continue your hunt for picnic supplies at Vineyard Road Cellar Door, which is also the home of Fleurieu Chocolates. Find your preferred dessert option – maybe some white chocolate coated honeycomb to enjoy with your picnic dinner. Nearby, you can be assured of a chat with the owners while you taste some wine and pick up more produce at the family-owned Angas Plains winery.

Dinner is a picnic at Milang on the shores of Lake Alexandrina, a huge 600m² body of water that is a large influence of the climate of Langhorne Creek and its wineries. Enjoy your special bottle of wine and your gathered local produce at one of the lakeside picnic tables or with your feet dangling over the wharf watching the pelicans settle in for the evening. Off in the distance you will see the only inland lighthouse in Australia. The Creek Cruiser will deliver you back to your accommodation for your last night in the Creek.

Day 4 – Monday

After checking out of La Maison Du Vigneron B&B, head to Oasis Gardens Restaurant and Function Centre for breakfast overlooking tropical palms. Heading back to Adelaide explore the tourism town of Strathalbyn, 15 minutes from Langhorne Creek. Renowned for Antique shops, it's a great place to browse anything from a Victorian vase to a mid-century teak table. Eat at The Picklepot opposite the riverside rotunda and be sure to try one of their legendary sausage rolls. The Picklepot also carry artisan bread from Langhorne Creek's Small World Bakery. Alternatively enjoy a wood oven pizza or burger at the brand new Hammer n' Tongs. It's time to farewell the creek after an action packed long weekend.

All information is available on Langhorne Creek website langhornecreek.com