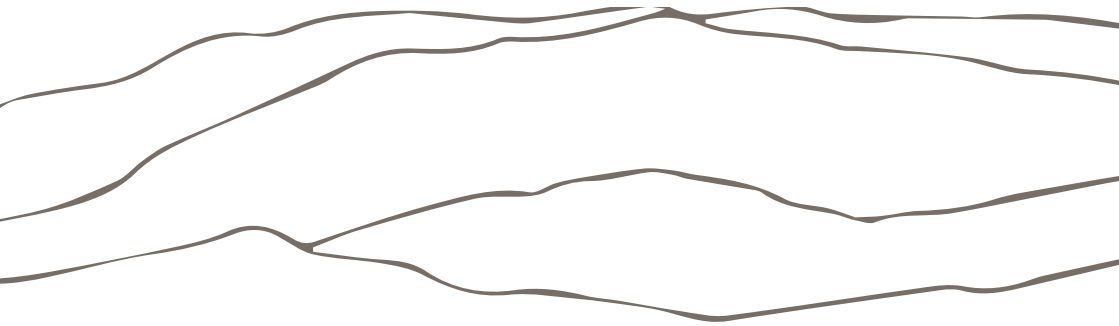




SEQUOIA  
Experience Guide





## SEQUOIA AND THE ADELAIDE HILLS

While being seemingly removed from the hustle and bustle of the world, Sequoia sits on the side of Mount Lofty, high above the Piccadilly Valley in the Adelaide Hills, a region currently being considered for UNESCO World Heritage status. The area's significance centres on its working agricultural (food and wine) landscapes, historic settlements, abundant wildlife, pure environment, continuing culture and practice.

Nowhere else in the world are there five world-class wine regions found within such close proximity. These range from the hot and dry Barossa Valley, to the maritime McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek, the cool climate Adelaide Hills and the high-altitude Eden Valley. The region is not only home to the largest surviving koala population, but it is also one with extensive Indigenous history. It is no wonder South Australians have kept the Adelaide Hills a secret for so long!

Mount Lofty temperatures are generally five to seven degrees cooler than the Adelaide Plains, some 700 metres lower in altitude. In the past, this area was highly sought after by Adelaide's elite

as a place to build their summer holiday homes. Today, summer continues to be much cooler than anywhere else in South Australia. During winter months, the Piccadilly Valley experiences more rainfall than Tasmania, with roaring fires creating a cosy retreat to hide away. Autumn is one of the most beautiful times to visit, with an array of colours, perfect for a picturesque stroll through the neighbouring botanic gardens. In spring, the hills come alive with new beginnings of native flora.

Within 20 minutes of Sequoia are the homes of many South Australian icons including Jurlique, Penfolds Magill Estate (the home of Grange), and a little further afield is R.M. Williams. There are also more than 200 cellar doors with whom we have arranged intimate behind-the-scenes experiences, curated exclusively for our guests.

Sequoia will connect you to the South Australia you never knew existed.

## LODGE WELCOME

Gather on the valley rim at sunset where you are introduced to the fascinating stories of our region, from South Australia's local icons to the boutique and extraordinary. This is a fantastic preface to the amazing region surrounding Sequoia, and what's on offer during your time at the lodge.

Learn about the traditional custodians of the land and the significance of the Mount Lofty Ranges as a pivotal meeting place where important decisions were made many years ago; get a glimpse into the history of Mount Lofty Estate and Arthur Hardy.

Whilst you are listening and engaging with your host, overlooking the Piccadilly Valley you will enjoy local wines and share some delicious Adelaide Hills produce. It is a perfect opportunity to

meet fellow guests and interact in an intimate, engaging environment. Your host will invite you to share your story and what you are hoping to experience whilst you are here.

Be introduced to the surrounding regions that are showcased in front of Sequoia - from the Barossa on the left of the valley through to the Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale and the Coorong on the right. Uncover intimate stories of local icons including Jurlique, Penfolds and R.M. Williams - not to mention some of the best boutique and most memorable South Australian winemakers in the country.



## ARTESIAN SPRING-FED HOT POOLS

Deep beneath the grounds of Sequoia, ancient spring waters run through the mountain. Carving their way through the layers of sandstone, the spring waters break free at the earth's surface feeding every tap on the estate, and filling our artesian hot pools along the scenic rim.

