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# Adelaide City Guide

Your guide to moving to Adelaide





## Useful links for students arriving soon

### Need assistance getting to your accommodation?

Students may be eligible for an airport pick up service from the airport to their nominated accommodation destination. Get in touch with your University and arrange an airport pickup service.

- What you can/cannot bring into Australia: [Can you bring it | Australian Border Force](#)
- Learn about driving with an overseas licence or permit in South Australia: [Requirement for overseas license holders | SA](#)
- For more information, head to the [Study Adelaide](#) website



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Australia's fifth largest capital

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# Welcome To Adelaide

## Your guide to moving to Adelaide

Known for its vibrant arts and  
cultural scene

Studying in a new country is both exciting  
and challenging! This guide will help you get  
the most out of your time in Australia; from  
getting to know the lifestyle, fun places to  
visit, accommodation, how to find a casual  
job and more.

Our friendly IDP Adelaide Counsellors are  
here to support you on your study journey  
too. If you have questions about life in  
Australia, course/university opportunities or  
visas, we're here to help.

Don't be shy, call, email us or book a  
counselling appointment online.





# Accommodation Options

Settling In

# Accommodation

Depending on your lifestyle and budget, you will be able to find the right place to suit you. It all starts with knowing the options...



## Student Accommodations

### Shared Rooms

**Price range: AUD\$150 - \$250 per week**

Shared accommodation in Adelaide, Australia, offers an affordable option for students, professionals, and travellers. It typically involves renting a room in a shared house or flat with communal facilities.

### Single Rooms

**Price range: AUD\$200 - \$400 per week**

Single-room accommodation in Adelaide offers private living space, ideal for those seeking independence. Options range from studios to private rooms in shared houses, with costs depending on location and amenities.

### Studios

**Price range: AUD\$300 - \$450 per week**

Studio apartments in Adelaide provide self-contained living with combined bedroom, kitchen, and living spaces. They offer privacy and convenience, ideal for individuals or couples.



**Choosing a place to live is an exciting part about studying overseas**



## Living On Campus

**Price range: AUD\$200 - \$450 per week**

Living on a university campus in Adelaide offers convenient, community-focused accommodation close to classes and facilities, ideal for students seeking a vibrant and supportive environment.

## Private Rentals

**Shared houses/apartments**

**Price range: AUD\$200 - \$450 per week**

**One-bedroom apartments**

**Price range: AUD\$300 - \$500 per week**

**Two-bedroom apartments**

**Price range: AUD\$500 - \$700 per week**

## Homestays

**Price range: AUD\$250 - \$400 per week**

In a homestay arrangement, you'll live with an Australian family in their home. Utilities and internet are covered by the host family. In certain arrangements, meals are also covered. Those craving a genuine Australian experience will love this option, as it allows you to live with locals. You'll also enjoy the extra support you receive from your host family.

That said, there is no guarantee that your homestay will be close to your education provider, so you may have to manage a long commute. Have a look at public transport options to see what your journey to campus will be like.



# Overseas Student Health Cover

Settling In



# Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Why do I need Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)? It helps cover you for medical expenses whilst you're studying in Australia, including:



GP/Doctor or Specialist visits  
(e.g X-rays and blood tests)



Emergency ambulance services



Hospital visits



Some of the cost of prescription medicines

## If you have a medical emergency

If you have a life-threatening medical emergency, go to your nearest public hospital emergency department or call 000 (Emergency Services) immediately for help. All public hospitals have a 24-hour emergency and casualty department, so you will always be able to get help.

If it's not an emergency, locate your nearest GP by visiting the official website of your OSHC provider, book an appointment with a doctor by phone or online. The doctor will treat you and determine if you need medicine or need to see a specialist. Alternatively, you can also visit your university's clinic.

**Learn more about [Overseas Student Health Cover in Australia](#) from these commonly asked about topics at our website.**



Australian Health Care system



Common healthcare words



Getting started with your Student Health Cover



Health and safety tips



# Banking

Settling In

One of the most important things to do when you arrive in Australia is to open a bank account. Learn how to make international money transactions, pay bills and manage everyday expenses.

## Getting started >



### 1. Choose your bank

Australia offers various banks for international students to choose from



### 2. Choose an account

#### 1. Everyday Account

The most common bank account type, used for day- to-day expenses.

#### 2. Savings Account

This is where you can store money that you don't need to use straight away.



### 3. Opening a Bank Account

Take your passport into the bank, as well as your tax identification number from your home country (if you have one).

Often, there are discounts available for students, make sure you bring student ID and letter of enrolment when you visit the bank to access these

[commbank.com.au](http://commbank.com.au)  
[nab.com.au](http://nab.com.au)  
[anz.com.au](http://anz.com.au)  
[westpac.com.au](http://westpac.com.au)



### 4. Tips

Mobile banking is popular in Australia, making it easy to do online banking via mobile, like paying your friends or paying at supermarkets or cafes by tapping your phone

#### **Common bank words:**

BPAY - Popular bill paying service allowing you to pay bills online

#### **Direct debits:**

Transfers money from one account to another. Can be commonly used for paying health insurance or any kind of recurring payments internationally and online.



