

# ALL ABOUT ADELAIDE – GENERAL CITY INFORMATION

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## KEY DATES AND EVENTS

1 – 4 March, <b>Australian Circus and Physical Theatre Conference</b>	<a href="http://www.acapta.net">www.acapta.net</a>
29 February – 16 March, <b>International Arts Festival</b>	<a href="http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au">www.adelaidefestival.com.au</a>
7 – 9 March, <b>Womadelaide</b>	<a href="http://www.womadelaide.com.au">www.womadelaide.com.au</a>
22 February – 16 March, <b>Adelaide Fringe Festival</b>	<a href="http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au">www.adelaidefringe.com.au</a>
29 – 2 March, <b>Adelaide International Busking Festival</b>	see Fringe website
27 – 29 February, <b>Fuse Festival</b>	see Fringe website

## GETTING TO AND FROM ADELAIDE

### Air

Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin and Tiger Airways all fly to Adelaide. The airport is eight kilometres from the centre of the city, a 15-minute drive. It services regional, domestic and international travellers in one building. The average cost of a taxi from the airport to city centre is \$15. Skylink Shuttle operates between the airport, city and interstate Rail Terminal. Cost is \$7.50. JetBus links the airport and the city and some suburbs.

### Road – car and bus

The main coach terminal in Adelaide is the Central Bus Station at Franklin Street, Adelaide. All interstate and intrastate coaches depart from and arrive at this terminal.

If you're travelling by car, some distances to Adelaide are: Brisbane – Adelaide, 2050 km; Sydney – Adelaide, 1430 km; Melbourne – Adelaide, 750 km; Perth – Adelaide, 2730 km and Darwin – Adelaide, 3050 km. Once in Adelaide, parking can be hard to come by and expensive in the inner-city (though famously, parking fines are strangely low!).

### Train

The interstate trains The Overland, The Ghan and the Indian Pacific arrive and depart from the Keswick Rail Terminal, located on Richmond Road, Keswick (three kilometres from the city centre). See [www.gsr.com.au](http://www.gsr.com.au) for timetables and costs.

## GETTING AROUND ADELAIDE

### On Foot/Bike

Adelaide city is set out in a grid system and bordered by North, East, South and West Terraces. It is compact, flat and easy to get around on foot and bike. The main drag runs from East to West, starting from Hindley St in the East, which changes to Rundle Mall, then Rundle St. Walking this stretch from end to end takes 20 – 30 minutes.

Adelaide City Council supplies bikes to ride around the city through their *City Bike* scheme. They're free for up to two hours, then an hourly rate applies. See [www.adelaidecitycouncil.com](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com) for more. [Click](#) for a map of Adelaide.

### Public Transport

Buses are the main form of transport in Adelaide. You can travel for free within the Adelaide city centre on the Adelaide Free bus, the 99B and 99C (takes you down to the Garden of Unearthly Delights and the Central Markets among other places).

Strange but true: there's only one tram in Adelaide and it runs from Glenelg (the beach, south of the city) right into the centre of the city up King William St and North Terrace, to the University of South Australia. Great if you are staying anywhere out of the city on the tram-line, or if you want to head to the beach or the Central Markets.

There are five main train lines in Adelaide, with regular services to the inner and outer suburbs. All public transport in Adelaide uses the same ticket. See [www.adelaidemetro.com.au](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au) for further information about ticket prices, timetables and routes. There is an Adelaide Metro information centre located on the corner of King William and Currie Streets in the centre of Adelaide.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Conference, like the Adelaide Festival and Fringe, occurs in and around central Adelaide. Most accommodation options within the city will be close to where the action is, or a short bus ride away. Note that North Adelaide, though it does have good bike paths and bus connections to the city is a decent walk (including crossing the Torrens River) and central Adelaide is bordered by parklands, some of which can be a bit dodgy to walk through at night.

A popular place for people to stay outside of the city is Glenelg, a suburb by the beach (though not the best beach by far!), which has a large number of accommodation options, often cheaper than those in the city and is on the tram line straight into the city.

### Backpackers/Hostels

[www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com) and [www.hostelbookers.com](http://www.hostelbookers.com) have a wide range of hostels listed, as well as some cheaper hotels, which are rated by users and can be booked directly through these websites.

[www.yha.com.au](http://www.yha.com.au) book a YHA hostel in Adelaide through this website.

[www.couchsurfing.com](http://www.couchsurfing.com) a membership-based, worldwide accommodation sharing service.

### Caravan and Camping

[www.adelaidecaravanpark.com.au](http://www.adelaidecaravanpark.com.au) is the closest caravan park to the city centre and to WOMAD

[www.sa-parks.com.au/indadel.html](http://www.sa-parks.com.au/indadel.html) has a good list of caravan and camping options in greater Adelaide

[www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com) and use the accommodation search, with keyword 'caravan'

### Hotels/Motels

[www.enjoysa.com](http://www.enjoysa.com) has a comprehensive list of accommodation available in South Australia

[www.lastminute.com.au](http://www.lastminute.com.au) for good deals on hotels across Adelaide

## EATING AND DRINKING IN ADELAIDE

In the centre of Adelaide, there are a number of 'eat-streets', including Rundle St, Hutt St and Hindley St. But the best place to eat (and the cheapest) is the amazing Adelaide Central Markets, which are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (to 9pm) and Saturday. The Central Markets are located between Gouger and Grote Streets, also home to Adelaide's China town.

For self caterers, there is a Coles supermarket next to the Central Markets on Grote St, as well as numerous Asian grocers, a Woolworths in Rundle Mall and a number of smaller supermarkets dotted around the city.

A few favoured pubs and clubs in Adelaide are The Exeter Hotel, The Austral and Sugar (Rundle St), The Jade Monkey (off Rundle Mall), Crown and Anchor (Grenfell St), The Worldsend, Cargo, MojoWest and Supermild (Hindley St), Zhivagos (Light Square), Mars Bar (Gouger St), The Grace Emily (Weymouth St), The Prince Albert (Wright St), The Crown and Sceptre (King William Rd) and The Wheatsheaf Hotel (Mile End).

Many bars open up around town only during the Festival and the Fringe runs bars alongside some of their venues, look out for details of these in the Fringe guide. The Adelaide Festival club is called The Persian Garden, and is down on the Torrens, adjacent to the Festival Centre.

## AROUND ADELAIDE

There are lots of fun and interesting things to do outside of central Adelaide, including visiting the Hills and many beautiful beaches. Some beaches close to the city include West Beach, Henley Beach, Grange and Semaphore, as well as the lovely Southern beaches of Brighton and Seacliff. Going further South, day-trips can be made to Victor Harbor, Port Elliot and Goolwa, Port Willunga and McLaren Vale by car or bus, or (for longer trips) head to the rugged Yorke Peninsula.

The Adelaide Hills can make for great driving, camping, bush-walking and eating and are surprisingly close to the city, should you want to base yourself there during your stay. Some towns such as Uraidla and Summertown are less than thirty minutes by car from the centre.

North of Adelaide, you can head to the well-known Barossa Valley and onward to the Flinders Ranges or the Oodnadatta Track. For more information on travelling around Adelaide, see [www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com)