Rejuvenate your body and mind and soak in the benefits of the naturally flowing spring water.

Book one of two private artesian hot pools ranging between 38 and 40 degrees, for up to one hour of relaxation. Alternatively, our third hot pool can also be enjoyed at your leisure, shared alongside fellow guests.

## SUNRISE YOGA

Yoga is a transformative pathway to a stronger body and calmer mind. Join us for a bespoke experience of movement designed for beginners and advanced yogis alike. This session will allow you to take a break from the everyday stresses of life, connect with your surroundings and tune in to the sounds of wildlife around you.

The session is tailored to each individual, using scientific and ancient yogic knowledge to empower you to your fullest potential. Your class will include an array of postures based on your fitness level combined with breath enhancement exercises and meditation to support deep relaxation.







## GATEKEEPER'S DAY SPA

The beautifully appointed Gatekeeper's Day Spa offers a destination spa escape within the iconic Mount Lofty Estate.

Leave the weight of daily life behind as you retreat into the historic walls of this sanctuary. The holistic menu offers relaxing rituals, rejuvenating experiences and gentle beauty treatments that honour your body's individual needs and acknowledge where you are in your life's journey.

We are very proud to be an exclusive Jurlique-approved day spa. This globally

successful skincare brand places great focus on the finest biodynamic and organic ingredients that are grown and hand harvested at its farm, located in Mount Barker, just a stone's throw away from Sequoia.

Our professionally trained and compassionate spa therapists will tailor your treatments specifically to your personal needs to ensure you get the most benefit from your experience and feel completely revitalised.



## MAKER AND SOMM

A South Australian winemaker will join one of our own sommeliers to pour, taste and discuss their wines in an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience. This tasting is much more than what you will find at a typical cellar door – instead, you will have the rare opportunity to spend time with a duo of experts – a sommelier and a winemaker – in an interactive, fun, and informative setting, where the dynamic relationship between the winemaker and sommelier creates a lively, energetic environment.

The Maker and Somm series is a chance for you to ask all your pressing wine questions. Spice up your home cooking as we delve into food and wine pairing with a focus on dishes that relate to your home kitchen.

## LE NEZ DU VIN

'The Nose of the Wine', designed by Jean Lenoir, is a nifty kit consisting of 50 superb quality aromas used for making rapid progress in wine tasting. Aromas are learned from nature or perfumery. If you have been curious about scents in your youth, or have not had the opportunity to explore them, your olfactory references may be more limited than you might expect. Have you ever sighed, "I know this smell but I cannot seem to put a name to it"?

Delve into the complexity of wine, and understand what gives it such a unique identity and aromatic expression. You can expect to explore aromas such as cedar, pine, licorice, boxwood (or blackcurrant bud), cut hay, thyme, vanilla, cinnamon, clove, pepper and saffron – just to name a few.

Our sommelier takes you on a journey where you will witness your glass of wine become a sensory illustration.



Cleland Wildlife Park  
Adelaide Hills  
South Australian Tourism Commission/Adam Bruzzone



#### GUIDED NATURE WALK

Rise with the sun and fill your lungs with pure mountain air as you discover the land, nature and wildlife surrounding the lodge. Join us on a 90-minute guided nature walk and trek along the renowned Heysen Trail. Stroll through Cleland Conservation Park amongst South Australian blue gums, local flora and fauna, and even koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, cockatoos and kookaburras.

#### STAR GAZING

Gaze into the stars that light up the Piccadilly Valley, with a private Celestrom Telescope at your disposal. This experience offers you the opportunity to observe ancient constellations and planets. Discover thousands of stars that are exclusive to our skies, with 100 times more stars on display that you simply cannot see anywhere else in the world.



### ICONIC ADELAIDE HILLS

Known for charming towns nestled within lush greenery, and sprawling vineyards with cool climate wine region elegance, the high-country Adelaide Hills showcases award-winning artisanal food and wine amongst picturesque scenery.

Driving through the winding roads of the Adelaide Hills, arrive at Hahndorf, Australia's oldest German settlement. Dating back to 1839, Hahndorf's aesthetics combine traditional European village charm with modern Australian influences. Explore this historic town and its variety of boutique stores and artisan creations, alongside heritage-rich museums and art galleries.