# Food & Shopping

Settling In



## Food & Shopping

Check out the iconic Adelaide Central Market for incredible, fresh produce at affordable prices.

You'll find food from all over the world in Adelaide. Hot spots like Chinatown which is conveniently nestled in the vibrant on Gouger Street. World renowned for its international cuisine, Adelaide's Chinatown boasts some of the most diverse and traditional gourmet foods – an amazing blend of five-star restaurants, food courts, cafes, wine bars and pubs.

The variety of Asian cuisines are endless, such as; Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Malaysian and Indian.

## Major Supermarkets

**coles**



**COSTCO**  
WHOLESALE

EST 1978  
**TONY & MARK'S**  
A FAMILY TRADITION

## Major Department Stores

### 1. Major Department Stores

**MYER** DAVID JONES

### 2. Sporting Goods

**rebel** 

### 3. Everyday Clothing

ZARA *H&M* COTTON:ON

### 4. Homewares (Everyday Essentials)

**Kmart** 



### 5. Electronics, Stationery & Appliances

  



### 6. Hardware Store (DIY)







# Transportation

Exploring Adelaide



# Getting Around

Adelaide offers a range of transportation options that make getting around the city and its suburbs convenient. The Adelaide Metro card can be used for all public transport, like buses, trams, and trains. Students can avail Adelaide Metro concession cards at discounted rates. Visit the [Adelaide Metro](#) website for more information.

Here's an overview of the city-specific transportation details:

## Buses

The primary public transport system in Adelaide, offering extensive bus routes throughout the city and suburbs. You can check routes, schedules, and fares on the Adelaide Metro website or app.

**Free City Connector:** A free bus service that operates on two loops (98A and 98C) around the central business district (CBD) and North Adelaide, making it easy to get around key areas of the city.

## Trams

**Glenelg Tram Line:** Runs from the CBD to the beachside suburb of Glenelg. It passes through key locations such as the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Rundle Mall, and Victoria Square. Travel within the city centre zone is free.

## Trains

Adelaide Metro also operates a network of train lines connecting the CBD to the northern, southern, and eastern suburbs. Key train lines include the Gawler, Seaford, Outer Harbor, and Belair lines.





# Popular Day Trips From Adelaide

Exploring Adelaide



## 1. Barossa Valley

  1.5 Hours Via Car / Bus

One of Australia's premier wine regions, the Barossa Valley is known for its world-class wineries, gourmet food, and picturesque landscapes.

**Highlights:** Wine tasting at renowned wineries like Penfolds and Jacob's Creek, gourmet dining, and exploring charming towns like Tanunda and Nuriootpa.

## 2. Kangaroo Island

 1.5 Hours Via Car

A wildlife haven, Kangaroo Island is famous for its stunning beaches, diverse wildlife, and natural beauty.

**Highlights:** Seal Bay Conservation Park, Flinders Chase National Park, Remarkable Rocks, and Little Sahara sand dunes.





### 3. McLaren Vale

 50 Mins Via Car

Another top wine region, McLaren Vale is known for its boutique wineries, stunning vineyards, and olive groves.

**Highlights:** Wine tasting at wineries like d'Arenberg and Wirra Wirra, dining at local restaurants, and exploring the Shiraz Trail.

### 4. Adelaide Hills

 30 Mins Via Car

A scenic region just outside Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills offer rolling landscapes, charming villages, and a cooler climate.

**Highlights:** Visiting the German village of Hahndorf, exploring Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, Cleland Wildlife Park, and enjoying local produce and crafts.





# Events & Festivals

Exploring Adelaide

# Events & Festivals In Adelaide

Adelaide is known for its vibrant cultural scene and hosts various events and festivals throughout the year. It is also known as the festival capital of Australia.



## [Adelaide Fringe & Adelaide Festival](#)

February - March

Adelaide hosts two major arts events: the Adelaide Fringe and the Adelaide Festival.

The Fringe is the largest open-access arts festival in the Southern Hemisphere, featuring diverse performances in comedy, theatre, music, and more. Simultaneously, the Adelaide Festival showcases world-class events in theatre, music, dance, literature, and visual arts, attracting international and local talent. These festivals together transform Adelaide into a vibrant hub of creativity and culture.



## [Tasting Australia](#)

April - May

Tasting Australia is a culinary festival that celebrates South Australia's food and wine culture. It features masterclasses, food and wine tastings, and special dining events with top chefs. It's a must-attend event for food enthusiasts.



