

Cuddle a koala, potter about with potoroos or watch a wallaby or a whale - all within an hour of the city.

Some wildlife encounters start in the city: the Adelaide Zoo by the River Torrens and at Glenelg, just 15 minutes from the heart of Adelaide, swim with bottlenose dolphins, and meet with Great White Sharks (on dry land!).

In 20 minutes you're in the bushland of the Adelaide Hills, where Cleland Wildlife Park is one of the state's national park treasures, Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary has set world standards with its ecotourism programs and Gorge Wildlife Park has welcomed locals and visitors for nearly 30 years.

On the southern coast, where Southern Right Whales raise their young, the SA Whale Centre is the hub of whale watching activity. Just off shore and reached by the causeway, Granite Island is a habitat for aquatic life and sea birds – including adorable Little Penguins – and inland, Urimbirra Wildlife Experience's nocturnal house reveals the secret life of native

To the east, on the plains near the Murray River, the safari tours at Monarto Zoological Park introduce not only the park's animals but also its award-winning breeding programs.

And at all these places, passionate people are waiting to share their knowledge to give you unique experiences that will enrich your life.

# WARRAWONG WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

## **Adelaide Hills**

Warrawong is a natural paradise that gives a powerful glimpse of Australia 200 years ago... a sanctuary for native plants and rare and endangered animals.

Guided walks reveal the five habitats of Warrawong with abundant wildlife and bird species to be seen at dusk. Self-guided walks are a daytime adventure along the waterways and into the rainforest. You will have the opportunity to see bettongs, potoroos, bandicoots, wallabies, kangaroos, bilbies, quolls and platypus.

Phone: (08) 8370 9197 Fax: (08) 8370 8332 www.warrawong.com Open: Café and self-guided walks from 10am seven days

Stock Road, Mylor via Stirling roundabout

Distance from city: 25 minute drive

**GORGE WILDLIFE PARK** 

Not your average wildlife park but a place where people and

animals get together. Throughout the 14 acres of land, paths

See all your favourite Australian animals such as koalas,

kangaroos and wombats including many rare albino species.

There are also many exotic animals - a variety of monkeys,

alligators, meerkats, otters and more. A vast range of birds

from Fairy Wrens to Ostriches and everything in between,

Three koala holding sessions a day give you a chance to see

privately owned animals and birds in the country

some in enclosures but many free flying.

Open: 9am-5pm seven days — closed Christmas Day

Koala holding times: 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm daily

these cuddly creatures up close and personal.

meander among one of the most comprehensive collection of

**Adelaide Hills** 

Redden Drive, Cudlee Creek

www.gorgewildlifepark.com.au

Phone: (08) 8389 2206

Fax: (08) 8389 2215

closed Christmas Day Tours: Dusk daily - bookings essential Facilities: Café, conference room, education camp area Wheelchair access and facilities (limited)









### **ADELAIDE ZOO**

### **Adelaide**

Adelaide Zoo's unique combination of contemporary enclosures, heritage buildings, lush garden setting and sensitive landscaping ensures a delightful environment for both animals and visitors.

Founded in 1883, it's considered one of the world's best intimate zoos, where visitors can see over 3000 mammals birds, reptiles and fish both native and exotic, all exhibited in beautiful botanic surrounds.

Highlights of the zoo include a wide variety of Australian native animals, the South East Asian Rainforest, the Foodland Children's Zoo and Seal Bay

Feeding time is always popular as is the freeflight of the Gold and Blue Macaws each day (weather permitting). Adelaide is sister zoo to Monarto Zoological Park.

Frome Road, Adelaide Phone: (08) 8267 3255

Fax: (08) 8239 0637

www.adelaidezoo.com.au

Open: 9.30am-5pm, every day of the year Tours: Free guided tours at 10.30am & 2.30pm daily

Facilities: Café and shop

Wheelchair access and facilities

Feeding times: Daily – Sealions 11.45am, Pelicans 2.30pm, Penguins 2.45pm. Lions 2pm and Leopards/Tigers 3.15pm Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Distance from city: Five minute walk from city centre Public transport: Bus 271 or 273 from Grenfell Street



## RODNEY FOX SHARK EXPERIENCE

Since Rodney's miraculous survival of a savage shark attack in 1963, he has spent his life studying and filming the now protected Great White Shark.

Rodney Fox Shark Museum & Gift Shop features full size Great White Shark models, jaws, history and films including Australia's largest collection of fossilised shark teeth.

The Fox Shark Research Foundation enables further study of the Great White Shark and its role in our ecosystem. You can sponsor your own Great White Shark (with naming rights) and help the Foundation continue its vital research

To see a Great White Shark in the wild, join one of Rodney's expeditions. These are the adventure of a lifetime for divers, photographers, thrill seekers and shark lovers.

Beach end of Jetty Road, Glenelg Phone: (08) 8376 3373



www.rodneyfox.com.au

ZOO

Open: 10am-5pm seven days — closed Christmas Day & Good Friday Tours: Museum group tours available. Diving with sharks on application Facilities: Gift shop, close to Glenelg's beach, cafés, accommodation and Bay Discovery Centre

Wheelchair access and facilities

Distance from city: 15 minute drive

Public transport: Take the Bay Tram from Victoria Square and alight at Moseley Square



## TEMPTATION SAILING - DOLPHIN SWIM

This is a must do in Australia. Temptation has never been out on a dolphin swim or watch cruise and not seen dolphins. The swim is so successful that they will give you \$40 back if you don't get to swim with the dolphins.

