**WHY COME TO ADELAIDE, 2025?**

**CHIHULY IN THE BOTANIC GARDEN**

The most spectacular glass sculpture display is being held in the Adelaide Botanic Garden until Tuesday 29th April. By day, the exhibition is free; by night it costs $25 ($20 concession), however the **Chihuly Nights** ends on Saturday 26th April. I have been to both day and night, and will continue to visit until it closes!

[Chihuly In The Botanic Garden | Botanic Gardens](https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/whats-on/chihuly-in-the-botanic-garden)

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM**

The Galloway Hoard is the richest find of rare and unique Viking-age objects that has ever been made in the UK. Buried around AD900, it was only discovered in 2014. Adelaide is the first stop on a world tour of the exhibition: **Treasures of the Viking Age: The Galloway Hoard.**

[www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/media/galloway-hoard](http://Www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/media/galloway-hoard)

**TASTING AUSTRALIA**

Held annually in Adelaide and across South Australia, **Tasting Australia** is a showcase of all things South Australian: our people, our produce and our place. Each Autumn, audiences are invited to step beyond a standard food festival and discover deliciously different experiences that feed their curiosity. Indulgent lunches with friends, boutique beverages served fireside in Town Square and menus created by world-class chefs are just a taste.

In 2025, Tasting Australia will be held from 2nd to 11th May.

[www.tastingaustralia.com.au](http://Www.tastingaustralia.com.au/)

**ADELAIDE OVAL TOUR (and/or ROOF CLIMB)**

Adelaide Oval Stadium Tours take you behind closed doors where you’ll learn about the Oval. Expert ambassadors share captivating tales of the history of the venue, the sporting greats who have competed here, how the iconic heritage blends seamlessly with world-class facilities and the Oval’s iconic status in SA.

Imagine running onto Adelaide Oval to the roar of a 50,000-strong crowd, climbing the stairs to the 100-year-old heritage-listed scoreboard or gaining an insight into match-day preparations inside the players’ change-rooms.

<https://www.adelaideoval.com.au/tours/>

Whilst at the Oval, take the opportunity to visit the **Bradman Collection** which is on display at Adelaide Oval in a purpose-built museum located in the Riverbank Stand. The collection brings together Bradman’s priceless and personal collection of cricket memorabilia spanning from 1927 to 1977. It was originally Sir Donald’s wish that a home for the Bradman Collection may be found at Adelaide Oval, which came to fruition in 2008 on the centenary of his birth.

The collection is free for the public to view, and is open everyday, 9am-4pm, except for event days.

**RESTAURANTS**

Three restaurants are listed in the Top 10 Fine Dining Restaurants for 2024: Windy Point (Adelaide), Maxwell Restaurant (McLaren Vale) and The Line (Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills).

**WINERIES / DISTILLERIES**

South Australia is, of course, known for its wineries. Within two hour drives (many being shorter), you will find the Barossa Valley, Clare, Adelaide Hills, Langhorne Creek and McLaren Vale wineries and, now, gin distilleries. One of the distilleries in McLaren Vale is Never Never Distilling Co, a regular sponsor of bridge events in Adelaide.

**ADELAIDE CENTRAL MARKET**

Adelaide Central Market is one of the largest undercover fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere. It offers a huge range of fresh food including fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry, seafood, cheeses, bakery products, smallgoods, health foods. It is open Tuesday to Saturday, and remains open until 9pm on Fridays.

<https://adelaidecentralmarket.com.au/> and is, essentially, one of Adelaide’s icons.

For those staying in an apartment, stock up on your produce at the Central Market.

**THEATRE**

HADESTOWN starts at Her Majesty’s Theatre from Thursday 8th May.

[HADESTOWN tickets | Her Majesty's Theatre | Ticketek Australia](https://premier.ticketek.com.au/Shows/Show.aspx?sh=HADESTOW25)

LITTLE WOMEN (the Musical) starts at Stirling Community Theatre from Friday 9th May.

[Little Women the Musical Tickets, Stirling Community Theatre, Stirling | TryBooking Australia](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1333154)