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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

FROM WINE COUNTRY TO WILDERNESS ISLAND, GET
FAMILIAR WITH SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S BEAUTIFUL COAST.



*Located on Kangaroo
island's south-west coast,
Southern Ocean Lodge's
sensitive eco-chic design
showcases the ocean's
wild, panoramic beauty.*

A mere 40-minute drive south of Adelaide city, the Fleurieu Peninsula is a stunning coastline of beaches, vineyards and farms. It is famed for fresh produce from the land and sea, with beach breaks for surfers and top fishing spots for anglers.

Lush hills sweep down to meet sun-kissed beaches; wineries, orchards and pastures dot the bushland and winding roads lead to wine tasting cellar doors. The Fleurieu – named after the French explorer, Charles de Fleurieu, who helped map the South Coast in 1802 – is a picturesque peninsula peppered with historic towns such as Victor Harbour, Goolwa and the McLaren Vale wine region. A ferry takes you from Cape Jervis at the tip of the peninsula to the jewel in South Australia's crown – Kangaroo Island.

The Remarkable Rocks are Mother Nature's very own sculptures.



NATURAL SELECTION

SIT MERE METRES FROM A BABY SEA LION ON THE BEAUTIFULLY RUGGED BEACHES OF KANGAROO ISLAND.

Kangaroo Island is seven times larger than Singapore but sparsely inhabited, making its shores a haven for sea life such as sea lions, seals and penguins.

Marvel at the many natural sights, from Kelly Hill Caves to Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks along the coast, and go for bushwalks and hikes through the Flinders Chase National Park where rarely seen marsupials such as the platypus and echidna reside. Watch out for wallabies that come to the water's edge to drink or the wild koalas that sit watching you from the gum trees.

Vivonne Bay, voted one of the best in Australia, has spectacular sandy beaches where you can swim, surf and fish. The fact that you can take a walk there in the morning and return in the afternoon for a swim to be greeted by your own footprints makes it all the more magical.

stay VIEW WITH A ROOM THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE UP FIVE-STAR COMFORT WHILE EXPLORING KANGAROO ISLAND'S RUGGED WILDERNESS.

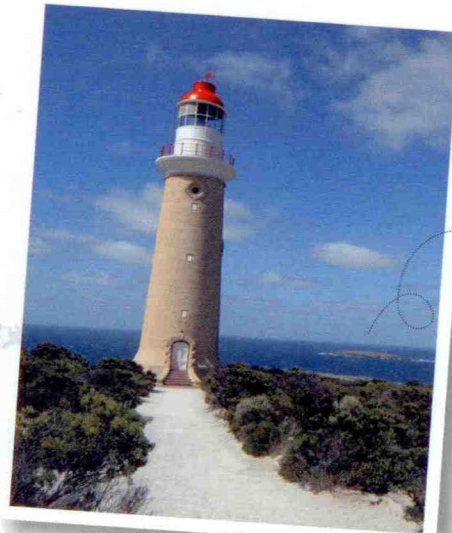


Take in breathtaking ocean views from one of the cantilevered suites.

SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE

Hanson Bay Road, Kangaroo Island, tel: +61 8 8559 7347, www.southernoceanlodge.com.au

This luxe eco lodge, perched on a cliff soaring 164 ft above the Southern Ocean, appears to float atop the landscape. Step through the grand rusted steel doors into the main lodge and the sheer panorama of vast ocean, pristine bush and white beaches bowls you over. Designed by famed Australian architect Max Pritchard, the 21-suite sanctuary is all recycled timber and local limestone fashioned into sexy walls that curve around the property. Much of the artisanal wood furniture is crafted by Adelaide-based, Malaysian-born designer Khai Liew. Room rates start at A\$900 (S\$1,150) per person per night, including meals and guided tours.



Once only accessible by boat, the iconic Cape du Couedic Lighthouse is now a stroll away from Admirals Arch.

CAPE DU COUEDIC LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS COTTAGES

Cape du Couedic Road, Flinders Chase National Park, Kangaroo Island, tel: +61 8 8553 4410,

www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks

Three beautifully restored cottages – Parndana, Karatta and Troubridge – sleep up to six guests per cottage. Each features polished pine floors, a kitchen and views of Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse. Rates from A\$160 per room.

AURORA OZONE

The Foreshore, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, tel: +61 8 8553 2011,

www.auroraresorts.com.au

This refurbished three-star hotel lies in the heart of town, close to cafes, shops and seafood takeaway joints. Ask for a sea-facing room and you just might see penguins waddling along the beach in the early mornings. Rates from A\$169 per room per night. >