

A Quick Guide to Port Lincoln:

Overview – Location, Getting to Port Lincoln etc:

Port Lincoln is a coastal town situated on the beautiful Boston Bay. Nearby towns include; Coffin Bay, Tumby Bay with other places such as Arno Bay, Cowell, Elliston and Streaky Bay are a nice day trip away.

For those driving over from Adelaide and not wanting to do the 7.5 hour drive, there is the option of a ferry departing from Wallaroo which takes you across Spencer Gulf and you get off at Lucky Bay which is in Cowell and then drive onto Port Lincoln past Arno Bay and Tumby Bay. The ferry ride takes just over 2 hours and then the drive from Cowell to Port Lincoln is only 160km and will take approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

For those who decide to fly over/have partners and family members fly in for the series, there are 2 airlines (Qantas and Regional Express) with multiple daily services between Adelaide and Port Lincoln. The flights are only 40/45 minutes and the airport is located just 15km out of Port Lincoln on the road towards Adelaide. Car hire is also available at the airport through Budget, Avis and Europcar rental companies.

In terms of day to day needs, there are 3 major supermarkets in Port Lincoln and they are generally open from 7am until 10pm most days of the week. Additionally, there are 2 large pharmacies and 2 smaller ones all with varying trading hours but generally at least one is open over the weekend. All of the major banks have branches in Port Lincoln and there is also an extensive amount of ATMs around town.

What to do:

- **Swim with the Tuna/Feed the Tuna**
Various charter operators run these trips including Adventure Bay Charters and Calypso Star Charters. This activity takes up half the day usually and will most likely be on offer on the lay day. More details about this will be sent by email.
- **Swim with the Sealions**
Once again, various charter operators do this trip and this will most likely be a lay day option.
- **Shark Cage Diving**
This is a whole day tour run by Calypso Star Charters and costs \$495 but includes meals from breakfast through to afternoon tea and drinks on board the boat.
- **Boston Bay Winery**
Tastings and Cellar Door. Boston Bay Wines is located approximately 6km north of Port Lincoln on the Lincoln Highway (towards the airport)

- Delacolline Winery
Tastings, Cellar Door, Alfresco Dining and Lavender Farm. The setting has beautiful views and a great atmosphere. On Friday nights during summer they do wood fire pizzas and live music most weeks.

- Glen Forest Tourist Park/Vineyard
Located in Greenpatch (Approximately a 15 minute Drive from Port Lincoln via Flinders Highway) there is plenty on offer for the family here. Entry costs are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Children or \$40 for a family of 4. There is a large variety of animals to see at your leisure as you walk around the park from Kangaroos Lambs and Peacocks roaming around to Water Buffalos and Pigs in their own enclosures. There are lots of baby animals like rabbits for children to feed and cuddle. The park also has a big bird aviary, which you are free to wander through.

Additionally, there is an 18-hole putt putt mini golf course as well as segways that can be hired at a cost and are lots of fun to ride through the vineyards with. Glen Forest also has BBQ and picnic facilities so with all that it has to offer, families can make a day of it.

- Coffin Bay National Park
Approximately 50km out of Port Lincoln via Flinders Highway and Coffin Bay Road. The national park is really quite picturesque and diverse. There are long white sandy beaches, huge sand dunes as well as rugged coastline. There is a fair bit of sealed road in the park meaning that places such as Point Avoid, Yangie Bay and Almonta Beach are accessible in 2WD and you can access the beach for a nice walk at these spots (Point Avoid in particular has amazing island views and is the perfect photo stop). On the sealed road, there is a stop for Templetonia Lookout which is pretty scenic and gives you a good perspective of where everything is located.

For those with a 4WD, there is a track across the sand dunes to Gonyah beach which is lots of fun and definitely worthwhile. For those who have a whole day and are feeling adventurous (approx. a 50km/6 hour return journey), take the track towards Seven Mile Beach that leads you to Point Sir Isaac and the top of the Coffin Bay Peninsula (the beach is often full of seaweed and depending on the tide the beach isn't always accessible so check these and pick your day!). There is an entry fee per car that's an honesty system at the entrance to the park (the park ranger does roam the park and check for permits often though!).

