

Itinerary: Port Adelaide & Coast

All aboard!! Ahoy there! Prepare for take-off! Let's get your itinerary started!

Welcome to Port Adelaide & Coast!

Check in at the Quest Port Adelaide into a One Bedroom Apartment with a private balcony and comfy king bed. Pop over the road to the British Hotel or wander along the waterfront to The Lighthouse Wharf Hotel for dinner, if you're there on a Friday night they have live entertainment by local acoustic singers. You can charge it all back to your hotel too if you want!

If you'd prefer a seaside abode for your stay, try Semaphore Blue Apartments, a stone's throw from the beach.

Day 1 - Heritage

Good morning!

Fresh air, breakfast, and coffee! Get your steps started for the day and head to The Banksia Tree Café & Restaurant, a well-loved local haunt, for breakfast, this zero-waste establishment uses only local, seasonal and sustainable produce, with a selection of indigenous plants and flowers in its seasoning and garnishes paying homage to the nation's first people and their culinary contributions.

Bellies full, it is now time to learn about the storied history of Port Adelaide. The Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre offer Guided Walks around Port Adelaide so you can learn from a passionate local. Or if you'd prefer, grab printed or electronic versions so you can learn at your own pace, and while you're out and about stop at one of the many historic pubs on just about every corner. During your travels, you will also come across our famous museums, SA Maritime Museum, National Railway Museum and SA Aviation Museum. Or a bit further afield, the City of Adelaide Clipper Ship, the world's oldest existing Clipper, even older than the famous Cutty Sark in London!

Lunch

Pop into Mayfair Bakery & Patisserie for lunch, it hasn't shifted its 'home ground' over its 152-year existence, it has been through just a handful of owners during this time, it has survived depressions and world wars, it estimates that over the journey it has baked and sold some 100-million pies, pasties, and cakes! Hot tip – their cheesecakes are divine, and they have a cheeseburger pie oozing slow cooked beef, Dijon mustard, New York ketchup, cheese and pickles, all topped with grilled cheese pastry and sesame seeds.

Evening

After a full day of exploring the built environments of Port Adelaide, climb aboard the One & All Tall Ship for a twilight sail along the Port River. As the sun sets over the nearby Semaphore beach, sit back, relax, and savour a gourmet platter as you sail your way down the Port River. The lulling sounds of water lapping gently against the side of the hull and glasses clinking in 'cheers' to a fulfilling first day in Port Adelaide.

Day 2 - Nature

Good morning!

After breakfast on-the-go from Dutch Coffee Lab, the ten-minute journey out to Garden Island to meet your kayak tour guide goes by in the blink of an eye. The strikingly blue water contrasts beautifully against the green mangrove forest which has existed for over 10,000 years. As you head out in search of dolphins, locals will tell you it is never a sure thing, however by kayak gives you the best chance and it is more likely than unlikely to see at least one of these playful creatures frolicking about in the water. The three-hour experience is over before you know it and extends far beyond just seeing dolphins. Mangroves, inlets, and ship graveyards all add to the intrigue, and you can see why this is one of the most popular experiences in South Australia.

Lunch

After your morning paddle, it's now time for a different kind of paddle. Lunch is being served at Pirate Life Brewing! Grab a tasting paddle and try four of their tap beers, there's about 20 to choose from. Grab a tasty lunch from their brand-new kitchen which serves up big and small from the grill and they have heaps of delicious vegetarian options as well.

Evening

You might have had to have an afternoon nap after all of that paddling, which is perfectly acceptable, encouraged even, you are on holiday, so you can do whatever you want.

Tonight, dinner is at the Port Admiral Hotel & Bottle Shop. This gorgeous heritage pub was established in 1849 and had a major refurbishment around 5 years ago. It is now a foodie's delight, beloved by locals and visitors. They often have live music in their courtyard too.

