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COASTAL ROAD TRIP · 10 DAYS FROM ADELAIDE AND BACK

Discover South Australia's Eyre Peninsula

One of Australia's lesser explored regions, the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia is home to some of the most stunning coastlines and the seafood capital of Australia, Port Lincoln, on Boston Bay. This 10-day tour takes you north from Adelaide to Port Augusta before heading south and looping around the Peninsula.

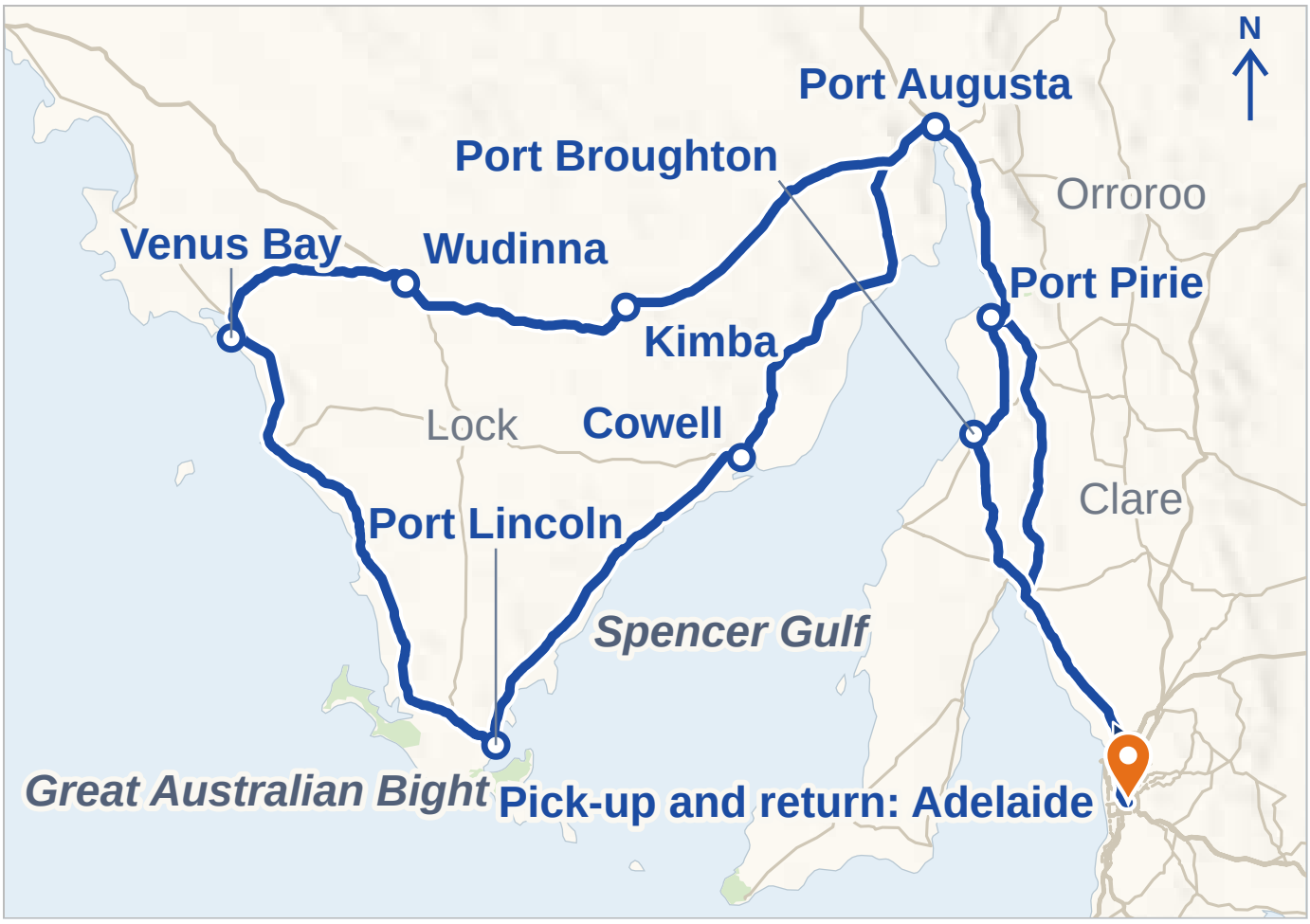
DISTANCE	DAYS	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 1,565 km	10 days, 9 drives	Round trip from Adelaide	About 23 h 30 min by campervan

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
300 km, Kimba to Port Broughton	Campervan

This trip crosses the Country of the Kaurna, Barngarla, Nukunu and other First Nations peoples. Traditional Custodians



Venus Bay, day 6 · Illustrative image



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> Special caution and planning should be taken when travelling in remote areas to ensure sufficient provisions, fuel and prescribed medicines are carried. Weather conditions can make sealed roads impassable particularly during the northern Wet season.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Hiring a campervan for this trip

Your route

All rental vendors in Australia have restrictions on where their vehicles can be taken, so discuss your planned route with the rental company when you pick up. Get the rental company's permission before taking the vehicle somewhere it restricts. If you take it there without permission, you may lose your excess reduction and be fully responsible for any damage. You may also have to pay for towing and recovery, and for damage to other people's property. See road restrictions and when you are fully responsible. A 2WD van suits the sealed highways on this loop.

