

A NEW LIFE IN... ADELAIDE

Australia's fifth-largest city provides an easy lifestyle with a warm climate, world-class wine regions, incredible beaches and a range of work opportunities...



The Spheres in Adelaide's Rundle Mall

It's no wonder Adelaide was ranked in the world's top 10 cities to visit by Lonely Planet – this progressive city has it all! South Australia's capital city, Adelaide, is consistently ranked one of the most liveable cities in the world and is among the most affordable capital cities in Australia. It's internationally regarded for providing enviable work and lifestyle choices and a safe living environment.

Adelaide is situated between the Mount Lofty Ranges and the Gulf St. Vincent and is divided through the middle by the River Torrens. Adelaide is noted for its many festivals and sporting events, its food, wine and culture, its long beachfront, and its large defence and manufacturing sectors.

The city is undergoing major transformation with projects including the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, redevelopment of the Adelaide Oval, extension of the Adelaide Convention Centre and city beautification projects, including renovations of Victoria Square and Rundle Mall, which has

ADELAIDE FAST FACTS

Population of 1,203,200 million

A total area of 984,377 square kilometres

Time zone is GMT/UTC + 9:30 hour

Average winter temperatures of 8-16 degrees Celsius

Average summer temperatures of 16-28 degrees Celsius

Median age of 39.5

Average household income is

A\$1,103 (£608) per week



A painted power line pole in Brompton, northern Adelaide

reinvigorated the city and its people. The city's infrastructure is also undergoing vast improvement. The North-South transport corridor is being strengthened through duplication of the Southern Expressway and construction of the South Road Superway.

Much of the city's rail network has been modernised, with some lines converting to electrification, following a recent upgrade and expansion of the city's popular tram system.

Adelaide is often referred to as the '20 minute city' because locals say you can get anywhere within 20 minutes!

WORKING HERE

Many of the world's leading companies are represented in Adelaide and therefore provide a wealth of working opportunities. The economy is performing strongly and while Adelaide has a higher unemployment rate compared to other capital cities, it still

only varies by one per cent from the lowest rate in the country. Wages in Adelaide tend to be slightly lower than the national average, however this is offset by the lower cost of living.

Industries that play a big part in Adelaide's economy include automotive manufacturing, bio-science, engineering, ICT, medical research, tourism and the wine industry, producing about 50 per cent of Australian wines and 65 per cent of national wine exports.

Health and service industries are also important to the state's economy, together with education. Thousands of international students come to study at the city's secondary schools and universities every year.

This well developed industry base,

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highly skilled and flexible workforce and world-class education and health systems are driving business and investment opportunities in new and existing sectors.

The South Australian (SA) State Development website (www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au) has extensive information about Adelaide's larger companies and industries, and is a great place to start with making your move to Adelaide a reality.

EDUCATION

Adelaide boasts an excellent education system and offers a broad choice of public (government-run, free to all) independent or Catholic schools (private, fee-based). Enrollment in government schools works by a boundary system, like the UK, >>

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and proof of residence for school zoning areas has to be supplied. Students may apply for a school outside of their zone although this is dependent on places available and selection criteria.

Public schools are free, but a materials and service charge is set each year which covers books, computer technology and other essential items and services.

The SA school year begins at the end of January, with four terms throughout the year. An excellent resource on the state's public schools can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au and detailed profiles of all SA schools can be found at www.myschool.edu.au.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

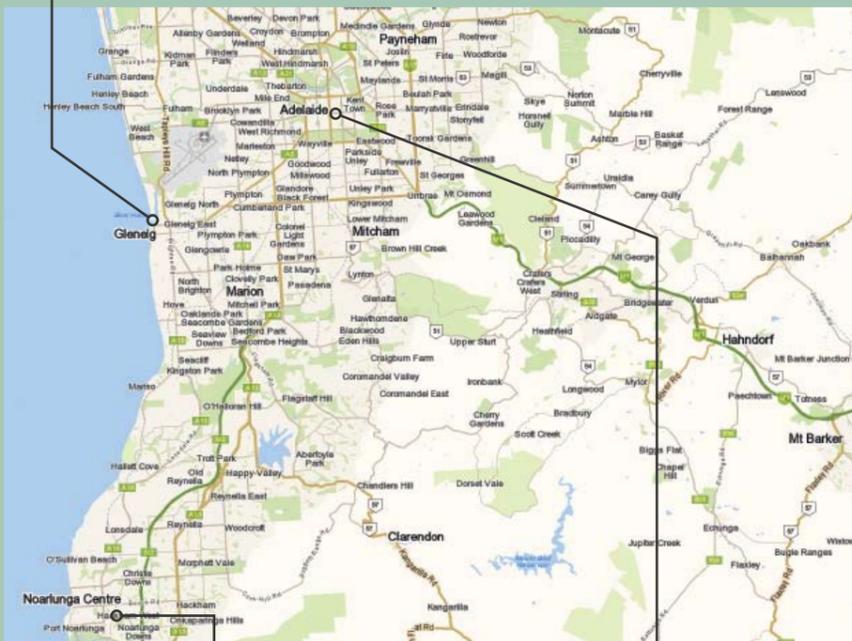
Private schools are a popular alternative in SA, particularly for secondary education offering a broad choice of co-educational and single-sex schools, some with boarding facilities.

