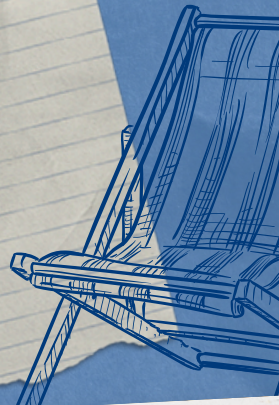


A WEEKEND IN

PORT ELLIOT



Your mini
winter getaway
from Adelaide.



GO FAR.
STAY NEAR.

This Winter



DAY 1 | FRIDAY

GET OUT OF ADELAIDE

You low-key need a break and we get it. Leave the city behind for a few nights and get ready to fully relax. Port Elliot embraces cosy coastal stays, wide open roads and you'll have the whole town to yourself (except for the Southern Right Whales). Make Port Elliot your drama-free answer to switching off the right way this winter.

AFTERNOON & EVENING

Clock off early & hop on a **LinkSA** bus or if driving, follow the A13 through McLaren Vale and make the most of one of South Australia's premier wine regions before continuing on to Port Elliot in time for sunset.

Best bites: **Flying Fish Cafe** overlooks Horseshoe Bay and is open Fridays and Saturdays for dinner. Mains start from \$26, their kiosk is perfect for fish and chips on the beach. Check out **Salt at the Elliot** for tapas, Mediterranean-inspired mains and a wine bar.

Best nights: Close to YHA Port Elliot, the **Royal Family Hotel** has a classic country pub feel with sweeping verandahs and a massive beer garden or pick up a wood-fired pizza from **Crisp** for a cosy night in.

Can't miss: Slow down, stay in, and cosy up at the **YHA Port Elliot** lounge by the fireplace. Play some board games with some fellow travellers at the property. You'll need to rest up before a full day of adventures tomorrow.





DAY 2 | SATURDAY

PICK A DIRECTION

The vibe: Choose your own adventure. Head east for Victor Harbour and the Southern Right Whale nursery grounds. Cycle west along the Encounter Bikeway towards Goolwa, or do a half- or full-day trip somewhere in the region. Read on for some highlights.

MORNING & AFTERNOON

Make breakfast in the shared kitchen, take it slow and enjoy the lounge as you plan your day. When heading out to explore Port Elliot, remember to grab a jacket and beanie. If it's cold, you'll need them if you're walking around coastal trails like Horseshoe Bay.

Best bites: Port Elliot's most popular breakfast spots are open along The Strand. Check out **Cockles Cafe**, **Jelly the General Store**, and **Beaches Cafe** (with a vegan menu too). All are tasty breakfast and lunch options.

Best sites: Winter is the best time to spot Southern Right Whales, between late July to August. Then hit the waves with a surf lesson, kayak Coorong National Park, or hire a bike from YHA and ride along the scenic Encounter Bikeway.

Can't miss: The **Winter Whale Fest** takes over Victor Harbour in June with 25 events for whale season, from guided tours with marine biologists to a lantern parade and live music. Many of the events are free.



DAY 3 | SUNDAY

KEEP CALM BEFORE YOUR SLOW EXIT

The vibe: Sunday morning in Port Elliot is joining the bakery queue then having a last walk in the sunshine with a coffee and pastry. The trick here? Make sure nothing is done in a hurry.

MORNING & AFTERNOON

Treat yourself to a massive sleep in. After you check out, leave your bags at reception free of charge and take your time before heading back to Adelaide. Pick up your bags from the YHA, head to the bus stop on Port Elliot Rd at the top of The Strand and catch the LinkSA bus back to Adelaide.

Best bites: **Port Elliot Bakery** is the most popular bakery on the Fleurieu Peninsula, and there's one main reason why. Every month, they release a special-edition flavour as their donut of the month. Go early or risk disappointment. Yummm!

Best sites: Explore Port Elliot's charming boutiques, galleries and historic streets before finishing with a walk along the **Harbourmaster Trail** or up to **The Bluff** for sweeping views across Encounter Bay.

Can't miss: Whether you're eating fish and chips from a picnic rug on the grassy lookout over Horseshoe Bay or grabbing a scenic spot right on the beach, make sure you experience a magical Port Elliot sunset.



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REFLECTIONS

Sit back, slow down & reflect on the moments, memories and favourite spots from your trip.





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