



ACADEMY
TRAVEL

TAILORED
SMALL GROUP
JOURNEYS

ADELAIDE & SURROUNDS

WITH ADELAIDE FESTIVAL

Remarkable Rocks,
Kangaroo Island

OVERVIEW

Adelaide, Australia's oldest and arguably most refined capital city, is overflowing with art, history, fine cuisine, and entertainment. It is also the gateway to world-famous wine country and areas of stunning natural beauty.

There is no better time to explore the City of Churches than during the 2025 Adelaide Festival, when the atmosphere is abuzz with events and performances, and the city is looking her very best. On this 8-day tour, led by Kenneth W. Park, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the famed Adelaide culture.

Discover the city's rich modern history while you explore the historic estates and collections of Carrick Hill, Fermoy House and The Cedars, and contemplate the extensive array of artefacts and artworks housed in the South Australia museum and the Art Gallery of South Australia.

The tour is rounded out by the fine food, wine, culture and varied landscapes for which Adelaide is known internationally, including a heritage tour of the Barossa Valley, a full-day trip to unforgettable Kangaroo Island and three top performances at the renowned Adelaide Festival.



TOUR LEADER

Kenneth W. Park is a curator, presenter, fund-raiser, tour leader, writer and lover of life. During his career he has lectured at every state art gallery.

TOUR DATES

March 12-19, 2025 | 8 Days

TOUR PRICE

\$6,240 per person, twin share
\$1,190 single supplement

TOUR DEPOSIT

A **\$500** non-refundable deposit is required per person to confirm your booking on tour.

GROUP SIZE

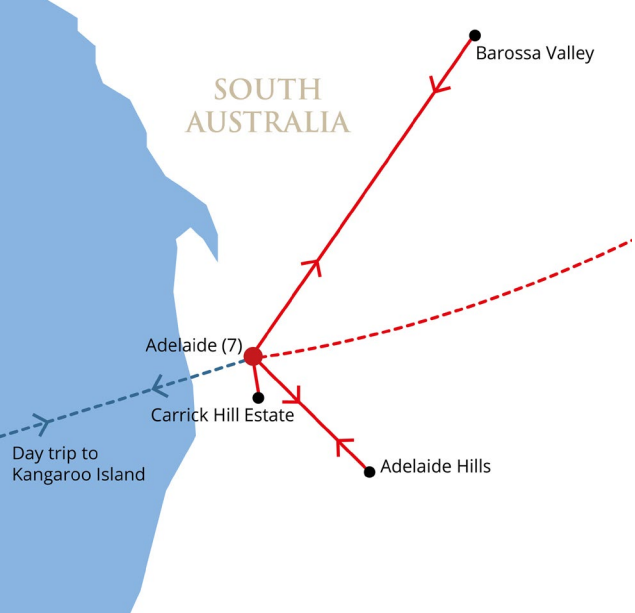
Maximum number of **16** in group

ITINERARY

Adelaide (7 nights)

INCLUSIONS

7 nights' accommodation in centrally located 4-star hotel. All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners. Best available tickets to **3** performances at the Adelaide Festival. Services of an expert tour leader and an experienced tour manager throughout. All ground transport, entrance fees and tipping.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Start & Finish

The tour starts at 6.00pm on Wednesday 12 March, at The Crowne Plaza, Adelaide.

The tour ends after breakfast on Wednesday 19 March, at The Crowne Plaza, Adelaide.

Included meals are indicated with B, L, D.

Wednesday 12 March

Arrival | Adelaide Festival

The tour begins in our Adelaide hotel at 6.00pm, where we meet tour leader Kenneth W. Park in the bar of the hotel for a welcome drink and a light dinner. Following brief introductions, we take in our first Adelaide Festival performance this evening (schedule permitting). Overnight Adelaide (D)

Performance I

Performance: To be advised

Venue: To be advised

Performers: To be advised

Thursday 13 March

Gardens & Art

After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Adelaide Botanic Garden, an oasis in the cosmopolitan heart of the city. Here our guided tour takes us through the extensive public gardens, home to a diverse range of plants from Australia and around the world. We also visit the beautiful 19th-century Palm House, imported from Germany in 1875 and reopened after painstaking restoration, as well as the strikingly modern, award winning Bicentennial Conservatory - and enjoy seeing two very different ecosystems at work. After time for lunch we then make our way along North Terrace to the Art Gallery of South Australia, where we have the afternoon to enjoy the gallery's extensive collection of fine and decorative art. Returning to the hotel the evening is at leisure. Overnight Adelaide (B)

Friday 14 March

Private Collections | Adelaide Festival

Fermoy House, the former residence of unconventional Adelaide-based millionaire David Roche, will be our starting point today. This eccentric and elaborate estate, filled with an extraordinary private art collection, is highly unique and reflects Roche's French/Irish ancestry. We then travel by coach to the stately home and 40 hectares of gardens of the Carrick Hill estate, which has survived with most of the original contents intact. After lunch at Carrick Hill cafe, we tour the house and private collection of the original owners and art patrons Sir Edward and Lady Ursula Hayward, which

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Internationally Acclaimed Adelaide Festival

Enjoy three outstanding performances at the 2025 Adelaide Festival. Inaugurated in 1960, the Festival is an unmissable highlight on Australia's cultural calendar.

