

Living and Working in Regional South Australia



An opportunity of a lifetime awaits versatile, adaptable, adventurous and enterprising individuals and families in country South Australia.

Have you ever:

- Dreamed of getting away from the crowds?
- Wanted to live and work in a real community environment?
- Imagined a time when your job is just around the corner?
- Pictured yourself owning a rural allotment with room for your extended family?
- Simply wished you could escape the rat race?

Look no further. Country South Australia offers the perfect lifestyle change with great job opportunities in pristine, breathtaking environments. Regional areas are experiencing steady economic growth and abundant work in a diverse range of fields. With their high quality infrastructure, health and education systems, these dynamic regions provide opportunity, embrace diversity, value lifestyle and offer real affordability.

With so many different landscapes, climates and attractions, our regional areas offer something for everyone. From picturesque rolling hills and plains, majestic red dirt, rugged coastlines, expansive grasslands and the mighty Murray River...we've got it all covered. Approximately one-quarter of South Australia's 1.66 million population live in regions outside of the capital Adelaide. Large regional centres include Mount Gambier, Whyalla, Murray Bridge, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, and Victor Harbor.

Smaller towns have a special place in the hearts of their residents – intense community spirit and pride make small town living an enjoyable experience. Key industries in country South Australia include agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, aquaculture and fishing, mining, health, education, engineering, manufacturing, transport tourism and hospitality.

So if you're seeking sunshine, fresh air and open spaces then welcome to country South Australia.

Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island

Diversity of lifestyles, some of South Australia's most stunning landscapes and work prospects across multiple sectors are offered in this highly popular region. The Adelaide Hills border metropolitan Adelaide and boast unique natural and built attractions – a great place for businesses to invest and for people to live, work and spend their leisure time. This is one of South Australia's key tourist destinations offering country drives with picturesque landscapes, historic attractions, and outstanding food and wine.

The Hills extend into the Fleurieu Peninsula which offers a diversity of lifestyles with the country town of Strathalbyn just 60 kilometres south-east of Adelaide. Further south the coastal cities and towns of Victor Harbor, Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa are tourist drawcards with superb beaches and good climate, offering a relaxed lifestyle with modern conveniences.

A short ferry ride from the tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula and you arrive at Kangaroo Island, Australia's third largest island and one of the world's great unspoilt natural environments with abundant fauna and flora. The island covers an area of about 4,500 sq km of which more than 40% is protected within wilderness protection and conservation areas. The parks, marine reserves, natural beauty and wildlife attract thousands of visitors from around the world every year. The main centres are Kingscote, Penneshaw, Parndana and American River.

Barossa

One of Australia's leading wine regions, the Barossa is recognised as a premier location in which to live, work and do business. This dynamic region is home to some of the nation's most successful wine exporters and has one of the fastest growing populations in South Australia. International visitors are struck by the beautiful rolling hills covered in vineyards and the small townships which are all steeped in history and charm. It's a well preserved and vibrant region with continued prosperity and character. As people move away from the pressure of city life, the Barossa has become a real lifestyle as well as tourism destination.

Far North

The northern region of South Australia is commonly referred to as the Flinders Ranges and Outback. It comprises about 80% of the state's land area and recent discoveries of huge mineral resources have triggered a major mining boom. The largest community is Port Augusta, which acts as a vital service centre for mining and the region's widespread and diverse, small and micro communities.

The township of Roxby Downs has been purpose-built to accommodate workers from Olympic Dam, one of the world's largest copper, uranium and gold mines. Now a thriving community of 4,500 residents, Roxby Downs is home to a variety of modern, well-equipped facilities. South of Roxby is the famous Woomera military and civilian rocket range and to the outback town of Coober Pedy, the largest producer of opal in the world.

Limestone Coast

The Limestone Coast is rich in diversity. Its geography ranges from sweeping beaches and rugged dunes to fertile farming land and ancient limestone caves. The combination of a plentiful supply of underground water, reliable rainfall, fertile soil and temperate climate gives the Limestone Coast a strong agricultural base. The region produces nearly one-third of the value of South Australia's agricultural produce from only 2% of its land mass. Population centres include the bustling city of Mount Gambier, several major service towns and historical villages. The Limestone Coast's people hail from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, their traditions kept alive and well in communities and clubs. A popular tourism destination, the region's natural and built environments are inextricably linked to limestone through a series of ancient coastlines made of the chalky, white stone.

Murraylands and Riverland

Located in South Australia's central east, this is a major horticultural and wine producing region. It offers cost effective manufacturing potential, strategic location, a stable workforce and an enviable lifestyle. The countryside has a wide range of landscapes from the broad expanses of the Mallee in the east, the Murray River which gracefully meanders to the sea, the unique dunes and waterways of the Coorong and Lake Alexandrina, to the extensive rolling pasture and native bush across the region. All of the community facilities you would normally expect in regional centres, and more, can be found in the Murraylands and Riverland towns. Like most country centres sport plays a dominant role in the lives of many residents and all manner of amenities are available.

Recreational access to the Murray River and conservation parks are highly popular with residents and visitors alike.

Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula

This region occupies a vast tract of western South Australia with 2,400 km of spectacular coastline stretching from the Spencer Gulf, across the Great Australian Bight to the West Australian border. It is a bountiful region of great natural beauty, gentle climate and relaxed lifestyle and supports a growing population of resourceful and enterprising people.

The Eyre Peninsula is one of South Australia's most productive regions, generating an estimated \$2.4 billion annually and exporting about \$1.76 billion. Key industries include agriculture, a vibrant seafood sector and tourism, while mining of the region's rich mineral resources is attracting massive investment.

Whyalla, South Australia's third largest city, has a rich history built on steel production and resource processing, while Port Lincoln is a major fishing, aquaculture and seafood processing centre.

Yorke and Mid North

Agriculture and tourism dominate in the Yorke and Mid North region. The major towns of Port Pirie, Clare and Kadina provide service centres to the region while many residents live in local small towns. Agriculture is predominately based on cereal crops and merino wool, viticulture, dairy and beef cattle, pigs and poultry. Port Pirie is home to the largest lead smelter in the world and has a skilled service industry for this and other resource processing businesses in the region.

The quality of the natural environment and the temperate climate are attractors for both residents and visitors. The Yorke Peninsula coastline attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists who visit each year for fishing, surfing, diving, snorkelling, boating and swimming. The Mid North includes the internationally-renowned premium wine growing of the Clare Valley while the Mount Remarkable National Park attracts people to its hiking and cycling trails.

The region has excellent facilities for all the major sports, including football, cricket, netball, tennis, lawn bowls and swimming. It is also well served by good transport and communication networks.

Find out more – Regional South Australia welcomes you

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