Visit the widely-acclaimed Shaw + Smith winery. Embark on a behind-the-scenes tour throughout their picturesque winery and vineyard, followed by a hosted wine flight tasting.

Resume your viticultural exploration, at the family-run Deviation Road. This boutique winery showcases a spectacular cellar door and tasting room with a specialisation in méthode traditionnelle sparkling wine.

Disgorge your own bottle of sparkling wine to take home as a remembrance of your wonderful day in the Adelaide Hills.







Shaw • Smith  
Adelaide Hills  
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## CLELAND KOALA EXPERIENCE

In the early morning, Cleland Wildlife Park comes alive to the tune of many iconic Australian animals. This experience offers you the unique opportunity to venture inside Cleland Wildlife Park before it opens to the general public, on a two-hour engaging adventure hosted by your Cleland Wildlife Park guide.

Starting at the entrance to Cleland, visit the new cockatoo aviary and undertake an immersive cockatoo encounter. Entering the aviary, you will have the opportunity to interact with these unique birds, and have them fly down to be hand fed while learning about the biology and natural history of some of the region's largest and most spectacular birds.

The next stop along your journey is meeting and hand feeding freely roaming kangaroos and emus. With a large walk-through enclosure, you will be provided with your own kangaroo

food where you can walk amongst and hand feed these iconic Australian species. Yellow-footed rock wallabies are normally a shy and elusive animal in the wild, however they love coming out from their rock homes to meet with guests at Cleland Wildlife Park.

Explore the forest aviary containing many unique South Australian bird species such as the critically endangered regent honey eater, read warbler, musk lorikeet and princess parrot.

Before your adventure comes to an end, spend some one-on-one time with a koala in a private session with a koala keeper, where you will hold a koala. A souvenir photograph will be gifted to you as part of this special memory. Learn interesting facts about the history and future of the koala, fall in love with their beautiful aroma, and be delighted at their thick, soft grey fur and big black noses.



Koala - Cleland Wildlife Park  
Adelaide Hills  
South Australian Tourism Commission



## PRANCING HORSE

Experience the beauty of South Australia on an intimate supercar driving experience across the beautiful Adelaide Hills.

This is an immersive driving experience in the latest specification of supercars. Drive through Carey Gully into a blur of vibrant autumn colours, winding along the roads of Lenswood, Lobethal and Cudlee Creek.

As the hills unravel into vineyards and farmland, follow the River Torrens down to Kangaroo Creek Reservoir and the beautiful bends of Gorge Road.

Indulge in a provincial lunch at The Lane Vineyard in Hahndorf,

Ascend Corkscrew Road; a series of sequential hair-pin turns, before entering Piccadilly Valley at sunset, and enjoy a private dinner for two at Hardy's Verandah Restaurant.

A once-in-a-lifetime experience where you will be able to drive the latest collections of model supercars - Ferrari F8 Tributo, Lamborghini Huracán, McLaren 570S and Aston Martin Vantage.

## ULTIMATE PENFOLDS AND HILLS PRIVATE CHARTER

Investigate the most renowned wine brand in Australia, including a tasting of its coveted Grange Hermitage followed by a visit to meet the owners at South Australia's signature sparkling wine producer.

A short drive to Penfolds Magill Estate will see you on a private historical tour of Penfolds Magill Estate, including Grange Cottage, the original home of Doctor Christopher and Mary Penfold. Take a trip to the Vintage Cellar and journey through the famous underground drives to uncover the original hiding spot of Max Schubert's hidden Grange.

Your host will lead you through a private, structured tasting of Penfolds' most coveted wines including Penfolds Grange Hermitage, finishing with a three-course lunch and wine to match each course.

Head to Deviation Road and meet Hamish or Kate Laurie, famous sparkling wine producers from the Adelaide Hills. Experience their range of premium handcrafted sparkling wines with a Noble Cuvée wine flight, followed by a tour of the winery where you will hand disgorge and bottle a souvenir custom cuvée.







David Franz  
Barossa  
Duy Dash

## BAROSSA WINEMAKERS PRIVATE CHARTER

Meet a series of famous winemakers in Australia's premier wine region, the Barossa Valley.

Your experience will begin with Yelland & Papps, where you will meet owners Michael Papps and Susan Papps at their cellar door for a tasting and personalised winery tour. With a wine style that is elegant and distinctive, they pride themselves on practicing old world techniques in a new world way, with minimal intervention.