- Coffin Bay
Famous for it's oysters, Coffin Bay it self is quite a pretty little town. There are oyster tours, fishing charters and boat cruises on offer but also a nice area to walk around and explore yourself. There is a "Coffin Bay Oyster Walk Trail" which takes your around town for approximately 12km.

- **Port Lincoln National Park**
 Approximately 13km out of Port Lincoln if you take Proper Bay Road and follow the signs. This national park has a number of walking trails and lookouts as well as numerous picnic areas. Once again, there is an entry fee per car that's an honesty system at the entrance to the park. If you have a 4WD, the Sleaford to Wanna section of the dunes in the national park is a must do. Unfortunately, access to the majority of bays and beaches in Port Lincoln National Park is by 4WD only but there is some accessible by 2WD.
- **Fishery Bay**
 Accessible via Proper Bay Road (then follow the signs to take a right turn onto a dirt road that leads out to the bay – the road is in good condition even though it's dirt). Fishery Bay is perfect for surfing/paddle boarding (on the right days!) and also a good beach for a swim in summer as it is moderately sheltered! Fishery Bay is also a popular fishing spot and a great location for a walk/relaxing day at the beach without being too busy. 4WD's can drive and park on the beach at Fishery Bay. A beautiful beach not too far out of Port Lincoln – definitely recommend a visit!
- **Mikkira Station & Koala Park**
 This is on the road out to Fishery Bay and is an ideal location to take the kids for an afternoon. The location is ideal for picnics and bird watching as well as Koala spotting in their natural environment. A permit to visit the station costs \$15 per vehicle and can be arranged through the Visitor Information Centre in Port Lincoln.
- **Minniribbie Farm: Home of the Berkshire Pig**
 Located in Wangary, about a 30-40 minute drive from Port Lincoln (Take Flinders Highway towards Coffin Bay but continue on the highway instead of taking the Coffin Bay turnoff). Follow the signs from the highway and through Wangary – you can't miss the bright pink pig! At the farm there is a large area to wander around and look at the pigs as well as an antique shop to browse. Minniribbie has a café that serves an awesome breakfast but often gets busy so be prepared for a bit of a wait depending on the day!
- **Farm Beach**
 Definitely worth a look if you've headed out to Minniribbie as it is not too much further on (about 20 minutes along a dirt road past Dutton Bay). Farm Beach is pretty spectacular and nice for a walk. Usually, the beach is firm enough to drive on and lots of people launch fishing boats off the beach here. Nearby to Farm Beach is Gallipoli Beach but this is only accessible with a 4WD.
- **Winters Hill Lookout**
 Right up the top of Flinders Highway. Beautiful panoramic views of Boston Bay and the town of Port Lincoln. Good photo opportunity!

- **Port Lincoln Foreshore**
A nice walk with everything nearby. Along the foreshore there are BBQ areas, plenty of grassed, a playground, numerous cafes and some clothing shops. (There are also other parks around town with playgrounds/BBQ facilities and picnic areas). You can also stop and have a photo with (probably wouldn't suggested attempting to ride it) Makybe Diva during your walk along the foreshore.
- **Parnkalla Walking Trail**
Follows the Port Lincoln Coastline and spans approximately 14km around Boston Bay. Plenty of entry/exit points as well as rest areas along the trail so you definitely don't have to do the whole 14km trip but there is some pretty nice scenery along the way with stunning views of Boston Bay.
- **Axel Stenross Maritime Museum**
A historical boat museum located on the Lincoln Highway approximately 2km out of town.
- **Port Lincoln Leisure Centre**
Located out at the Port Lincoln Marina, the swimming pool in the leisure centre is popular in the school holidays and children can play on the waterslides and swing on the tarzan rope. Parents can sit back and watch with kiosk facilities available.
- **Youthoria Cinema**
A limited number of movies screening but given the nationals are during school holidays there should be some movies suitable for families to take children to see.
- **Fresh Fish Place**
Located on Proper Bay Road. Oyster and seafood tasting tours are run at the factory as part of Eyre Peninsula's Seafood Trail given that Port Lincoln is often termed the "Seafood Capital of the World." The Fresh Fish Place also has a retail outlet where you can purchase a large variety of fresh, local seafood.

