

Useful Information for Travel to Kangaroo Island.



Welcome to Kangaroo Island, the third largest island off the coast of Australia. It is 155 kilometres long and 55 km wide, covering an area of 4,500 sq km. It takes about 2 hours to drive from Penneshaw to the south-west tip, 1.5 hours to Vivonne Bay and 50 minutes to Kingscote (sometimes it can take up to 1 hour if there are trucks and slower vehicles on the road).

Biosecurity Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island's remoteness and isolation has created a special environment and many of Australia's pests and diseases are not found here. There are some items that you cannot bring to Kangaroo Island. Please dispose of any prohibited items before travelling to Kangaroo Island as severe penalties apply. You cannot bring:

- Bees, bee handling equipment and honey products (yes that means no jars of honey!). Kangaroo Island is a sanctuary to the only Ligurian bee population in the world. Help keep this species pure and disease free.
- Potatoes for consumption or planting. Unwashed or dirty potatoes may carry disease, which could devastate the island's seed potato industry. Please leave them behind. Washed or brushed potatoes in new packaging are permitted for consumption only.
- Foxes, rabbits and declared weeds. The introduction of these pests would create an environmental disaster.
- For further information contact Natural Resources Kangaroo Island on 08 8553 4444 or go to www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/kangarooisland.

Getting there

SeaLink's passenger and vehicle ferries depart from Cape Jervis every day (except Christmas Day). Cape Jervis is 110km from the city of Adelaide. Please allow 2 hours for the drive from Adelaide, or 1 hour and 15 minutes from the Goolwa/Victor Harbor area. Please also allow a 30 minute minimum check-in time prior to sailing in order to board and load your vehicle. The ferry crossing takes 45 minutes. Both Cape Jervis and Penneshaw ferry terminals offer access and family friendly restrooms and a cafe serving light snacks and great coffee. Penneshaw also offers a 'last-stop-shop' for souvenirs and KI produce.

SeaLink ferries are wheelchair and disabled access friendly. An electric wheelchair can be provided to board passengers as necessary. Please enquire.

Rex Airlines fly daily from Adelaide Airport to Kingscote. Visit www.rex.com.au

How long should I stay?

As a guide 3 days on Kangaroo Island will give you a good taste, 5 days will show you the sights but 7 days will allow you to truly discover the magic of this nature wonderland and will be well worth it. For those with limited time, SeaLink offer a variety of 1 and 2 day touring options.

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Tips On Driving Safety

We urge caution on all Kangaroo Island roads, especially unsealed roads. It is recommended that you travel at no more than 60kph on unsealed roads and slow down on corners and blind spots. In Australia we drive on the left hand side of two-way roads.

Also, please be wary that native animals on Kangaroo Island (as they do in many regional areas of Australia), come out early in the morning (dawn), at sunset (dusk) and during the night and they tend to congregate at the sides of roads. We recommend that you do not drive between the hours of dusk to dawn and if you do, please be cautious.

Getting around Kangaroo Island

Please note there is very limited public transport on the island. You can either bring your own vehicle on the ferry or select from one of the many transport options below (bookings are essential).

SeaLink Shuttle Bus.....	Operates twice a day (AM & PM) between Penneshaw and Kingscote via American River to connect with morning and evening ferry services. Phone 13 13 01.
The Rockhopper Shuttle.....	Eastern Route (Operated by SeaLink) runs Wednesday mid-afternoons. Phone 13 13 01. Western Route (Operated by KI Transfers) from Kingscote to Vivonne Bay via Parndana on a Tuesday and Friday (Does not operate on Fridays during School holidays or June, July and August). Phone 8553 4500. Dial-a-Ride operates within the Kingscote and Brownlow area on a request basis. Phone 8553 4500. For more information go to www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/rockhopper
Kangaroo Island Transfers.....	Operates private transfers. Bookings and enquiries phone 0427 887 575. For more information go to www.kitransfers.com.au
Budget Rent-a-Car Kangaroo Island.....	Rental Cars are available for collection at Penneshaw Ferry Terminal or Kingscote Airport. Phone 8553 3133.
Coach Tours, Private Charters and 4WD Touring.....	You may like the ease and comfort of an organised coach or 4WD tour. SeaLink offer a variety of excellent tours - please enquire on 13 13 01.

Mobile Phones

Telstra Next Generation coverage is available across the island, but can be inconsistent in more remote areas. Limited Optus, 3 Mobile and Telstra GSM digital coverage is available from Kingscote to Penneshaw and adjacent areas. Visitors are advised to contact their mobile supplier for updated information. Public phones are located at Penneshaw, American River, Kingscote, Cygnet River, Brownlow, Emu Bay, Parndana, Vivonne Bay, Seal Bay and Flinders Chase.

