

South Coast Tourist Drive

Distance: 73km

Start your journey at the **Goolwa Wharf** and follow the brown **Tourist Drive 50** signs.

Goolwa wharf was once the centre of a thriving river and railway trade, transporting goods from River Murray towns by paddle steamer to Goolwa and then on to Port Elliot by train. Now it is the departure location for boat cruises into the Coorong National Park or the Cockle Train to Port Elliot and Victor Harbor, [check tour availability and make a booking here](#).

Drive along **Porter Street**, turn left into **Hays Street** and left onto **Oliver Street** at the end left onto **Barrage Road**.

Barrage Road offers beautiful river views. The parks along this road are ideal for picnics, with a bird hide beside the river offering bird watching opportunities. The **Bristow Smith Nature Playspace** next to the boat ramp is popular with all ages.

Continue along Barrage Road to reach the **Goolwa Barrage**. (access 10am-4pm) Pelicans and many other water birds are often found feeding and preening themselves in this area. You can walk out to the lock on the Barrage and often see Australian Long Nose Fur Seals.

Head back along Barrage Road and turn left at **Billabong Road**, proceed to **Beach Road** and turn left, which will bring you to **Goolwa Beach**. A short walk to the top of the boardwalk will be rewarded with 360 degree views of the coast, river and town. Goolwa Beach is popular for surfing and cockling.

Leaving Goolwa Beach follow Beach Road to the roundabout, turn left towards **Middleton**. Travel about 3km and turn left onto **Boetcher Road**. At the end of this road you will be greeted with stunning coastal views of **Encounter Bay**, **Middleton Beach** and **Basham's Beach** popular for surfing, walks and Whale watching, observing Southern Right Whales (May-October).

Turn right and continue along **Surfers Parade**, turn right into **Chapman Road**, left onto **Port Elliot Road**, proceeding through **Middleton** to **Port Elliot**.

Just after the caravan park turnoff coming into **Port Elliot**, take a left turn into **Strangways Terrace**, * travel to the end and turn right into **The Strand**, which is lined with historic buildings. Note the tiny Council chambers built in 1879. The Strand, Port Elliot has a host of retail, art and cafes to distract you from your scenic journey.

* **Scenic Detour** from **Strangways Terrace** - follow the signs to **Horseshoe Bay** – a very popular beach with playgrounds, Soldiers Memorial Gardens and seafood cafe. Alternatively, follow Strangways Terrace to the end—a left turn will take you to **Freeman Knob** where you can take in the spectacular views of **Horseshoe Bay** and the coast from **Encounter Bay** to the **Coorong National Park**. This is also a great vantage point for whale watching (June-October).

At the end of The Strand proceed left onto **North Terrace** and travel 3km to the **Victor Harbor** roundabout. Turn right and travel approximately 9km through hilly countryside. Turn right into **Crows Nest Road**, follow it through bushland and tree studded farmland, to the **Flinders Baudin Lookout** for views of the coast, Murray Mouth, Middleton, Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island and Lake Alexandrina.

At the bottom of the hill turn right onto **Waterport Road** and then take the next left into **Hill Street**, where you will find **Factory 9**, home to local artisans and producers.

Proceed along **Waterport Road** to **Port Elliot Road**, driving back through **Middleton**, turn left onto **Flagstaff Hill Road** and at the end, turn right onto the **Goolwa Road** and travel back to Goolwa.

Drive along **Cadell Street** (Goolwa's main street), take a left turn at **Goolwa Terrace** and follow the signs to **Hindmarsh Island**.

Proceed over the bridge, travel approximately 1km and turn left onto **Captain Sturt Parade**, which will take you along the shores of the Murray River. Turn right into **Monument Road**, left into **Randell Road**, taking time to view the monument in memory of Captains Barker and Sturt, who travelled down the Murray to its mouth.

Drive for about 3km, turn right following the signs to the **Murray Mouth**.

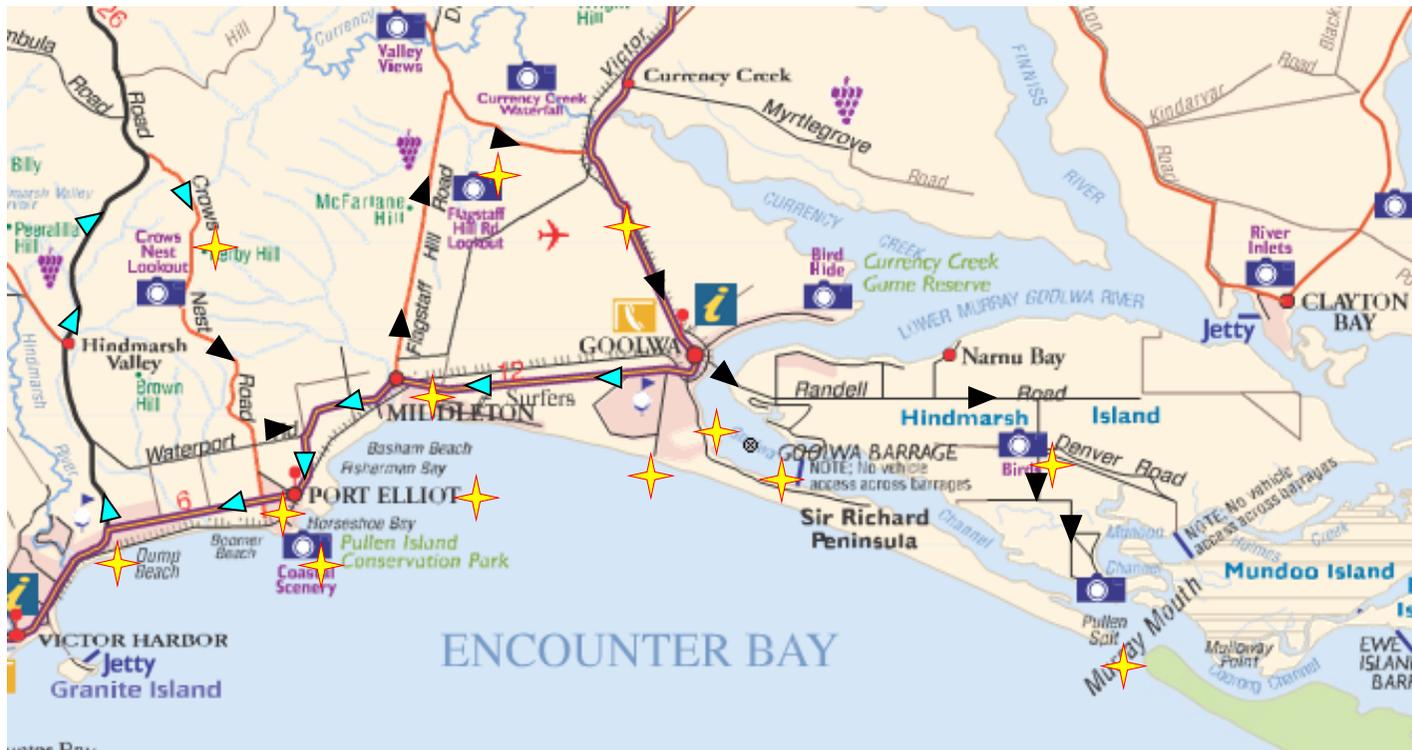
From **Sugars Beach** you can see the mouth of the **River Murray**, where the river meets the sea. While here, enjoy local fish and chips from the [Coorong Cafe](#) or hire a canoe from [Canoe the Coorong](#).

This is the end of your journey, Randell Road will take you back over the bridge to Goolwa.



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