The majority of Adelaide's private schools are extremely hard to get in to and many families have their children down on waiting lists from birth.

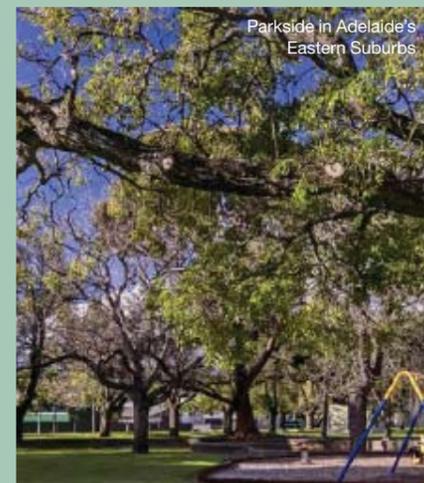
They also vary a great deal in price – fees can range from A\$2,000 (£1,100) per year to top schools costing up to A\$24,000 (£13,230) per year!

For a comprehensive list of private schools available visit the Association of Independent Schools website (www.ais.sa.edu.au) or the Catholic Education of SA website (www.cesa.catholic.edu.au).

Picturesque Glenelg Marina, which is overlooked by apartment buildings



Map: www.hereis.com



Parkside in Adelaide's Eastern Suburbs



Port Noarlunga benefits from being close to a main highway



King William Road in leafy North Adelaide

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WHERE TO LIVE

With over 400 suburbs to choose from, deciding where to live in Adelaide requires plenty of research and planning...

When it comes to housing, Adelaide is the most affordable city in the Australia and is rated by *The Economist* magazine as one of the world's most liveable locations.

Adelaide's median house price is A\$410,000 (£219,190) compared with A\$510,000 (£272,651) in Sydney and A\$480,000 (£256,613) in Brisbane. The market has been steady but is tipped to rise with recent figures revealing the best seasonal price growth in seven years.

When deciding where to live, Adelaide has upwards of 400 suburbs but there are many resources to help you with planning where your next home will be. Handy websites to research suburbs and property to rent or buy include www.domain.com.au, www.realestate.com.au, and www.gumtree.com.au.

Many migrants use relocation agents to help with house searches, and this can save you money and time in the long run.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Adelaide's suburbs are divided in to four main regions – east, west, north and south of the CBD.

AREAS CLOSEST TO CBD

Northern Adelaide (\$\$, best for trendy cafes and bars)

The redevelopment of Adelaide's city centre from the Medical and Research Science Centre to the new Adelaide Oval has reinvigorated northern Adelaide with up-and-coming suburbs like Brompton, Ovingham and Prospect. These suburbs are full of hip bars, cafes and boutiques. Housing options range from apartments to family-friendly character homes, but get more expensive as you head north to suburbs like North Adelaide.

Eastern Suburbs (\$\$\$, best for choice of private schools, lifestyle)

Some of Adelaide's most elite suburbs lie to the east of Adelaide such as Parkside, the most in-demand suburb in Australia, according to data from realestate.com.au.



Sunset falls over Adelaide's Eastern Suburbs

Surrounding suburbs like Norwood and Unley boast great cafes, restaurants and shopping. Further east are Burnside and Kensington, renowned for their beautiful tree-lined streets.

The chic Burnside Village is one of the state's top shopping locations and for active types, Hazelwood Park and Mount Lofty is great for hiking. Many of Adelaide's top private schools are in the eastern suburbs. Housing options include apartments, townhouses and houses.

AREAS FURTHER OUT

Adelaide Hills (\$\$, best for a sustainable lifestyle)

Further east from the city you'll find the Adelaide Hills, with charming suburbs like Stirling, Hahndorf, Aldgate and Mount Barker. This area offers a laid-back country lifestyle and is barely 30 minutes from Adelaide's city centre. There are good schools and infrastructure for families. House prices vary depending on proximity to the city and public transport.

Western Suburbs (\$\$, best for beaches and outdoor lifestyle)

This area offers a laid-back lifestyle and beachside suburbs such as Semaphore, Henley Beach, West Beach and Glenelg are popular with young families and retirees. Properties closer to the beach tend to be more expensive.

Southern Suburbs (\$, best for infrastructure and families)

The recent completion of the Southern Expressway has allowed faster access to suburbs like Christies Beach and Port Noarlunga. This area is popular with families due to affordable housing, larger blocks, good schools and infrastructure. Northern Suburbs (\$, best for being affordable and families and retirees) An increasingly popular option, suburbs like Golden Grove and Elizabeth (part of the recent Royal Tour) offer great community living with huge shopping centres and access to public transport. Property is more affordable with housing developments under construction.

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