Emergency Services

Police / Ambulance / Fire.....	Emergency Only. Phone 000.
Police Station (Kingscote).....	31 Dauncey Street. Phone 131 444 or for non urgent assistance or local phone 8553 2018.
SA Country Fire Service (CFS).....	Bushfire Information Hotline. Phone 1300 362 361 or go to www.cfs.sa.gov.au
State Emergency Service (SES).....	Telegraph Rd, Kingscote. Phone 8553 2631 for enquiries, or 132 500 for storm and flood response.
Hospital (Kingscote).....	The Esplanade. Phone 8553 4200.
Doctor.....	Kangaroo Island Health Services, The Esplanade Kingscote. Phone 8553 4231. Kangaroo Island Medical Clinic, 64 Murray St, Kingscote. Phone 8553 2037.
Dentist.....	Kangaroo Island Dental, 5 Centenary Ave, Kingscote. Phone 8553 2342. Kingscote Dental Surgery, 3 Wheelton St, Kingscote. Phone 8553 3117.
Chemist.....	Kildea Pharmacy, 15 Murray Street Kingscote. Phone 8553 2153.

Internet Services

Penneshaw	Gateway Visitor Information Centre (See 'Need Further Information' below for more details). Isola Pizza open daily 5pm-8pm (opening days and times vary).
American River	Post Office (See below for details). Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge (for guests only).
Kingscote	Kingscote Public Library. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Aurora Ozone Hotel. Open daily. Chocol'Art Art & Coffee Shop.
Parndana	IGA and Post Office (Charges may apply. See below for details).
South West Area	KI Wilderness Retreat (for guests only).

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Post Offices, Supermarkets, Banking and ATM's

Penneshaw

Penneshaw Business Centre/Post Office.....	Middle Terrace. Agent for ANZ, Bank SA and Commonwealth Bank. EFTPOS and ATM. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12noon. Phone 8553 1020.
Penneshaw Hotel.....	North Terrace. ATM. Open daily 11am to approx. 9.30pm. Phone 8553 1042.
Penneshaw IGA.....	Middle Terrace. Supermarket and ATM. Open daily 8am-8pm. Phone 8553 1023.

American River

General Store.....	Scenic Drive. Agent for Bank SA, ATM and small supermarket. EFTPOS (No AMEX or Diners accepted). Open Mon-Sat 7.30am-6pm, Sun 7.30am-5.30pm. Phone 8553 7051.
Post Office.....	Lot 1, Tangara Drive. Agent for Commonwealth Bank (passbooks only). Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm. Phone 8553 7000.

Kingscote

Bank SA.....	60 Dauncey Street. Branch and ATM. Bank open Mon-Thu 9.30am-4pm, Fri 9.30am-5pm. Phone 8553 3032.
ANZ Bank.....	62 Dauncey Street. Branch and ATM. Bank open Mon-Thu 9.30am-4pm, Fri 9.30am-5pm. Phone 8553 2448.
Elders Rural Bank.....	12 Telegraph Road. Branch only open Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm. Phone 8553 2102.
Aurora Ozone Hotel.....	67 Chapman Terrace. ATM. Open from early breakfast until late evening. Phone 8553 2011.
Queenscliffe Hotel.....	57 Dauncey Street. ATM. Open daily 9am-9.30pm. Phone 8553 2254.
Kingscote Post Office.....	39 Dauncey Street. Agent for Commonwealth Bank, NAB, Savings & Loans and Bendigo Bank. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Phone 8553 2122.
Drake's Foodland Supermarket.....	Dauncey Street. Open Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Phone 8551 4000.

Parndana

Parndana Hotel.....	Cnr Cook St & Wedgewood Road. ATM. Open Mon-Sat 10am to close, Sun 11am to close. Phone 8559 6071.
IGA Supermarket.....	32 Cook Street. Agent for Bank SA. EFTPOS. Open daily during summer. 8am-7pm, winter Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm, Sun 8.30am-5pm. Phone 8559 6097.
Post Office (Davo's Deli).....	35 Cook Street. Agent for Bank SA. Open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Sat and Sun 8am-4pm. Phone 8559 6051.

Vivonne Bay

General Store.....	4415 South Coast Road. EFTPOS, ATM and small supermarket. Open daily 9am-6pm. Phone 8559 4285.
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Caravan Parks

Penneshaw.....	KI Shores Caravan Park. Phone 7am-7pm 8553 1028 or A/H 0408 007 897.
Kingscote (Brownlow).....	Kingscote Tourist Park and Family Units. Phone 8553 2394.
South West Area.....	Western KI Caravan Park. Phone 8559 7201.
Parndana.....	Parndana Hotel Caravan and Camping. Phone 8559 6071.

