

# Living & Working Fast Facts

## LOCATION

Southern Ocean Lodge (SOL) is located at Hanson Bay, on Kangaroo Island's (KI) south west coast. Flinders Chase National Park is a 15 minute drive away. The lodge is 60 minutes from Kingscote Airport and Kingscote town centre and 90 minutes from the ferry terminal at Penneshaw.

## SUSTAINABILITY

SOL is committed to minimising our environmental footprint. The architectural design harnesses the energy of the sun and wind to heat and cool the building. All rain water is harvested and our waste is treated by a series of worm farms. We have recycling stations around the lodge to ensure we are proactive in handling our waste. The lodge generates its own power and all areas are computer controlled to minimise our usage.

## EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES

Local tour operators offer a variety of charter based touring and adventures along with our resident naturalist staff who are on hand to ensure our guests are provided with guided coastal adventures, interpretive touring etc. Employee bookings can be made direct with operators or with assistance from reception staff. Please see the range of Experience Fact Sheets for more information.

## CLIMATE

The climate is variable and daytime temperatures range from 22-35°C in summer and 12-22°C in winter.

## BEACHES & BAYS

The Island's beaches and bays are great way to escape and get outdoors. The local Visitor Centres will have maps for you to make your way around these gorgeous hideouts. Be mindful of the restrictions and dangers of swimming and fishing in certain areas.

## WILDLIFE

Kangaroo Island has an array of native animals to encounter, from kangaroos and wallabies, to koalas and echidnas. Southern Ocean Lodge is surrounded by pristine native bushland and many animals live throughout the area. Due to prolific wildlife, care must be taken whilst driving, particularly at dawn, dusk and night.

## HIKING

Numerous marked walking trails have been created on the island for hiking enthusiasts of all levels. Please advise someone of your expedition to ensure your safety and whereabouts. We recommend closed footwear and long pants.

## SHOPS & AMENITIES

### **Vivonne Bay Store – 30 mins away**

Closest general store and sells fuel, a small range of groceries, alcohol and classic takeaway food. Eftpos available.

### **The Chase Café – 20 mins away**

Located in the Flinders Chase Visitors Centre, the cafe offers great breakfast and lunch menus. ATM available.

### **KI Wilderness Retreat – 20 mins away**

KIWR is located at the entrance to the Flinders Chase Park – offers dining to outside visitors in their restaurant with a full beverage menu and/or BYO beverages. Fuel stop at reception during business hours.

### **Hanson Bay Sanctuary – 15 mins away**

Located a short drive from the lodge on South Coast Rd before the Flinders Chase National Park – offers light meals, snacks and coffee. Open from 8am – 9pm. Eftpos and cash out facilities available.

### **Kingscote – 60 mins away**

The "big smoke" of the island. Banks, bakeries, mechanics, supermarkets, hospital, schools, churches etc are all here.

## STAFF ACCOMMODATION

Onsite employees are allocated their own room. There are four room categories each equipped with the following facilities:

- Ensuite with shower/toilet
- Foxtel connection (supply own TV\*)
- Mounted wall heater
- Telephone\*
- Internet connection
- Clothes line

\*Some exceptions apply

## OTHER SERVICES

Shared laundry facilities are available including washing machines and dryers (a small fee applies for the later), ironing facilities and barbecue area. A staff bar is available for occasional gatherings.

## GETTING THERE & AWAY

**OWN CAR** - We recommend staff bring their own vehicle to enjoy exploring KI on days off.

## KI ROADS

There is a ring road around the island which is bitumen and the cross roads on the island are gravel. All roads on the island are maintained to be suitable for all vehicle types.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

SOL is located on Hanson Bay Road at Hanson Bay. Travel west along the South Coast Road for approx 60 mins from Kingscote. Cross the South West River and 50 metres onwards is the Hanson Bay Road turn off on the left. If you pass the Western KI Caravan Park you have **gone too far**.

## SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

Kingscote Airport is a 30 minute flight from Adelaide.

**Regional Express (Rex)** [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au) is the only commercial airline operator servicing the island. Regular daily flights are available. A baggage limit of 15kg per person applies to all flights. Private air charters can be arranged to/from Kingscote Airport.

## FERRY

**SeaLink** [www.sealink.com.au](http://www.sealink.com.au) operates regular 45 minute ferry transfers between Cape Jervis on the mainland and Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island. Cape Jervis is an easy 2 hour drive from Adelaide.

## SOCIAL CLUB

The social club organises a range of activities. All staff are encouraged to participate and assist in social events.

## EMPLOYEE MEALS

Meals are provided daily in the main lodge staff canteen:

Breakfast - help yourself to cereal, fruit and toast.

Lunch and dinner - served at set times on with a rotating menu.

## STAFF BENEFITS

- 50% off Southern Spa treatments
- 20% off Boutique items
- Employee Relative Rate for immediate family from \$400pppn twin share or \$600pppn single (in the Flinders Suite category), special conditions apply

## POSTAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Southern Ocean Lodge

PO Box 145

Kingscote SA 5223

T 08 8559 7347

(We recommend *posting* any personal items to Kangaroo Island)

## FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Southern Ocean Lodge

KI Cartage

10 Hooke Road, Elizabeth West SA 5113

Open 8am-5pm - Monday to Friday. Deliver prior to 10am on Monday

T 08 8255 7447

(Freight items are at your own expense)

## WHAT TO BRING

- Sheets\*
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Doona
- TV
- Sense of adventure
- Mountain Bike

• Telstra Next G is the only mobile network available in the area.

\*Confirm bed size with Lodge prior to arrival, single or double may apply.

## NOT PERMITTED TO BRING

- Pets
- Heaters
- Fridge (communal staff fridge in staff centre provided)