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A place where a two-hour drive north from Adelaide delivers you deep into the past.

The Ngadjuri people call it Kooringa and their connection stretches back millennia and knows no end.

Much of what we see there now was built by pioneers who crossed the globe to a place beyond their imagination and sought fortunes by attempting to dig themselves back home.

This is Burra.

In the now, Burra caters to adventurous spirits. Beckoning families to explore its offerings, with its blend of rich history, never-ending landscapes, and countless opportunities for exploration. The well-maintained roads and abundance of caravan-friendly campsites make it a more than perfect destination for those eager to embark on a caravan adventure or dip their toes into the world of camping with kids.

Whether you're delving into the town's fascinating back-story, including its Cornish roots that flourished during the 19th-century South Australian mining boom—helping create a town steeped in National Heritage significance—or exploring the rugged beauty of the edge of the outback, Burra offers something for everyone. So pack up your caravan, strap the kids in, and set off on an unforgettable journey where history meets adventure.



At the heart of your journey lies the Burra Heritage Passport Tour, an immersive experience that transports the entire family back in time. As you collect your key from the knowledgeable staff at the Burra Visitor Information Centre, you'll be granted access to unlock 11 National heritage-listed sites dotted throughout the town, from the labyrinth of underground cellars at the beautifully restored Unicorn Brewery Cellars to the Monster Mine, each site offers a unique glimpse into the town's storied past.

But the adventure doesn't end there.

As you wander the remarkably unchanged main street of Burra, you'll discover that this historic town is not merely frozen in time. Instead, it is a vibrant tapestry where the old and the new intertwine, offering a beautiful juxtaposition of tradition and modernity.

Indulge like a local in artisanal coffee at one of the trendy coffee shops, where skilled baristas craft the perfect brew using state-of-the-art espresso machines and ethically sourced beans. Pair your coffee with a pastry from the town's century-old bakery, where time-honoured recipes yield the finest pastries, the famous Cornish "Tiddy Oggy" and the best sourdough bread the mid-north has to offer.

The town's numerous antique shops offer a treasure trove of mystical and magical finds waiting to be uncovered. Lose yourself in a world of nostalgia as you browse through eclectic collections of antique furniture and one-of-a-kind curiosities, each with its own fascinating story to tell.

Yet Burra is not solely a guardian of the past; it's a beacon of innovation.

The modern and progressive Burra Regional Art Gallery housed in the restored 1860 Post and Telegraph Office, showcases the work of local and national artists, providing a dynamic contrast to the town's heritage architecture. Immerse yourself in contemporary works of art that push the boundaries of tradition and challenge the status quo.

You'll also discover world-class fashion boutiques like Iris and Wool and Bullrush – both clothing brands born, designed, and managed locally.

Stepping slightly beyond the town limits of Burra, you'll find yourself on the threshold of a truly remarkable adventure. Just a few kilometers east of the town lies the Red Banks Conservation Park, camp the night in a natural wonderland and the most spectacular outdoor playground your children explored.

Known as one of the richest megafauna sites in Australia, it's a haven for nature lovers and history enthusiasts alike. Paleontologists have marveled at the abundance of fossils found within its ancient landscapes, offering a glimpse into the prehistoric world that once thrived here. Embark on the 'Landscapes of Change' interpretive walking trail and follow in the footsteps of the diprotodons, giant marsupials that roamed this land until about 65,000 years ago.

But the wonders of the Red Banks Conservation Park extend far beyond its fossil-rich soils. As the sun sets in the evening sky, the towering Red Bank walls come alive with hues of red and orange, casting an ethereal glow that bathes the landscape in a warm and vibrant light. It's a sight that must be seen to be believed, a spectacle that evokes a sense of wonder and awe in all who behold it.

Lay back, look up and observe the origin of all things.

Because this is Burra, where history holds you close.