Picking up in Adelaide

Most Adelaide branches hand over vans until about 3pm, and fewer are open at weekends. Apollo, Britz, Maui, Maui Elite, Mighty and Mighty Lite ask you to arrive by 3pm, and their branch closes on Sundays from May to August: pick up on the Saturday or Monday instead

(pick-up times and late flights). If your flight lands after early afternoon, it's often easier to stay the night and collect next morning. More on campervan hire in Adelaide: branches, hours and each brand's rules.

Allow plenty of time at the branch for the paperwork, the vehicle inspection and the van demonstration, and bring every driver's licence. See what to expect when you pick up your campervan: choosing a pick-up time, the inspection and demonstration, the documents to bring and online check-in, and the Adelaide branches. Flying in? See airport pick-ups and what to do about late pick-ups.

PICK-UP DAY IN ADELAIDE

DAY 1

Adelaide

PICK-UP

Collect your campervan in Adelaide today. Even if you have travelled by campervan before, allow plenty of time at the branch so the rental company can show you how this one works before you leave.

Adelaide, capital city of South Australia, offers a variety of activities suited to everyone's tastes.

Visit Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. The town retains a strong German heritage, transporting you to an entirely new cultural experience. There are plenty of places to try some food, buy some souvenirs and enjoy the history.

If you have time, visit the Art Gallery of South Australia to top off your cultural day! Founded in 1881, the gallery is found in the cultural precinct of Adelaide, right next to the South Australian Museum and University of Adelaide. The gallery has a collection of over 38,000 works comprising of different nationalities and types.

Stay Adelaide Caravan Park

DRIVE

225 km from Adelaide | **about 3 h 15 min** by campervan

Via **Port Wakefield Highway**

DAY 2

Adelaide to Port Pirie

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway 1 to the Spencer Highway/ B89 in Bungama. Continue along Spencer Highway until you reach Port Pirie.

Visit the Port Pirie Historic and Folk Museum, which includes the Railway Station, Customs House and Police Station. These buildings, which date back as early as the late 1800s, are well preserved in the Victorian Pavilion style, and will transport you back in time so you can immerse yourself within the history. Other treasures of the museum include the discovery of the Diprotodon bones, remains of the largest marsupial known to have ever lived. Check its opening times before you go.

Stay Echo Holiday Parks – Port Pirie (formerly Port Pirie Beach Caravan Park)

DRIVE

92 km from Port Pirie | **about 1 h 20 min** by campervan

Via **Augusta Highway**

DAY 3

Port Pirie to Port Augusta

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 to Port Augusta.

To learn about some of the local indigenous culture, visit the Wadlata Outback Centre. Known as the “Tunnel of Time”. The centre takes you back to the beginning, where the dinosaurs would roam the land. From here, you will learn the traditional stories of the Dreamtime and how the lands around you formed. The tunnel takes you to when the Flying Doctors and School of the Air was established, and into present day. It is one not to miss.

Spend the afternoon immersing yourself in the cultural works of the area at the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli. Enjoy the gallery spaces and see artworks from both local and interstate artists. Watch a show in the Institute Theatre and experience the artistic talent present in Port Augusta.

Stay Discovery Parks – Port Augusta (formerly Port Augusta BIG4 Holiday Park)

DRIVE

180 km from Port Augusta | **about 2 h 30 min** by campervan

Via **Lincoln Highway**

DAY 4

Port Augusta to Cowell

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 towards Gap Road. Continue along onto Lincoln Highway/ B100 until you reach Cowell.

Cowell is a great town for beaches and fishing spots. Lucky Bay is 16 km north of Cowell and is a great beach for swimmers of any age. Likewise, Flat Rock Beach is 12 km south of Cowell, and is another great beach for swimming. Both beaches are also great fishing spots for those who want a go at catching some lunch.

If you're looking for history of the town, there is a museum situated in the old Post Office. The museum houses items such as documents, books, Aboriginal artefacts and household items, which help to illustrate how the town has formed. Likewise, there are three rooms set up in the style of the 1800s so you can experience how people would have lived in that time. Check its opening times before you go.

Stay Cowell Foreshore Caravan Park

DRIVE

160 km from Cowell | **about 2 h 20 min** by campervan

Via **Lincoln Highway**

DAY 5

Cowell to Port Lincoln

Depart this morning and follow the Lincoln Highway/ B100 until you reach the roundabout where you will take the 1st exit onto Light Street in Port Lincoln.

