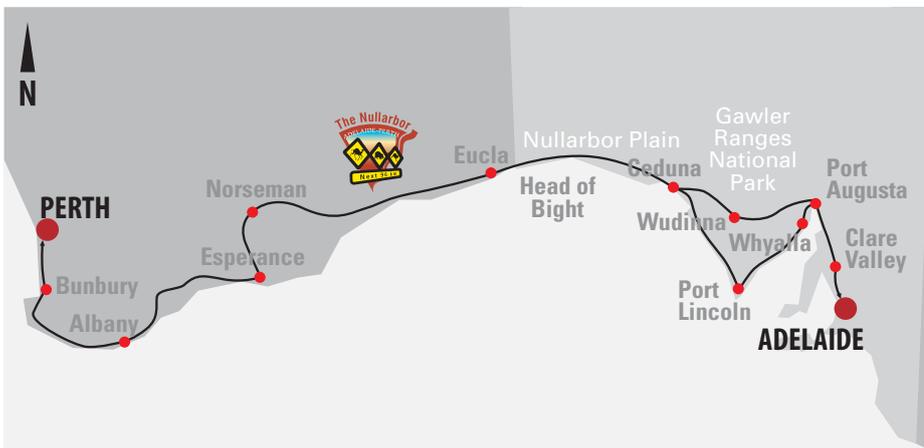


SELF DRIVE

ADELAIDE TO PERTH



10 day itinerary via
the Nullarbor.

DAY 1 > ADELAIDE TO WHYALLA

Today's drive takes you from Adelaide through the picturesque Clare Valley to Whyalla, the gateway to the Eyre Peninsula. Stop in the famous wine region and pick up a bottle or two of the Clare Valley's famous Rieslings. Lunch at one of the many restaurants that feature local produce on their menus. Continue to Port Augusta, home of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden and Wadlata Outback Centre. It's just a short journey from here to Whyalla, where between May and August, you can dive or snorkel with giant cuttlefish.

> **Adelaide to Clare Valley:**

139 kilometres, 1 hour 48 minutes

> **Clare Valley to Port Augusta:**

204 kilometres, 2 hours 28 minutes

> **Port Augusta to Whyalla:**

76.5 kilometres, 50 minutes



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DAY 2 > WHYALLA TO GAWLER RANGES NATIONAL PARK

From Whyalla take the Eyre Highway via Iron Knob to Kimba, the eastern gateway to the Gawler Ranges National Park - a spectacular wilderness area where great domes of volcanic rock contrast with the stark whiteness of salt lakes. There are brilliant displays of wildflowers in spring and wildlife includes the southern hairy-nosed wombat, pygmy possums and hopping mice.

While most tracks within the park are only suitable for four wheel drive (4WD) vehicles, the unsealed scenic drive between Kimba and Minnipa, via Paney Homestead, provides access to some spectacular locations. For the most up-to-date information on road conditions, please contact the local visitor information centre at Kimba or Wudinna. Camp overnight or stay in one of the accommodation options available throughout the park or join one of the 4WD tours available. Camping and entry permits are required.

> Whyalla to Kimba:

143 kilometres, 1 hour 36 minutes

> **Gawler Ranges Scenic Drive, from Wudinna to Minnipa, via Paney Homestead:** *approximately 130 kilometres, 2 hours (approximately)*

DAY 3 > GAWLER RANGES NATIONAL PARK TO CEDUNA

Spend the morning exploring the amazing rock formations near Wudinna and Minnipa including Pildappa Rock, Mt Wudinna and Polda Rock. In the afternoon, continue your drive to Ceduna.

> Wudinna to Ceduna:

210 kilometres, 2 hours 10 minutes

DAY 4 > CEDUNA

Spend the day exploring the magnificent coastline, well known for producing fantastic oysters, surrounding the large town of Ceduna. Discover Mt Laura Conservation Park, Davenport Creek, Ceduna Arts & Cultural Centre and be sure to dine on the delicious pacific oysters from Denial Bay.

Ceduna is the last major town before your Nullarbor crossing begins and provides a full range of shopping, banking and business services. If you're into golf the first hole of the World's Longest Golf Course starts in Ceduna.