There are also various other tours and attractions on offer that can be organised through the visitor information centre in Port Lincoln.

More details about Port Lincoln and its attractions/tours on offer can be found at <http://visitportlincoln.net/>

For an overview/more information on nearby Coffin Bay and surroundings visit http://www.coffinbay.net/pdf/Coffin_Bay2011.pdf

A Few Photos of Port Lincoln's Attractions:



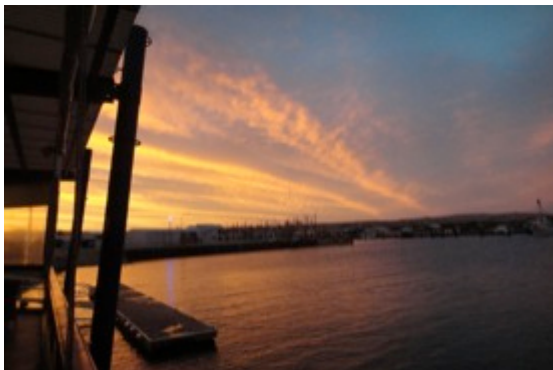
Port Lincoln Foreshore



Port Lincoln Town Jetty



View of Port Lincoln township/Boston Bay from Lookout



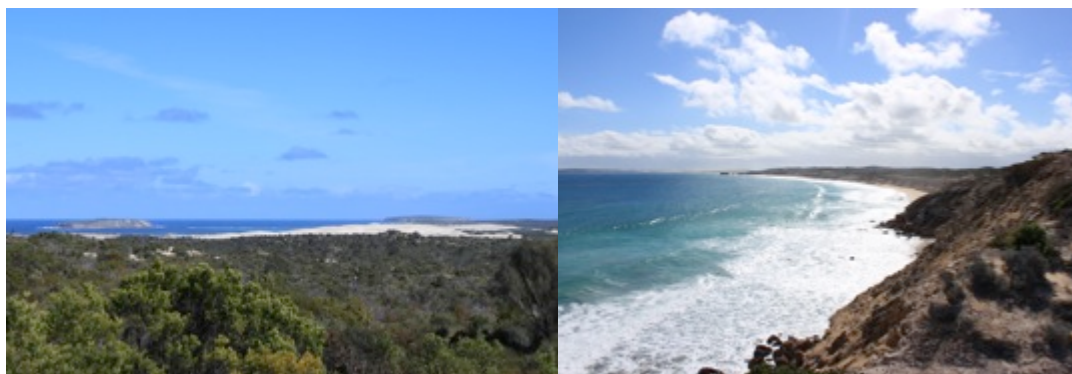
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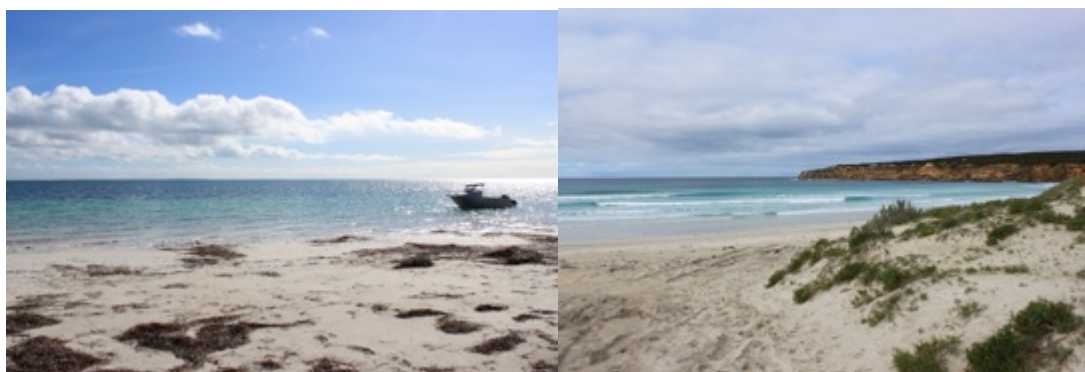
View looking towards Port Lincoln Hotel