History & Heritage

Contemplate Adelaide's rich colonial history at the lovingly-preserved Carrick Hill Estate, and the time-capsule that is The Cedars, Hans and Nora Heysen's artistic haven in Hahndorf.

Esteemed Public & Private Art Collections

Admire the extensive and forward-looking collection at the Art Gallery of South Australia and the unique private collection of antiques, sculptures and fine art displayed by the David Roche Foundation.

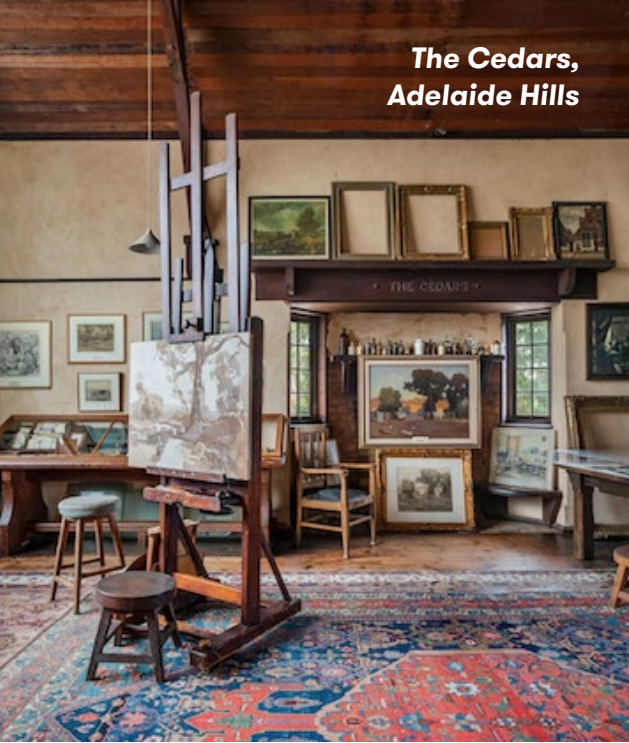
South Australia's Gourmet Delights

Savour the fine food and wine of the Adelaide Hills and Barossa Valley at some of the region's most acclaimed restaurants and vineyards.

Unforgettable Kangaroo Island

Immerse yourself in the abundant wildlife, wildflowers, local produce and natural attractions of Kangaroo Island, such as the aptly named Remarkable Rocks.

**The Cedars,
Adelaide Hills**



includes contemporary European and Australian paintings and decorative arts. In the late afternoon we return to the hotel, with time to freshen up before our second Festival performance this evening (schedule permitting). Overnight Adelaide (B, L)

Performance II

Performance: To be advised

Venue: To be advised

Performers: To be advised

Saturday 15 March

The Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf | Adelaide Festival

This morning we depart by coach and travel to the picturesque Adelaide Hills. After taking in the spectacular views at Mount Lofty we continue to a little slice of Europe in Australia, the town of Hahndorf, Australia's oldest German settlement dating back to 1838. Here we take a guided tour of 'The Cedars' – the stunning home, garden and studios of renowned father and daughter artists Hans and Nora Heysen. The estate has over 200 artworks on display, many appearing in their original setting. Following a light lunch and a walking tour of Hahndorf, we will return by coach to Adelaide. The afternoon is at leisure before we meet again for our final performance at the Festival (schedule permitting). Overnight Adelaide (B, L)