Temptation is a 57ft sailing catamaran that has an onboard hydrophone so the watchers can hear what the swimmers hear. Cruise duration 3½ hrs – average swim time 48mins.

So you can't swim: not a problem, all swimmers must wear a full-length wet suit that acts as a flotation device.

Part proceeds from each swim goes to dolphin research. Temptation is a multi-tourism award winner.

Holdfast Shores Marina, Glenelg Phone: 0412 811 838 www.dolphinboat.com.au

Facilities: Close to Glenelg's cafés and accommodation Tours: 8am daily – please call to book in advance Distance from city: 15 minute drive

Public transport: Take the Bay Tram from Victoria Square and alight at Moseley Square

MONARTO ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Monarto Zoological Park (sister to Adelaide Zoo) is world

renowned for its conservation of rare and endangered species.

Trained volunteer tour guides lead one and a quarter hour safari

bus tours inside habitats viewing African, Asian and Australian

animals featuring lions, Southern White Rhinoceros, cheetah,

three nature walks ranging from 20 minutes to one and a half

ranging inhabitants such as emus, kangaroos, euros, birdlife

experiences including 'Working with Wildlife', 'Meet Our

and reptiles. The Park also offers exclusive behind the scenes

hours lead visitors through native mallee bushland to view free

giraffe, zebra, bison and African Painted Dogs. A choice of

Murraylands



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### **CLELAND WILDLIFE PARK**

### **Adelaide Hills**

At Cleland Wildlife Park you can wander freely among kangaroos, wallabies, emus and waterbirds and view dingoes, Tasmanian devils, wombats, koalas and reptiles.

The park is internationally famous for its Koala Closeups, where visitors can meet and hold some of the park's most loved residents, and for its magnificent bushland setting below Mount Lofty Summit.

There are good walking trails through the park, and organised night walks reveal the world of nocturnal native animals, while The Yurridla Trail offers a chance to hear Aboriginal guides bring to life their Dreaming stories and explain the inseparable relationship between Aboriginal culture and Australian wildlife.

Summit Road, Mount Lofty (via Crafers) Phone: (08) 8339 2444

Fax: (08) 8370 9623

www.cleland.sa.gov.au

Open: 9.30am-5pm seven days — closed Christmas Day

Tours: Call for times, bookings essential

Facilities: Visitor centre, gift shop, café and gas barbecues Wheelchair access and facilities

Koala Closeups: 10am-12noon and 2pm-4pm daily. Professional photographer present at afternoon session Mon-Fri and both sessions on weekends and public holidays Distance from city: 20 minutes drive

Public transport: Bus 164F from the city to Crafers, which connects with the 823 service that stops at Cleland Wildlife Park. The bus trip takes about 40 minutes



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### SA WHALE CENTRE

### Fleurieu Peninsula

The SA Whale Centre features three floors of informative displays, hands-on involvement and fun activities for all ages. Watch whales in action on our exclusive video and step back in time to the days of local whaling. Come along to our special events during the school holidays.

The Whale Centre is also the state's key source of information on where to find the visiting Southern Right Whales during the whale season (May to October). The centre also provides the SA Whale Information Hotline 1900 931 223 (calls cost 83c per min) for the most recent whale sightings across the Fleurieu Peninsula and the State.

Railway Tce, Victor Harbor Phone: (08) 8552 5644 Fax: (08) 8552 5142 www.sawhalecentre.com Open: 11am-4.30pm seven days – closed Christmas Day

Tours: By prior arrangement for groups

Facilities: Souvenir shop, visitor centre



Phone: (08) 8554 6554 Fax: (08) 8554 6555 Open: 9am-5pm seven days



## URIMBIRRA WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

### Fleurieu Peninsula

Urimbirra Wildlife Experience is home to a wide range of birds, mammals and reptiles that live in 16 hectares of bush and woodland. Urimbirra is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to preserve' or 'to take care of'. The site has evidence of canoe and shield trees and Aboriginal tribal activity of many hundreds

The paths through the park give visitors the chance to see more than 70 species of Australian fauna in their natural surroundings: kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, emus, dingoes and wombats amid giant old gum trees; pelicans, spoonbills, black swans, egrets and Cape Barren Geese on the lake.

A fascinating feature of the park is the Nocturnal House, which gives visitors a rare opportunity to see some of Australia's interesting night creatures at feed and play.

Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor



Book through Central Bus Station, Franklin Street, Adelaide on (08) 8415 5533

Cheetah' and 'Meet Our Lions'.

Open: 10am-5pm every day of the year

Tours: start at 10.30am and operate at regular

Princes Highway, Monarto

Phone: (08) 8534 4100

www.monartozp.com.au

Fax: (08) 8534 4077

### intervals until last tour at 3.30pm Facilities: Kiosk, souvenir shop, picnic areas and free gas barbecues Distance from the city: One hour drive Feeding times: Crocodile 1.30pm Facilities: Café/bistro, gift shop Koalas 11am, 2pm and 4pm Wheelchair access and facilities Public Transport: Daily services from Adelaide to Victor Harbor Wheelchair access and facilities Facilities: Restaurant, gift shop, picnic area with free barbecue Distance from city: 45 minute drive Wheelchair access and facilities Distance from city: 45 minute drive Public transport: Services run by affordable coachlines depart from Modbury Interchange. Please call (08) 8389 5566 for further details. Distance from city: 55 minute drive Public transport: Service run by Murray Bridge Passenger Service (Mon-Sat)

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South Australian Visitor & Travel Centre, Ground Floor,

For more information and reservations contact:

Open: Seven days, Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm.

visit www.wildifetourism.org.au

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Weekends & public holidays 9am-2pm.

