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The secret's out. Langhorne Creek used to be one of South Australia's hidden tourism gems, but people from across Australia and the world are now discovering why this tiny township packs such a punch.

Less than an hour from Adelaide and known as 'the Creek' to the locals, Langhorne Creek lies at the heart of one of South Australia's largest wine regions, lined by ancient gums and home to the traditional Ngarrindjeri nation.

A classic Australian town, the main road features a historic hall, the iconic Langhorne Creek General Store, a post office and, of course, a charming country pub.

But it's what's a short ride down the road that sets this town apart. Head north, east, south or west of the main street and you'll find an amazingly diverse collection of cellar doors, restaurants and produce stalls scattered amongst the picturesque vineyards.

With award-winning wines, family-friendly cellar doors, dining with a vineyard view, boutique accommodation, wide-open spaces and quality eggs, fruit and vegetables straight from the producer, Langhorne Creek has it all.

And did we mention the friendly locals? In the Creek, you'll find down-to-earth wine and food people closely connected to the landscape and the seasons. We're a thriving agricultural community of established families, progressive businesses and new generation artisans create highly rewarded wines, grow quality fruit for discerning producers, and nurture prized livestock and a range of sought-after farm produce.

When you visit, you'll feel warmth of this community. Many of our families have been making wine for five generations or more. Many more have been farming other crops on these fertile pieces of land. Almonds, brussels sprouts, olives, potatoes, to name a few.

Generations later, many of the wineries are still run by the same farming families and the cellar door is just one of many windows showcasing everything that Langhorne Creek has to offer.

If history is your thing, visit the historic Bleasdale cellar door to discover where the story of the Langhorne Creek wine region began. Established in 1850 by Frank Potts, this historic winery offers a wide range of sparkling, white, red, and fortified wines, as well as local produce platters and behind the scenes tours of the winery, complete with the wooden Old Press built in 1892.

Five minutes from Bleasdale, the architecturally stunning Kimbolton cellar door has the whole family covered. Here you can choose between wine tastings, wine & cheese pairings, kids tasting flights, family experiences and even rooftop tastings – this place truly caters for everyone! With lush garden areas and views across the vineyards, Kimbolton offers a range of traditional and alterative varieties, as well as light meals.

If long lunches are your thing, Lake Breeze is the place for you. With amazing views across the vineyards and a delicious food menu, you can enjoy a wine tasting in the charming limestone cellar door, sit back and relax with a glass of wine, savour a meal from the contemporary lunch menu or enjoy a walk around the picturesque grounds.

Looking for somewhere local to stay? The charming Creek Cottage bed & breakfast is ideally located on the main road of the quaint township of Langhorne Creek within easy walking distance to the pub, general store and Alfred Langhorne Park.

A stone's throw from the Creek Cottage, you'll discover the Bremerton Wines cellar door. With award-winning wine, gin and even a cheeky limoncello, this place is sure to tick all your boxes. The kids can play outside with lawn games while the adults taste what's on offer, there are also platters and pizzas available if you're feeling a bit peckish.

Langhorne Creek also borders of some of South Australia's biggest tourism attractions, including the Monarto Safari Park, Murray River and Coorong, south coast and the historic township of Strathalbyn. This makes this tiny town the perfect place to anchor down for a long-weekend or longer, with something to keep everyone entertained.