For other camping areas please call the Gateway Visitor Information Centre at Penneshaw on 8553 1185 or the Kangaroo Island Council, Kingscote on 8553 4500.

Pets

If you are planning on bringing your dog or cat to Kangaroo Island, please notify the Kangaroo Island Council on 08 8553 4500. For full details of Council By-Laws on dogs & cats, visit www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/animals.

KI Kennels.....	Dog and Cat Boarding facilities. 935 Hog Bay Road Nepean Bay. Phone John & Michelle Barrett on 8553 9032.
Kangaroo Island Veterinary Clinic.....	Playford Highway, Kingscote. Phone 8553 2485 for opening hours or assistance.

Fuel

Penneshaw

Penneshaw Fuel & Hardware (BP).....	Unleaded, Premium Unleaded, Diesel, Auto Gas, Bottled Gas, Ice and Bait. Open daily 7.30am-6.30pm (open 'til later in peak seasons). Fuel available 24hrs by outdoor payment terminal. Phone 8553 1044.
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Island Beach

Carey's Store (Mobil).....	Open daily through School Holidays and Long Weekends 9am-5pm. Winter months open Mon, Thu & Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-12.30pm. Phone 8553 7009.
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American River

General Store..... Unleaded, Premium Unleaded, Diesel and Bottled Gas. Winter: open Mon-Sat 7.30am-6.00pm, Sun 7.30am-6pm. Summer: open 6am-6pm Mon-Sun. Phone 8553 7051.

Kingscote

KI Fuel Services (BP).....10 Telegraph Road. Unleaded, Premium Unleaded, Diesel and Auto Gas. Open Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm, Sat 8am-1pm, Sun & Public Holidays 9am-12pm. Phone 8553 2842.

Turner Fuel (Caltex).....26 Telegraph Road. Unleaded, Premium Unleaded, Diesel, Auto Gas. Open daily 7am-8pm. Phone 8553 2725.

Parndana

Post Office (Davo's Deli)..... Unleaded, Diesel, and Bottled Gas. Open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat & Sun 8am-4pm. Phone 8559 6051.

Seddon Motors..... Premium Unleaded, Diesel and Bottled Gas. Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9-12. Phone 8559 6066.

Vivonne Bay

General Store..... Unleaded, Premium Unleaded and Diesel. Open Daily 9am-6pm. Phone 8559 4285.

South West Area

Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat..... Unleaded and Diesel. Open daily 7am-7pm. Phone 8559 7275.

Important: Please remember if departing Kangaroo Island on a late ferry service that the nearest open petrol station will be Aldinga, 64km north of Cape Jervis, heading to Adelaide. You may need to fill or top up your tank before leaving the Island!

SeaLink Opening Hours

SeaLink Sales Centre..... Call 13 13 01. Open Monday to Saturday (incl. Public Holidays) 8am to 6pm. Sunday 9am to 5pm.

Adelaide Retail Travel Office..... 440 King William Street. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

Cape Jervis Terminal..... 8.00am-7.00pm daily (subject to seasonal departures).

Penneshaw Terminal..... Open daily 7.30am-7.30pm.

Kingscote Office..... 76 Dauncey Street. December - April (incl): Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-1pm. May - August (incl): Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed.

Adelaide Central Bus Station..... 85 Franklin Street. Open Mon-Fri 6am-4.30pm, Sat & Sun 6am-1.45pm.

Travel Insurance

Holiday plans can be disrupted and cancellation fees can be costly. Travel insurance is inexpensive and highly recommended. Please note that Travel Insurance may not cover disruptions caused by mechanical breakdowns or adverse weather conditions so please check your insurance policy. SeaLink offers a range of Travel Insurance options through QBE – please contact our Sales Centre for details.

Useful websites

Authentic Kangaroo Island..... www.authentickangarooisland.com.au

Kangaroo Island Council..... www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au or phone 8553 4500.

Kangaroo Island National Parks..... www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Find_a_Park/Browse_by_region/Kangaroo_Island

SeaLink..... www.sealink.com.au. Check our page on FAQs (Frequently asked questions).

South Australia Tourism..... www.southaustralia.com

Tourism Kangaroo Island..... www.tourkangarooisland.com.au

SeaLink Guest Wi-Fi

SeaLink offers FREE Wi-Fi for its customers at the Cape Jervis and Penneshaw Ferry Terminals and on board the ferries.

Need further information?

The Kangaroo Island Gateway Visitor Information Centre is situated in Penneshaw on the left side of the main road out of Penneshaw. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, weekends and public holidays 10am-4pm. Phone 08 8553 1185 or Free Call 1800 811 080.

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