Glen Forest Tourist Park

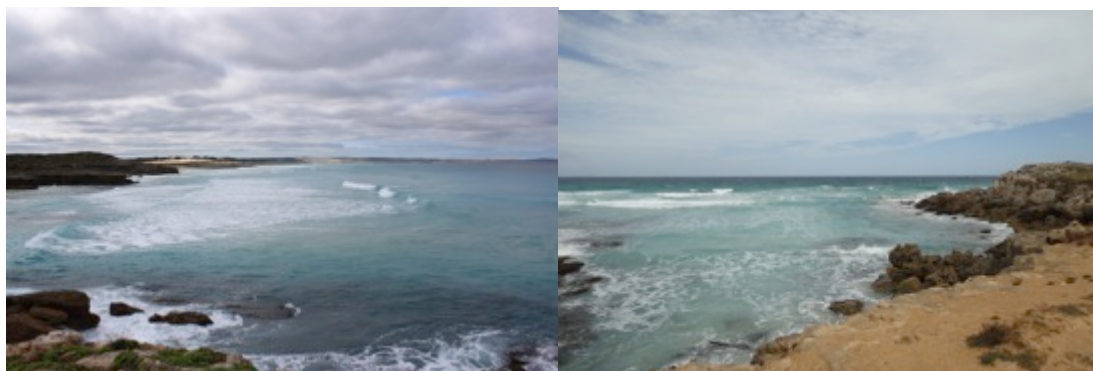


Coffin Bay National Park



Farm Beach

Fishery Bay



Sleaford Bay

Port Lincoln National Park

Eating/Drinking/Going out in Port Lincoln:

- Port Lincoln Hotel
Overall good drinking and eating spot and is located right in town. Sarin's restaurant has both a restaurant for more fine dining as well as a bar/bistro area which often features live music. Sarin's is a nice spot for breakfast, lunch or dinner and has a good atmosphere for an afternoon coffee/glass of wine! Opposite Sarin's is the more relaxed Sharky's Bar which has glass panels open at the front in summer so perfect for lunch and afternoon drinks as well as dinner and a good party late in the night. Sharky's has schnitzel nights on Mondays and Steak and Pint nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays – all 3 nights are great value meals. For those keen on a spot of Karaoke (or just want a good laugh), head down to Sharky's on a Wednesday night and enjoy the show! On Friday and Saturday nights, Sharky's is quite popular when it turns into the local night spot with DJ's both nights as well as live bands some nights.

- **The Pier Hotel**
Once again, located in the centre of town on the foreshore. A pretty relaxed atmosphere with good meals (indoor and outdoor dining) and live bands on Friday and Saturday nights. Often has some decent drink prices and is quite popular in the summer as the front of the pub is opened up and looks out onto Boston Bay.
- **The Grand Tasman Hotel**
Closest pub to the Yacht Club and located on the foreshore. The dining side of the pub has a good menu with a salad bar and plenty of space. Probably the better of the pubs for family dining away from the bar areas. For drinking the Tassie has “Thirsty Thursdays” with some cheap drinks and a DJ, Friday nights are also quite popular with happy hour after work, cheap drinks and live bands from about 9pm every Friday. If you’re feeling up to it on a Sunday afternoon, the Tassie has “Sangria Sundays” with live acoustic performances, cheap jugs of Sangria and beer as well as pizza’s available all afternoon.
- **Marina Hotel**
This is at Lincoln Cove Marina and is the only hotel not located on the foreshore but is a great venue with a nice atmosphere. Given its location, depending on the time of day you visit the Marina, you can usually watch numerous fishing vessels come into the Marina as you overlook the water from the indoor restaurant or outdoor boardwalk area. Excellent place to dine at if you’re wanting to sample some local seafood.
- **Del Giorno’s**
Award winning and probably the most popular café/restaurant in Port Lincoln and is located right on the foreshore only a very short walk from the Yacht club. Open 7 days and great for breakfast, lunch and dinner or just grabbing a coffee. Del Giorno’s has an extensive menu and this includes specialising in dishes which showcase the local seafood.
- **Various other cafés/restaurants along the foreshore – all in walking distance!**