

SELF DRIVE

THE GREAT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINE AND FOOD DRIVE



The first vines were planted by John Reynell in 1838. Today there are more than 70 cellar doors to choose from and is famous for its red wine varieties including Grenache, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The region also produces a range of wines to suit all tastes, as well as boutique breweries and ciders to refresh the palate.

Explore four fantastic wine and food destinations all within a short gastronomic drive of each other and Adelaide.

Famous wine brands such as d'Arenberg, Wirra Wirra, Hardy's, Rosemount Estate and Woodstock, as well as boutique offerings from Coriole, Fox Creek, Battle of Bosworth, Alpha Box & Dice and Samuel's Gorge to name just a bunch.

DAY 1 > ADELAIDE TO HAHNDORF VIA MCLAREN VALE

Try some fresh local produce at the Olive Groves, Almond & Olive Train, Medlow's Confectionery or combine cheese with wine on the Blessed Food, Cheese and Wine Trail. Enjoy lunch at a winery restaurant such as d'Arry's Verandah on a hill overlooking the vineyards or The Kitchen Door at Penny's Hill winery or at Red Poles where you can enjoy food, wine and art.

Begin your journey in the internationally-acclaimed wine region of McLaren Vale. Only 40 kilometres south of South Australia's capital Adelaide, the McLaren Vale wine region is rich in history.

From top: Adelaide Hills Long Lunch; Angove Winery, McLaren Vale.



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Finish your day with a scenic drive to Hahndorf, arguably the most famous town in the Adelaide Hills. Australia's oldest surviving German settlement was built by a tight-knit group of Prussian settlers in 1839 and now offers contemporary retail therapy.

Whilst in Hahndorf, don't miss The Cedars and tour the cultural legacy of celebrated artist Sir Hans Heysen. Accommodation in the Adelaide Hills includes cosy cottages, modern spa suites, a historic mansion and even a hand-built gothic castle.

> Adelaide to McLaren Vale:
40 kilometres, 45 minutes

> McLaren Vale to Hahndorf:
45 kilometres, 41 minutes

DAY 2 > HAHNDORF TO BAROSSA

Fall in love with the Adelaide Hills wine region, which enjoyed a revival in the 1970s and today boasts 50 cellar doors. A cool climate region, varieties of white and sparkling wines are the regions forte, however some elegant Pinot Noir and Shiraz will tempt you as well.

In the main street of Hahndorf start with visits to Rockbare and Somerled Wines.

Hahndorf Hill Winery's ChocoVino Experience is something not to be missed. In the land of long lunches, The Lane Vineyard delivers fantastic wines equally matched by its gourmet food and priceless view, or long-standing hero of the region is Petaluma's Bridgewater Mill, which offers a regionally-inspired menu set in a historic flour mill.

After lunch, make your way through the picturesque Adelaide Hills to the Barossa, enroute you will be tempted to stop at well known wineries including Shaw and Smith, Nepenthe, Bird in Hand and Chain of Ponds, not to mention other highlights such as Woodside Cheese Wrights and the Lobethal Bierhaus.

In the Barossa you'll find some of the Australia's best-known labels such as Jacob's Creek, Rockford, Peter Lehmann, Yalumba, Penfolds, Seppeltsfield and Wolf Blass.

Accommodation in the Barossa is varied and excellent with historic self-contained cottages, hosted bed and breakfasts, heritage or resort style accommodation, luxurious retreats and homesteads, hotels and motels all available.

> Hahndorf to Barossa (Tanunda):
74 kilometres, 1 hour 6 minutes

DAY 3 > BAROSSA TO CLARE VALLEY

Renowned for producing big, bold Shiraz, the Barossa is one of the world's great wine regions with a winemaking heritage dating back to 1842. Today discover all that makes the Barossa one of the world's iconic wine destinations.

At Penfolds, visitors can 'Make Your Own Blend' and at Wolf Blass, you can 'Blend it like Blass' and take the wine home as a souvenir. Stunning food to match the amazing wines can be found all over the Barossa and for foodies, a visit to Maggie Beer's Farm Shop is a must.

Explore some of the oldest producing Shiraz vines in the world at Langmeil Winery. Visit historic Seppeltsfield for the chance to taste the 100-year-old Para Vintage Tawny during a guided tour.

With views over the valley, Bethany Wines is a great place to taste wines. At Artisans of Barossa try wine from 7 small winemakers of differing styles whilst tasting food from renowned chef Mark McNamara. Enjoy a regional platter of gourmet local delights and taste the wines at Murray Street Vineyards in Greenock.

Tantalise your tastebuds, for lunch or dinner at 1918 Bistro & Grill or FermentAsian in Tanunda, Jacob's Creek and Hentley Farm wineries, Appellation at The Louise in Marananga and Vintners Bar & Grill just outside Angaston.

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Enjoy the countryside and farming lands as you make your way to the Clare Valley where you can relax in a range of accommodation from boutique bed and breakfasts, luxury guest houses or resort style accommodation.

> **Barossa (Tanunda) to Clare via Kapunda:** 97 kilometres, 1 hour 20 minutes

DAY 4 > CLARE VALLEY TO ADELAIDE

After a hearty breakfast head off to explore the Clare Valley, which owes its grape growing beginnings to Jesuit priests back in 1851 and today produces some of the world's best Rieslings.

Today the Jesuits are still making sacramental wine at one of Australia's oldest and most unique wineries, Sevenhill. Many internationally acclaimed wineries call the Clare Valley home including Jim Barry, Taylors, Pikes, Reilly's, Grosset and Annie's Lane.

Hire or ride your own bicycles along part of the 35-kilometre Riesling Trail, stopping for wine tastings along the way.

The valley has many small towns to explore, visit art galleries and studios, gardens and historical buildings.

There are excellent dining options including winery restaurants that blend the best of local wine and produce, with Skillogalee being a perfect example. Enjoy great food and atmosphere at restaurants such as Artisans Table and Terroir, classic pub meals at the Rising Sun Hotel or pick up a gourmet hamper for a picnic from Wild Saffron.

Return to Adelaide.

> **Clare to Adelaide:** 141 kilometres, 1 hour 48 minutes

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- McLaren Vale wineries
- Hahndorf township
- Adelaide Hills wineries
- Hans Heyson's The Cedars
- Barossa wineries
- Clare Valley wineries
- Make your own wine in the Barossa
- Maggie Beer's Farm Shop
- Seppeltsfield
- Sevenhill Cellars
- Riesling Trail

* Distances and times are approximate and do not include detours or stops.

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