

RIVERLAND & MALLEE

# Getaways

## A 2025 HOLIDAY IN THE RIVERLAND

**The Riverland is a vibrant destination at all times of year, offering visitors a blend of natural beauty, cultural experiences, and outdoor adventures.**

### Outdoors

Canoeing along the Murray River remains a highlight, with operators like Canoe Adventures - Riverland offering guided tours through tranquil waters and lush wetlands. For those seeking a more immersive experience, the Murray River Walk provides a multi-day

trek through the region's diverse landscapes. Cycling enthusiasts can explore the scenic trails that wind through the region, offering picturesque views and a chance to spot local wildlife.

### Cultural events

The Riverland's event calendar is packed for the rest of 2025.

The Morgan Living River Festival, on June 14 and 15, is an event that recognises the historical past of the town's connection to the Murray River, bringing together the small wooden boats and the paddle steamers of a past era.

The Renmark Rose Festival, spanning 10 days in October, celebrates the region's horticultural heritage with stunning floral displays and community events.

### Culinary Delights

Food enthusiasts can indulge in local delights at the Riverland Wine Centre, where tastings and tours highlight the area's rich agricultural offerings. The region's wineries and distilleries, such as the 23rd Street Distillery in Renmark, offer tastings of locally produced wines and spirits.

### Unique Experiences

For a truly unique experience, visitors can explore the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, one of the darkest places on Earth, offering unparalleled stargazing opportunities.

Whether seeking adventure, cultural enrichment, or culinary delights, the Riverland offers a diverse range of activities for every visitor.

## HISTORY, A VIEW, PLUS GREAT FOOD AND DRINK

**Those planning a visit to the Riverland can enjoy an insight into local history at one of the region's most popular hotels.**

Situated on the banks of the beautiful Murray River, the Swan Reach Hotel boasts quality meals and that good, old-fashioned country hospitality in a breath-taking setting.

Located just a 90-minute drive from Adelaide, Swan Reach is a popular destination for holiday makers, especially during the summer months.

The Swan Reach Hotel is unique in hotel standards, as it was not purpose built, but was formed around the original Swan Reach Homestead, built circa 1865.

Over its years of operation, the hotel has undergone several major transformations including the addition of the stone one-room public bar in 1907 and the second story in 1912. In 1996, in order to make the most of the exquisite views, a new dining room was built directly overlooking the river.

Today, the Swan Reach Hotel has a walk-in bottle shop, a welcoming, traditional style Front



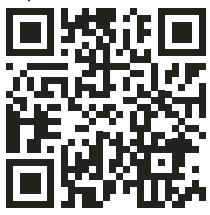
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THE RIVERLAND'S HISTORY



Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum

The Riverland offers a number of attractions that highlight the region's farming and irrigation history.

Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum stands as a significant historical attraction, offering insights into Australia's pioneering irrigation and agricultural history. Constructed in 1889 for Charles Chaffey, a Canadian who, alongside

his brothers, established the Renmark and Mildura irrigation colonies, the homestead is a testament to early settlement efforts in the region.

The homestead is set amid expansive grounds, enhancing its historical charm. Inside, visitors can explore period furnishings and artefacts that reflect the 19th-century lifestyle of the Chaffey family.

With its well-preserved exhibits, Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum provides a comprehensive

insight into Renmark's development and its pivotal role in Australia's irrigation history.

Meanwhile, the Loxton Historical Village offers a vivid glimpse into rural life from the late 19th to mid-20th century. Established in 1970, the village features more than 45 fully furnished buildings, including a school, bank, blacksmith, and general store, each showcasing authentic artefacts and memorabilia from the era.

Visitors can explore diverse exhibits such as an operational fruit block, vintage farm machinery, and a steam train. Interactive displays, including a 1920s classroom and a settler's hut, immerse guests in the daily lives of early pioneers.

The village also hosts Alive Days, where volunteers demonstrate traditional crafts and activities, enhancing the educational experience. Recognised for its commitment to preserving local history, the Loxton Historical Village serves as a valuable resource for understanding the region's agricultural and social heritage.



Loxton Historical Village

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MORGAN RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK

# a Riverland gem

The Morgan Riverside Caravan Park is dedicated to providing an authentic Riverland experience for anyone planning a visit to the region.

Staying at the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park provides a snapshot into the potential of the Riverland as both a hub for adventure and a relaxing getaway.

Looking to have fun on the Murray River during

your stay? Guests at the park are able to hire a tinny boat, or kayak, along with all the necessary equipment to safely enjoy time on the water.

On-site cabin accommodation is available, plus grassed powered and unpowered sites that are surrounded by native trees — helping your family get back in touch with nature.

Those bringing their four-legged friends along on their holiday even have access to a dogwash facility.