After dinner, have a night cap at Korked Wine Bar, a quirky little bar full of larger-than-life characters, live music and a fantastic, curated wine list featuring a range of South Australian wines. If Whisky is more your nightcap, then head to the hidden Studio 99 Art & Whisky bar, it is tucked down a little side lane behind the original McColl's Hardware. The maple syrup whisky will win over any non-whisky drinking people or one of their cocktails might do the trick.

Day 3 – Beach

Good morning!

Need a juice and a salty splash? Off to the coast today. Hire a free bike from the Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre and head off to Semaphore, taking the scenic route (of course) around the inner Port Harbour. Stop off at Delicia Acai Port Adelaide first to load up on your healthy juice, smoothie and acai bowl. The perfect start to the day. Ride around the waterfront, following the Anna Rennie Loop Path, until you get to Semaphore Road.

Fun fact – Anna Rennie was the first female councilor in South Australia, she served on the Port Adelaide council for 19 years, five of them as Mayor.

Semaphore Road has separate bike lanes on the footpath, so you can ride safely down the beautiful boulevard, taking your time to check out all the lovely shops. There are vintage

clothes, antiques, jewellers, crystals, homewares and loads of little cafes and takeaways as well.

Lunch

About halfway down Semaphore Road, pop into Sweet Amber Brew Café for lunch, they offer woodfired pizza and small batch beers. They have a plant filled garden out the back to enjoy and if you're lucky there will be some fur friends in there for you to have a pat!

Semaphore Beach is only 5 minutes away from Sweet Amber, so after lunch (and a little rest), head to the beach and dip your toes in the clear blue water or dive in for a nice refreshing dip. You can return your bikes to the Semaphore Library and take an e-scooter along the coastal path and take a spin down to the Largs Pier Jetty.

Evening

Time to hop back on the e-scooter towards Semaphore as the sun starts to slowly make its way towards the horizon, then grab some of South Australia's best fish and chips from the famous Sotos. Words like 'icon' and 'institution' are thrown around generously these days, but Sotos deserves the moniker as arguably Adelaide's oldest fish and chipper, having been serving punters since 1949.

Fish and chips in hand, it is now time to pick your spot on the foreshore, avoiding the inevitable wave of seagulls that come from every direction. But the fish and chips are too good to give up on this occasion and the seagulls leave disappointed whilst you bask in the ambient glow of another glorious sunset over Semaphore.

If you want something a little fancier for dinner, head to the Palais Hotel, the distinctive 1920's Bathing Pavilion on the foreshore, they have gorgeous beach and sunset views.

You can't go to Semaphore in the evening with out visiting Hades Hula House, an American style tiki bar. Try the award-winning cocktail Muldjewangk, which is based on a mythical creature of the local Indigenous people. A blend of native ingredients and top shelf tequila.

You'll sleep well tonight!

Day 4 – Arts & Culture

Good morning!

Start your day with breakfast at Folklore Café. Enjoy the stunning views of the river and relaxed vibe, and if you haven't satiated your dolphin viewing appetite for the weekend then this is the place to be!

Today's the day to explore the laneways and back streets of the outdoors art gallery known as Wonderwalls. Over 60 murals adorn walls across Port Adelaide from different versions of the festival, and you can create your own art trail using either a printed map or via the free to download Visit Port Adelaide app. This years addition, called The Big Picture Series, added augmented reality experiences to about ten existing artworks and landmarks, definitely worth checking out, you'll need to download the Big Picture Series app.

Lunch

After finding all the amazing street art murals, check out a few of the art galleries as well. There's Jackalope Studio Gallery, Post Office Projects, Port Community Arts Centre and the gallery in the visitor information centre.

Lunch today is at the Drummer Boy Café, their menu is both healthy and delicious.

Evening

Early dinner sitting tonight at Low & Slow American BBQ, you must book ahead, this place is always packed! For good reason, it's amazing and they offer a "Let us feed you" menu, which will banish the hunger away!

After dinner take a Port Adelaide Ghost Crime tour and see all the sights you've taken in over the last few days, but in a different light!