DAY 5 > CEDUNA TO GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

Today will take you from Ceduna to the small town of Eucla across one of the straightest stretches of bitumen in Australia, the incredible Nullarbor Plain. At Fowlers Bay, 29 kilometres off the highway from Nundroo, you'll see spectacular coastal scenery and shifting sand dunes that are perfect for hiking or sand-boarding. Don't miss the Whale Watching Boat Tours from June to September.

Make a stop at Head of Bight for spectacular views of the Nullarbor cliffs. Just 12 kilometres by sealed road from the Eyre Highway, a short walk to a boardwalk and viewing platforms is rewarded with uninterrupted views of the dramatic Bunda Cliffs - where the land plunges into the ocean. Between May and October, you may see whales frolicking with their calves in the water below. Take the time to explore Murrawijinie Cave, only 10 kilometres north of Nullarbor.

> **Ceduna to Great Australian Bight, Border Village:** *405 kilometres, 4 hours 7 minutes*

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DAY 6 > GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT TO BALLADONIA

Continue your journey west, but be sure to take in some of the most spectacular views of the Bunda Cliffs before heading inland at the South Australian/Western Australian Border (note there is a quarantine inspection at the border).

It may seem like a high kilometre count, but the roads are long and straight and, for much of the drive, there are few reasons to stop.

> **Great Australian Bight, Border Village to Balladonia:** *578 kilometres, 5 hours 53 minutes*

DAY 7 > BALLADONIA TO ESPERANCE

Your crossing of the Nullarbor ends today as you drive into the town of Noresman before heading south to explore the Western Australian coastline, arriving in the town of Esperance.

> **Balladonia to Esperance:** *422 kilometres, 4 hours 26 minutes*

DAY 8 > ESPERANCE TO ALBANY

Take the South Coast Highway to Albany, the beautiful coastal town known for its brilliant white beaches. This journey stays inland for much of the route.

> **Esperance to Albany:** *474 kilometres, 4 hours 54 minutes*

DAY 9 > ALBANY TO MARGARET RIVER

The coastal route from Albany to Bunbury is nothing short of spectacular. You'll travel through Denmark and Pemberton, before arriving into the Margaret River wine region.

> **Albany to Margaret River:** *379 kilometres, 4 hours 48 minutes*

DAY 10 > MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Head north through Busselton and Bunbury, then onto Perth, the capital of Western Australia.

> **Margaret River to Perth:** *268 kilometres, 2 hours 55 minutes*

Enjoy Perth before returning to Adelaide aboard the Indian Pacific train journey.

* OPTIONAL ITINERARY

* DAY 2 > WHYALLA TO PORT LINCOLN

Depart Whyalla and travel down the east coast of the Eyre Peninsula, through many scenic coastal towns such as Cowell, Arno Bay, Port Neill and Tumby Bay which all offer some great fishing and swimming.

Arrive into Port Lincoln - which is perched on the shores of Boston Bay and is three times the size of Sydney Harbour and is renowned for its clear, clean, beautiful blue water.

At least one overnight stay in this unofficial capital of the Eyre Peninsula is recommended. You can swim with tuna and sea lions or experience a tour on the Seafood Trail. For the more adventurous, you can't go past the opportunity to cage dive with great white sharks.

Stay longer and charter a boat or yacht to enjoy some of Australia's best blue-water sailing, visit the spectacular coastline of Whalers Way, enjoy wine tasting at one of the three wineries in the region.

> **Whyalla to Port Lincoln:** *267 kilometres, 3 hours*

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DAY 3 > PORT LINCOLN TO CEDUNA

This morning take a slight detour to visit the picturesque seaside town of Coffin Bay, which is famous for its oysters.

Continue up the Flinders Highway and travel through Elliston, Port Kenny and Streaky Bay - all great coastal towns that are well worth a stop.

Visitors should stop at Baird Bay and take part in a tour to swim with the sea lions and dolphins. As tours generally depart in the morning, an overnight stay at Streaky Bay is recommended. Ceduna is the last stop before you cross the vast, isolated space of the Nullarbor, so stop here and ensure a good night's rest.

> Port Lincoln to Ceduna:

403 kilometres, 4 hours 18 minutes

(While the optional itinerary is for two days we highly recommend a minimum of four days to explore the coastline from Whyalla to Ceduna.)

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Clare Valley wineries
- Wadlata Outback Centre
- Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
- Gawler Ranges National Park
- Ceduna
- Nullarbor
- Head of Bight
- Bunda Cliffs
- Margaret River wineries

** Distances and times are approximate and do not include detours or stops.*

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