Performance III

Performance: To be advised

Venue: To be advised

Performers: To be advised

Sunday 16 March

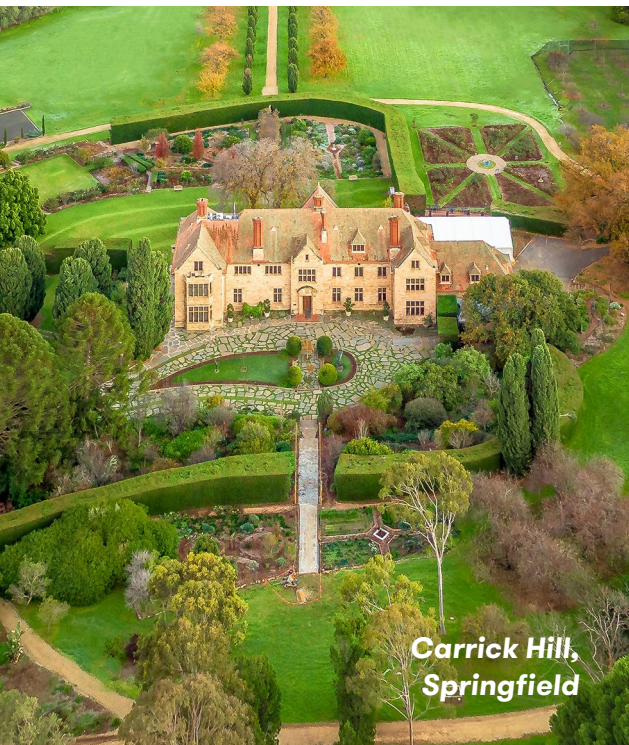
The Beautiful Barossa

Icon of the wine industry, Seppeltsfield Estate, established in 1851, will be the highlight of today. On arrival in the Barossa, we first take a guided heritage tour of the palm-tree lined grounds, visiting the historic Seppelt family homestead and underground Blending Cellar, followed by a private fortified wine tasting in the 1878 Centennial Cellar. We then enjoy a leisurely lunch at FINO on the estate, one of South Australia's most successful regional restaurants showcasing the best of Barossa produce. On our return to Adelaide, we stop by the historic Langmeil Church, established by the Lutherans at Tanunda. Evening at leisure. Overnight Adelaide (B, L)

Monday 17 March

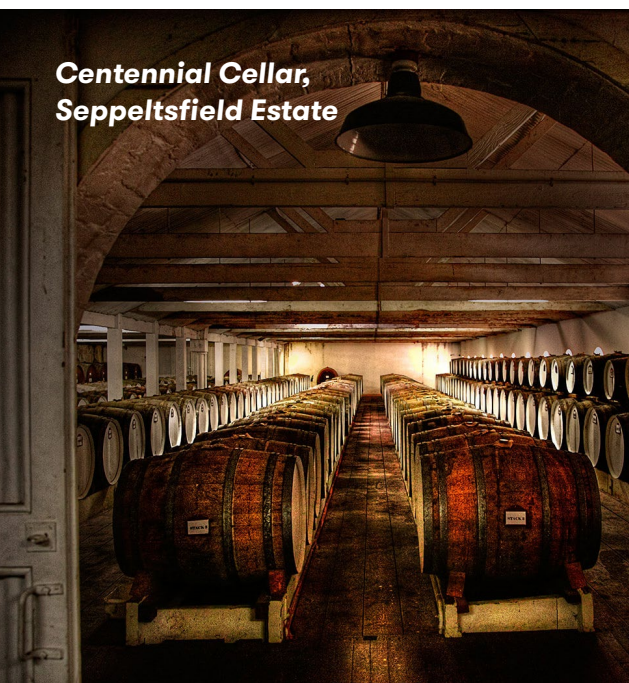
Kangaroo Island

After an early departure from our hotel we will head to Cape Jervis before ferrying across to unspoilt Kangaroo Island. On our guided tour we will explore the best the island has to offer from its unique geological features, such as the aptly named Remarkable Rocks, to its wildlife conservation parks. We will also get a taste of some of Kangaroo Island's famous local produce over an unhurried lunch. After a full day of



**Carrick Hill,
Springfield**

**Centennial Cellar,
Seppeltsfield Estate**



HOTEL

Crowne Plaza Adelaide

(7 nights)

The four-star Crowne Plaza Adelaide offers modern accommodation in the heart of the city, overlooking the CBD and Adelaide Hills. The hotel is in short walking distance to many of the attractions on tour.

adelaide.crowneplaza.com

WEATHER

March is usually very dry with mild temperatures of between 15 to 26°C. Autumn sees very little rainfall with pleasant days and cooler nights.

FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Grade One

This tour is appropriate for travellers in good health with good mobility. You should be able to:

- comfortably participate in up to three hours of physical activity per day, including walking at an easy pace, sometimes on uneven terrain, with only short breaks
- keep up with the group at all times
- stand for one to two hours in galleries and museums at a time without a break
- negotiate stairs and bridges
- get on and off a coach, train, ferry or boat with steep stairs unassisted
- manage your luggage at hotels as portage services have become unavailable in most cities

exploration, we will return on the early evening ferry, where you can purchase a light dinner on board. Overnight Adelaide (B, L)

Tuesday 18 March

Art & History

This morning we make our way to the South Australian Museum for a tour through the Australian Aboriginal Cultures' Gallery. This collection of over 3000 artefacts from Central Australia and the Top End is considered among the best in the world and will be shown to us by an Indigenous guide. After a coffee break, we head to the nearby State Library of South Australia to visit the beautiful Mortlock Wing, admiring its wrought iron balustrades, masonry columns and elegant glass-domed roof. After a break for lunch, we return to the Art Gallery of South Australia, where we have time to view the special Festival exhibition. This evening we meet again for our farewell dinner at the prestigious Adelaide Club, founded in 1863. A beautiful heritage building on North Terrace, the Adelaide Club was built for some of South Australia's most influential political, rural and business men. Overnight Adelaide (B, D)

Wednesday 19 March

Departure

The tour concludes after breakfast this morning. (B)



ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

For further information or to secure a place, please contact **Lucy Yeates** on 9235 0023 (Sydney) or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email: lucy@academytravel.com.au



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