## [Adelaide 500](#)

March

The Adelaide 500 is a major motor racing event held on the streets of Adelaide. It features the Supercars Championship and includes support races, concerts, and family-friendly activities, making it a thrilling event for motorsport enthusiasts.



### [OzAsia Festival](#)

February - March

The OzAsia Festival is Australia's leading contemporary arts festival engaging with Asia. It includes theatre, dance, music, film, and visual arts from Asia and Australia. The Moon Lantern Parade and Lucky Dumpling Market are popular highlights.



### [Adelaide Cabaret Festival](#)

June

The Adelaide Cabaret Festival is the largest cabaret festival in the world. It showcases a diverse range of cabaret performances, including music, comedy, theatre, and burlesque. The festival draws international stars and local talent, offering a mix of glamour and entertainment.



### [WOMADelaide](#)

March

WOMADelaide is an annual world music, arts, and dance festival held in Botanic Park. It showcases performances by artists from around the globe, along with workshops, food stalls, and a vibrant marketplace. It's a celebration of cultural diversity and artistic expression.



# Make New Friends

Exploring Adelaide





**Being in a new city, away from your family and friends, you will want to meet like-minded people. Follow our tips for socialising and you will be surprised in how making friends is easier than expected!**

- Sharing accommodation is a great way to make friends. In student accommodation, you'll often be living with students who study nearby or even at the same institution.
- Student clubs - Many institutions have their own clubs or societies. You can find clubs with specific interests like Harry Potter, badminton, Mahjong, debating, beauty, getting fit and many more.
- Meetup.com and Eventbrite.com.au make it easy to find people who share the same interests/hobbies. It's fun to keep up your hobbies in your new city, and even better to find friends to share the experience with.
- Volunteer in the community - Volunteer organisations are always on the lookout for eager volunteers. This is also a great way to meet other like-minded people. [Go volunteer](#) is also a popular platform to find volunteer work.
- Get recommendations from peers on Facebook - Join [IDP's exclusive Facebook group](#) to get tips from other students in your city.



# Work While You Study

Build a Career In Australia

## Work While You Study

As an international student on a student visa, you're able to work a certain number of hours a week in Australia.

Casual employment while studying is a good way to learn about Australian culture and meet people.

Take a look at our [Careers and Employability page](#) for more information and download a complimentary copy of IDP's LinkedIn Guide for students.



### Be mindful if you have any work restriction on your visa and ensure to check your visa conditions.

- If you are a member of the family unit of a primary student visa holder, you must not work in Australia until they have started their course.
- You must not work in Australia before your course of study commences.
- Looking for a job in a new country can feel daunting, but don't hesitate to drop your resume and ask.
- The hospitality industry is a great place to start and many popular venues will welcome international students. Don't be afraid to drop your resume or ask directly at shops and restaurants.
- You can also use popular online job search websites like LinkedIn, Seek, Jora or Career One.

For more valuable advice on working in Melbourne or in Australia, check out the Study Melbourne website.

Applying for an internship is another way to gain work experience. If you're looking for an internship opportunity, speak to one of our counsellors for ongoing opportunities or visit our website.



# Join IDP Thrive

Are you an international student who's recently arrived in Australia? IDP's Got You!

The Thrive Program focuses on delivering a range of support services and benefits to our students. These services provide invaluable information and skills to our students while guiding them to success at every step of their study journey in Australia.

Join the Thrive Program to gain access to a range of exciting offers including exclusive events, reward programs, internships, referrals, and network support.



## Download the IDP Live App

IDP Live app features loads of helpful tips, advice, personal stories and videos from international students and institutions around the world to help you prepare for your own overseas adventure.



## Follow our socials





## Migration & Visa Services

Are you an international student or migrant who dreams of studying, working or even settling permanently in Australia? If so, you are in the right place!

IDP can help you with every step of the visa application process, from understanding the requirements to submitting your application.

Scan the QR code to book a consultation with our migration agents.



### We offer a wide range of visa services:

- Student and Temporary Graduate Visa
- General Skilled Migration Visa
- Partner and Family Visa
- Employer Sponsored Visa
- Other Visas



# Get To Know The Adelaide Team

IDP Adelaide

# Get To Know Our Local Team And Services

**IDP is a global leader in international education services that helps people study abroad.**

As experts in international student placements, our key services include:

- Course selection & guidance with the application process
- Visa help & assistance with preparation of necessary documents.
- Consultation with in-house registered migration agents.
- Help with choosing the right student health cover, accommodation, banking options & money transfer.
- IELTS test booking & preparation material

IDP is a lively network of students and alumni buzzing across Australia. When you arrive, get in touch with us and we'll help you settle in.



**IDP helps ambitious students reach their dream destination and thrive on arrival.**

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If you have questions about how to navigate through all that's happening in Australia, course opportunities or visas, speak to us.

[Call, email us or book a counselling appointment online.](#)