Your next stop is Standish Wine Company, owned by sixth generation Barossan, Dan Standish, whose wines are regarded as some of the very best of those produced from old-vine Barossa shiraz grapes. Standish Wine Company has no cellar door and only takes private bookings by appointment. Here, you will enjoy a winery tour with Dan followed by an exclusive tasting in the winery itself. This is hallowed ground in the Barossa – one of the legends in the community with some of the rarest and finest shiraz in the region that sells out quickly every year.

Visit David Franz, an iconic cellar door, for lunch while savouring spectacular views over the valley and up to the ranges. Part providore and part cellar door, this is a stunning lunch experience of mixing a range of smoked meats, local cheeses and some of the finest patés in the Barossa, with a great wine list of traditional and new styles to match, made by the famous Barossan, Dave Franz Lehmann.

On your next stop, visit Phil Lehmann's own private vineyard in Eden Valley. Lehmann, his wife Sarah, and their two children reside on this vineyard in Eden Valley, showcasing wine and olive oil from their property under the label Max & Me. Phil has great international experience, having completed vintages in Stellenbosch, Napa, Burgundy and of course, the Barossa. Today, he is Senior Winemaker for WD Wines, however on this visit, we focus on his own label, Max & Me, indulging in a tasting of his shiraz and cabernet direct from his vineyard.



Henschke  
Barossa  
Andre Castellucci

## ULTIMATE BAROSSA PRIVATE CHARTER

Explore one of Australia's most notable wine regions, the Barossa Valley. Join us for a day tour that explores the most famous wine brands in the country in a series of private tastings.

Begin your journey and revel in a private tasting in the Duke Room at the original Elderton Homestead. Elderton wines has vineyards dating back to 1894 and is famous for winning World's Best Shiraz in 2000.

Torbreck is one of Australia's most distinguished winemakers with no less than five 100-point scores from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

Enjoy a winery tour and private tasting in the Clan Room at Torbreck Vintners.

Head over to Vintner's Bar and Grill for a beautifully curated two-course lunch with perfectly paired wines.

Following lunch, you will visit Henschke Wines. Enter this icon and take a private tour of Australian winemaking history. Enjoy exclusive access to one of Australia's most celebrated vineyards, the Hill of Grace Vineyard, including a walk-through this famous vineyard to see the oldest "Grandfather" vines in the region. Savour a tour of Henschke's historical working winery to explore 150 years of family winemaking history, followed by a private tasting of Henschke's most precious wines, including the Hill of Grace.





Riccadilly  
Adelaide Hills  
Michael Waterhouse Photography

## HILLS AND VALE PRIVATE CHARTER

Traverse up to two of the highest wineries in the Adelaide Hills, then explore the very best of McLaren Vale and its spectacular coastline.

Tapannapa Wines is the first vineyard site in the Adelaide Hills, home to the legendary Australian winemaker Brian Croser. Indulge in a private tasting overlooking the vineyard, before a picturesque drive through glorious rolling hills.

Deviation Road Wines are known in South Australia for their signature sparkling wine. Owner and winemaker Kate Laurie trained in France to make fine sparkling wines using the traditional method.

Enjoy a tasting and lunch while breathing in their beautiful garden and vineyards. Yangarra Estate is a highlight, where they produce wines solely from their single vineyard estate, where bush vine grenache is their keystone variety. With no less than three 99-point scores in Halliday's recent Wine Companion, Yangarra is one of South Australia's pre-eminent winemakers.

Conclude with a masterclass at Bekkers Wine overlooking the estate, which was recently named by Gourmet Traveller Wine as one of the top six wineries in the country, and lastly, head to the beach to view the spectacular Fleurieu Peninsula coastline.



McLaren Vale  
Fleurieu Peninsula  
Isaac Forman, Serio



## MCLAREN VALE PRODUCERS PRIVATE CHARTER

This is a spectacular tour to see some of the finest small winemakers in the country.

Launch into a 4WD tour to ancient Onkaparinga Gorge and marvel at geology that dates back 600 million years, whilst soaking up beautiful views overlooking the coast and vineyards.

Samson Tall is a boutique, small batch producer making exceptional single vineyard wines. Surrounded by the first Church Block vineyards, this chapel is home to some of the most magnificent single vineyard wines in McLaren Vale. Enjoy a private winery tour before settling in for a tasting.

