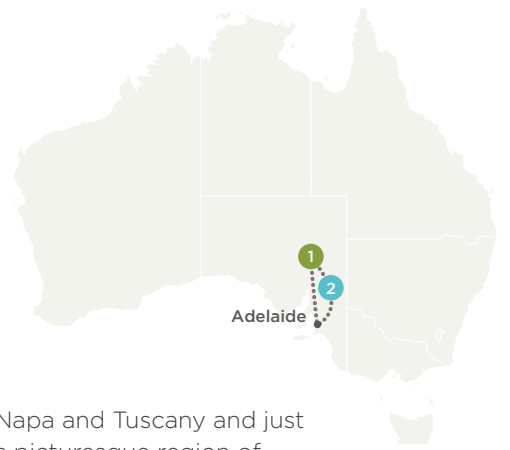


# South Australian Short Break



## Suggested itinerary duration:

6 nights, plus a night or two at your arrival or departure destination as desired.

The Barossa is one of the world's great wine regions; revered alongside Bordeaux, Napa and Tuscany and just an hours drive from Adelaide. An entire world of gastronomic delights awaits in this picturesque region of villages, rolling hills, stone churches and vineyards. Continuing north and the scenery opens up to an ancient landscape home to a huge array of birds and animals. The Ikara-Flinders Ranges offers some of Australia's most striking outback scenery and a significant snapshot of South Australia's geological heritage.

From Adelaide, 4.5hr drive to Arkaba or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## Arkaba

Ikara-Flinders Ranges, South Australia

3 nights

**Arkaba's** true luxury lies in the fact that its 60,000 acres are shared by just 10 guests, taking the definition of exclusivity to a new level in Australia. Located in the ancient and awe-inspiring scale landscape of the **Ikara-Flinders Ranges**, Arkaba provides the opportunity to immerse yourself in the story of the bush – its ancient geology, diverse wildlife and the chance to understand the conservation challenges that Australia faces.

Formerly a sheep station and now a private conservancy, you have chance to give back and get 'hands on' with the conservation programs offered at the property. Arkaba's team of expert field guides live and breathe the bush and through a mix of guided walks, open top safari drives and sheer passion, they will open up the secrets of one of Australia's most fascinating and spectacular landscapes.

### What will I do there?

- Aboriginal culture – immerse yourself in Adnyamathanha culture with a local guide and connect to the stories of the First Nations people who have long looked after Country.
- 4WD safari – day trip into neighbouring Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and drive through the Brachina and Bunyerroo Gorges, visiting the old mining town of Blinman and lunch at an outback pub hotel.
- Evening dining – as the property was formerly a sheep station, it would be amiss not to enjoy dining around an old wool-classing table on the outdoor terrace. With the ever-changing light and sounds of the bush all around, this is a special and uniquely Australian experience.
- Fossil Hunting - the fossils preserved in the ancient sea-floor at Ediacara in the Flinders Ranges record the first known multicellular animal life on Earth that predates the Cambrian.
- Complete the stay with a Creekside Massage. Signature cold pressed oils linger on the skin, leaving you with the rejuvenating aromas of quandong seed, juniper berry, eucalyptus and a sprinkle of native lemongrass.



From Arkaba, 4hr drive to The Louise or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## The Louise

Barossa Valley, South Australia

3 nights

**The Louise** - an idyllic luxury vineyard retreat, encompassing acclaimed restaurant Appellation, is situated on a gentle hill surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines, with breathtaking vistas across the **Barossa Valley**. Home to more than 100 wineries, the Barossa is a vibrant community with a rich 160-year old cultural and architectural heritage and one of the oldest food and wine cultures in Australia.

### What will I do there?

- Legend of Seppeltsfield Tour - take a private tour of historic family winery Seppeltsfield Estate, with a vineyard tour, private wine tasting and sampling your birth-year Vintage Tawny Port.
- Appellation features a nightly wine-paired Chef's Tasting Menu and believes that the sum of 'food + wine' should be greater than the individual parts and that wine is a finished product. A series of dishes created to pair with specific wines, creating a unique marriage, with ingredients directed by the season. The Sommelier at Appellation can also assist with any pre-dinner wine questions you may have, can decant ahead of time that special bottle you discovered in your travels or advise you on the 400+ wine list.
- Henschke wines - explore parts of the original winery built in the 1860s before settling into your private tasting room to enjoy a range of Henschke wines, including The Wheelwright, Cyril Henschke, Mount Edelstone, plus rare access to taste Hill of Roses and Hill of Grace.
- Harvest with Izway Wines - join a full day seasonal tour which runs during the Barossa wine harvest, offering an up-close experience of artisanal winemaking, a private wine tasting and lunch. The harvest season is one of the best times to visit the Barossa -the seasonal tempo and energy is palpable. This experience gives you the chance to connect with the true heart of the region from a perspective rarely seen by wine lovers.
- Travel through the Barossa Valley on a personalised Two Hands Vineyard Experience, tasting their acclaimed Single Vineyard wines in the exact vineyards from which they were produced.



*Did you know?* Ikara is an Aboriginal word in the Adnyamathanha language which means "meeting place".

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