Easily the most popular activity in Port Lincoln is to go shark cage diving. There are many cruise options, where they will take you out on a cruise for a couple of hours to the Neptune Islands. From there, you will get the opportunity to go in the cage underwater and see Great White Sharks up close and personal.

If you are not keen to get in the cage underwater, you can also purchase spectator tickets and enjoy the shark watching from the safety of the boat.

Stay Port Lincoln Caravan Park, North Shields, about 8 km north of town

DRIVE

230 km from Port Lincoln | **about 3 h 30 min** by campervan

Via **Flinders Highway**

DAY 6

Port Lincoln to Venus Bay

Depart this morning and follow the B100 to Venus Bay.

Try the South Head Walking Trail to discover some of the local wildlife. Along your walk, you may see a pod of dolphins, sea lions and sea eagles. During the months May to October, you may even spot the Southern Right Whales as they migrate to the Great Australian Bight. The Needle Eye Lookout also provides a great opportunity to see the rugged cliff edges and views of the coastline, making for a great picture opportunity.

Stay Venus Bay Beachfront Tourist Park (formerly Venus Bay Caravan Park)

DRIVE

96 km from Venus Bay | **about 1 h 50 min** by campervan

Via **Port Kenny Road**

DAY 7

Venus Bay to Wudinna

Depart this morning and continue along Venus Bay Road until you reach the B100. Turn left on the B100 and turn right onto Port Kenny Road. Turn right onto the National Highway A1 and follow until you reach Wudinna.

Take a tour up to the Gawler Ranges and go four-wheel driving with a local who will show you the best sites. The outback has a diverse range of terrains, ranging from woodlands, desert and volcanic gorges. Not only that, you will have the opportunity to see some local wildlife including kangaroos, emus and wombats. This is a truly unique Australian experience.

Book ahead:
Gawler Ranges day tours from Wudinna run by arrangement, for private groups, so book well ahead.

Stay Gawler Ranges Motel & Caravan Park

DRIVE

100 km from Wudinna | **about 1 h 30 min** by campervan

Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 8

Wudinna to Kimba

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 until you reach Kimba.

Kimba is located exactly halfway across Australia, and its most popular attraction is the Big Galah. The Big Galah is a statue of an Australian bird, standing at 8 metres tall. Take some photos with the large statue, or enjoy the other attractions the town had to offer including Kimba's Gem shop (the Halfway Across Australia Gem Shop, behind the Galah), which has a great collection of locally mined Cowell Jade.

Stay Kimba Caravan Park

DRIVE

300 km from Kimba | **about 4 h 15 min** by campervan | Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 9

Kimba to Port Broughton

LONGEST DRIVE

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 to Napperby. From here, take the Spencer Highway/ B89 to Port Broughton.

Port Broughton is a great place to go out on a fishing charter and try your luck at catching some fish. If you're not keen on fishing, in town there is a Heritage Centre, which showcases some of the local history. It contains artefacts and photos from older time when the town was still developing. Check its opening times before you go.

Stay Port Broughton Tourist Park (formerly Port Broughton Caravan Park)

DRIVE

175 km from Port Broughton | **about 2 h 50 min** by campervan | Via **Port Wakefield Highway**

DAY 10

Port Broughton to Adelaide

RETURN

Depart this morning and follow the B85 to the National Highway A1 in Port Wakefield. Follow the National Highway A1 to the Princes Highway, and continue along until you reach Adelaide.

You have now arrived at your final destination. Continue your journey or return your campervan to the depot. Allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking. Rental companies charge for late returns.

Returning in Adelaide

Drop-off times are often earlier than people expect, so check yours. Fill up near your branch before you return the van, with the fuel type your rental company specifies (returning the van). If you have an early flight, returning the van the day before can take the pressure off.

Plan your last day around your branch's drop-off time. See returning your campervan: choosing a drop-off time, late returns and early returns, and the Adelaide branches.

Enjoy the trip around the Eyre Peninsula.

Traditional Custodians

Adelaide: Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains (City of Adelaide (https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/our-city/reconciliation/))
Port Augusta: Barngarla and Nukunu peoples (Yarta Purtli, Port Augusta City Council (https://yartapurtli.sa.gov.au/))
Port Lincoln (Galinyala): Barngarla People (City of Port Lincoln, Strategic Directions Plan 2021–2030 (https://www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0031/814459/18.80.1.1-FINAL2020-Strategic-Directions-Plans-2021-2030.pdf))

Country boundaries are approximate, and some are shared or contested. These names follow local councils and park managers. The AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia (https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia) shows the wider picture.

Pay your respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which you are travelling, and to their Elders past, present and emerging. The Australian environment is fragile, so tread lightly: take only photos and leave only footprints.

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