The park is just a short walk away from both the

Commercial Hotel, and Terminus Hotel, in Morgan, and is also just an hour's drive from either the Barossa Valley and Clare Valley.

Whether you enjoy fishing, canoeing, water skiing, bird watching, swimming, a round of mini golf, or just sitting back and relaxing, there are possibilities to please everyone at the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park.

For further information, or to make a booking, phone 8540 2207, or visit the website ([www.morganriversidecaravanpark.com.au/](http://www.morganriversidecaravanpark.com.au/)).

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### 5 ways to get onto the water



#### 1 HIRE A BOAT

Why watch from shore when you can be on the water? Freedom Boat Hire offers a range of vessels to match your adventure. Choose a ski or wake boat for fun, or take a tinny out for some fishing or yabbying. There's something for everyone—no boat ownership needed.



#### 2 CANOE/KAYAKING

Slow down and soak in the serenity. Canoeing or kayaking is a peaceful way to explore the Murray River. Paddle through creeks, spot wildlife, and enjoy the beauty. Canoe Adventures - Riverland offers guided and self-guided tours, perfect for solo explorers or relaxed group outings.



#### 3 FERRIES

Prefer to stay dry? The Riverland's four ferry crossings offer a laid-back way to experience the river. Take the Morgan ferry toward Cadell to pass lagoons and parks, or ride the Lyrup ferry and stop for dinner at the local club. See the region from a new perspective.



#### 4 DINNER AND A CRUISE?

Enjoy dinner with a view on a floating restaurant. Berri Riverside Holiday Park offers river cruises with themed dining nights. For a hands-on option, BBQ boats let you cruise at your pace while grilling. With space for up to 12 people and no licence needed, it's river living made easy.



#### 5 WHATEVER THE VESSEL

The Murray isn't just for paddling—it hosts events like the Riverland Dinghy Derby, yacht races at Lake Bonney, and the 36km Wharf to Woolshed Long Row. Whether you're competing or watching from the bank, the region's boating culture has something for everyone.

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# Accommodation

**The Riverland has a way of making you feel at home and relaxed, so it's no wonder people come for a few days and don't want to leave.**

Luckily, a vast variety of accommodation options are available for a one-night stay, or for when you're in the mood to linger a little longer. From hotel suites and luxury river-front villas, five-star houseboats and multi-bedroom cabins at a fami-

ly park, to the simple camping spots under the stars, there are options for every type of traveller. Let the stunning natural Riverland landscapes provide the perfect backdrop for your camper-van or tent as you wake up to bird-song, gum trees and sunlight, and memories that are created while sitting around a campfire with friends and family.

**Hotel, motel, inn**

Enjoy Riverland hospitality at its finest, offered by the numerous

community-operated hotels, with stunning views from many rooms, plus great dining and entertainment options. Guaranteeing ease, dependability and high-level service, there are several options through the Riverland to suit your group size and budget.

**Caravan parks**

If you have a caravan in tow, there are a number of highly rated caravan parks in the region, ideal for a quiet couple's retreat, or with plenty of fun activities to keep children

occupied. From drive-in caravan and camping sites, to cabins and luxury glamping experiences, many offer some of the region's best spots close to the river. A growing list of family friendly facilities including pools and water parks, jumping pillows, games rooms, playgrounds and outdoor cinemas are on offer. Public campgrounds and RV parks are also available in most Riverland towns, or if you're looking for an experience off the beaten track, spend a night or two at one of the region's national parks. Each park charges a nominal nightly camping

fee, and you can even book online to reserve your favourite site ([www.parks.sa.gov.au/](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/)).

**Private rentals**

Spend some time truly living like a Riverland local by booking one of the numerous country homes, cottages, or cabins now available through Airbnb. If you're planning a trip to the Riverland on short notice, or are looking to stay somewhere a bit out of a town's CBD, Airbnb options in the region are perfect to suit families or groups of friends.



## THE BEST WAY TO HOLIDAY

**When it comes to planning a stay in the Riverland, few words come to mind as quick as 'houseboat'.**

Get your friends or family together, stock up on food and drinks, and get ready to enjoy the region while travelling the river's picturesque setting – what could be better? Houseboating allows you to experience the river environment in the most relaxed way possible, and vessels can be suited to both small families or larger parties. Whether you're staying in Renmark, Berri, Loxton, or Waikerie, the Riverland boasts a number of houseboat operators ready to make your time in the region as enjoyable, memorable, and stress-free as possible.

Operators throughout the region are ready to help make your holiday on the river an unforgettable experience. Look online or on social media to discover the Riverland's range of houseboat operators and find the perfect option for your getaway. Explore at your own pace while waking up to stunning river views, stop wherever you like for a swim, paddle or explore the land and at night relax under a blanket of stars. Scan the QR code in the Boats and Bedzzz Houseboat Stays ad below for further information about houseboat holidays.



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