At Salopian Inn, one of Australia's top 100 restaurants as voted by both the Australian Financial Review and Tasting Australia, savour a delicious three-course lunch in a stunning old homestead with expansive vineyard views.

Bekkers Wine is one of the best in the Vale. Named by Gourmet Traveller Wine as one of the top six wineries in the country, join one of the owners for a private masterclass overlooking the estate.

Yangarra Estate produces wines solely from their single vineyard estate, with bush vine grenache as their keystone variety. With no less than three 99-point scores in Halliday's latest Wine Companion, Yangarra is at the top of its game. A private tasting in their lounge will familiarise you with a select range of Yangarra Estate wines, in addition to famous single vineyard wines from Hickinbotham Estate, a vineyard which for many years provided shiraz for Penfolds Grange Hermitage.



Vineyard, McLaren Vale  
Fleurieu Peninsula Graham  
Scheer



The Currant Shed  
Fleurieu Peninsula  
HEY GENTS

## WINEMAKER FOR A DAY

Get up close and personal with vintners and discover what really goes on during vintage season. Visit Shottesbrooke winery in McLaren Vale and learn the secrets of winemaking. Go beyond the cellar door to see what takes place in a modern winery during vintage, with the opportunity to get "hands on" with some unique vintage tasks.

Upon arriving at Shottesbrooke winery, begin a guided tour through the beautiful Shottesbrooke property and state-of-the-art winery complex, whilst learning about how this company has truly become a sustainable producer and contributor within the McLaren Vale region.

Enjoy a short morning tea break, before embarking on an expedition through the winery to immerse yourself in the excitement of vintage. See fresh fruit being delivered into the winery direct from incredibly efficient Pellenc

harvesters and learn how the fruit is prepared for winemaking. Your guide will take you through the fermentation process and what happens right before the juice is ready to be placed into barrels.

After making your way through the winery, taste an exclusive offering of raw, unfiltered and unrefined wines, alongside current and museum releases that truly showcase the progression of where a wine begins, through to how it matures. Following this, take a guided walk back through Shottesbrooke's native woodlot and vineyards to their award-winning hatted restaurant, the Currant Shed.

At the Currant Shed, indulge in a regionally inspired six-course degustation lunch, matched perfectly with Shottesbrooke wines and enjoy the incredible view of the vineyards and surrounds.



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## ICONIC ADELAIDE

The Adelaide Central Market boasts 70 traders and is one of the largest undercover fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere, buzzing with life and colour all year round. Be treated to a private tour of the establishment, meeting many of the wonderful vendors and learning about their long-standing histories. The market remains Adelaide's premier food destination for multicultural cuisine. From the markets, you will be escorted to your next destination, the JamFactory, which showcases local craftsmanship found within the Australian creative community, and then journey over to the South Australian

Museum for a privately guided tour. After these unique city experiences, stop by Penfolds Magill Estate restaurant for a leisurely lunch. Known for its casual dining experience paired with breathtaking views out over the city, Magill Estate is a stunning destination to conclude your Adelaide experience. Explore a private tour of the estate, tasting the magnificent selection of varietals on offer. With a history dating back to 1844, Penfolds and its excellent collection of wines are the result of multiple generations of knowledge and innovation.



## R.M.WILLIAMS EXPERIENCE

R.M.Williams is an iconic South Australian brand and has become one of the best-known and best-loved footwear brands in the world. Go behind the scenes of the iconic R.M.Williams workshop on an exclusive tour and experience the many processes and the care that every handcrafted pair of leather boots receives. You will even get to take home your very own pair of R.M.Williams boots – personally fitted!

After lunch visit the JamFactory, located in Adelaide's West End Creative Precinct. The JamFactory is a unique, not-for-profit organisation that supports local talented designers and

artists by showcasing the wonderful craftsmanship found within the Australian creative community. A private tour of the precinct's four studios - ceramics, glass blowing, furniture, and jewellery - will give you the opportunity to observe the remarkable collection of locally made crafts and designs. Once your time at the JamFactory has concluded, journey over to the South Australian Museum for a privately guided tour. Immerse yourself in the ancient and beautiful culture of the Indigenous Peoples of Australia and view the largest collection of Aboriginal ethnographic material in the world.





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