



# ADELAIDE WITH AN APPETITE

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**SMALL TOWN, BIG APPETITE. ADELAIDE'S DINING SCENE KEEPS GETTING BETTER**

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Now that's a sandwich



It started gradually at the beginning of the decade, with just a few small bars and a smattering of interesting eateries. By 2013, following new small-bar legislation, Adelaide had a growing cluster of noteworthy eating and drinking venues. Now, five years on, the gastronomic transformation is in full swing and dining in the South Australia capital is cool, contemporary and diverse. There's a convivial vibe that permeates the city – and from beachside locales to inner-city hives, there are multiple neighbourhoods to explore.

## WEST SIDE STORY

The West End was ground zero in Adelaide's epicurean reinvention, and it's where much of the magic continues. Plus, if you want nightlife, this is where you'll find it.

### PEEL STREET

**9 Peel Street**

Unpretentious décor, energetic service and fresh Asian and Middle Eastern-inspired fare, Peel Street is an all-round winner. The ever-changing menu is written on an oversized blackboard hanging on the wall. [peelst.com.au](http://peelst.com.au)

### PRESS FOOD & WINE

**40 Waymouth Street**

A little removed from the laneway fracas is Press, which has been one of city's best eateries since 2011. The focus is on local and seasonal produce;

be tempted by woodfired steaks, excellent offal or the signature blue swimmer crab pappardelle.

[pressfoodandwine.com.au](http://pressfoodandwine.com.au)

### SHOBOSHO

**17 Leigh Street**

Chef Adam Liston is on fire at this Japanese-style hotspot, which opened last year. His kitchen boasts a woodfired oven, yakitori pit, rotisserie and woodfired grill, so expect a menu that plays with delectable smoky flavours. [shobosho.com.au](http://shobosho.com.au)

### SUNNY'S PIZZA

**17 Solomon Street**

Earmark this hipster hangout as your rollicking late-night venue. Indulge in modern cocktails, natural wines and a menu split in two: Pizza and Not Pizza. [sunnys.pizza](http://sunnys.pizza)

### UDABERRI PINTXOS Y VINO

**11-13 Leigh Street**

First impressions are of a drinking den (albeit, a cool one). But look closer and you'll discover tapas such as mushrooms with oozy egg yolk, *croquetas* with bacon and *chèvre* (goat's milk cheese) and a seafood stew, which make this a smart place to settle. [udaberri.com.au](http://udaberri.com.au)

**ALSO NEARBY:** The precinct around Gouger and Grote Streets is also considered part of the West End; taste vibrant Thai street food at Lantern By Nu (10 Selby Street) and some of the city's best ramen at Ramen & Izakaya Himeji (22-24 Grote Street). Adelaide Central Market (44-60 Gouger Street) — a must for foodies — is here, too. >>





## EAST YOUR HEART OUT

From casual fare to a fine dining masterpiece, the East End has serious culinary cred.

### AFRICOLA 4 East Terrace

What to order at Duncan Welgemoed's lively, African-inspired eatery? Maybe crispy eggplant, or sardines with fried capers, or the wonderfully named boom boom! hummus with spiced lamb. The tea sandwich (crispy chicken skin encased in white bread), however, is compulsory. Trust us. [africola.com.au](http://africola.com.au)

### ORANA Upper level, 285 Rundle Street

Inventive, daring, exciting — this 18-plus course degustation, which showcases native ingredients, is highly sought after. The dining room seats no more than 20, so book in advance. [restaurantorana.com](http://restaurantorana.com)

### GOLDEN BOY 309 North Terrace

The upbeat air and bold South East Asian flavours are an appealing combination at Golden Boy. Let staff guide you through the vast array, or simply order the generous 'tuk tuk' sharing menu. [golden-boy.com.au](http://golden-boy.com.au)

### NOLA 28 Vardon Avenue

Fried chicken with waffles, jambalaya, cornbread ... it's all mouth-wateringly good at this New Orleans-inspired bar and diner. Behind the bar, craft beer and whiskies will help wet the whistle. [noladelaide.com](http://noladelaide.com)



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### HEY JUPITER 11 Ebenezer Place

This authentic Gallic brasserie boasts a zinc bar, banquette seating and Parisian terrace furniture. Expect classics such as *escargots* (snails) and steak-frites at lunch and dinner. At breakfast, it's hard to go past the *croque-madame* (a ham and cheese sandwich topped with béchamel and an egg). [heyjupiter.com.au](http://heyjupiter.com.au)

**ALSO NEARBY:** Modern Italian at Andre's Cucina & Polenta Bar (94 Frome Street); tantalising South East Asian cuisine at newcomer Bai Long Store (80 Hutt Street); and casual-yet-inspired Japanese at Nagomi (Shop 5, 242 Hutt Street). >>



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lettuce cups and cocktails at Golden Boy, Africola's Duncan Welgemoed, NOLA's interior, Hey Jupiter.





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## NORTH OF THE RIVER

An assortment of cuisines can be found in leafy North Adelaide, barely a hop, skip and jump from town.

### RUBY RED FLAMINGO

142 Tynte Street

Flavour-filled Italian teamed with a social vibe? Yes please. You'll probably have to queue for a table at Ruby Red Flamingo — just go with the flow and sip a tangelo spritz while you wait.

[rubyredflamingo.com](http://rubyredflamingo.com)

### BEACH BUM

47 O'Connell Street

Beach Bum might be low-key, but the Hawaiian/Japanese-fusion food is top notch. This was the first place in Adelaide to offer poké bowls — they're fab — but the tacos and fish and chips are equally delicious.

[beachbum.net.au](http://beachbum.net.au)

### TONY TOMATOES

155-157 O'Connell Street

Tony Tomatoes is always bustling — probably because the service is sharp, there's a strong edit of local and international wines, and sensational pizzas. Our favourite? The mushroom-topped Fun Guy.

[tonytomatoes.com.au](http://tonytomatoes.com.au)

### GIN LONG CANTEEN

42 O'Connell Street

This hawker-style Vietnamese hits all the right flavours: salty, sweet, sour, spicy and fresh. Pumping tunes and the large open kitchen make it an entertaining place to be.

[ginlongcanteen.com.au](http://ginlongcanteen.com.au)

### ALSO NEARBY:

Zesty Mexican at Lucky Lupitas (Shop 1/163 O'Connell Street); skewer heaven at Yakitori Takumi (60/55 Melbourne Street); and reliable French at Cliché Exhibition (26 O'Connell Street).



The views here – over the seemingly endless Gulf St Vincent – reign supreme



TOP TO BOTTOM: The outlook at SeaSalt, Beach Bum's fusion fare, pizzas are a calling card at Melt.

## SAND AND SURF

Hentley Beach is quickly becoming the coolest of the beachside 'burbs thanks to a spate of new openings. True to the breezy location, laidback dining is the name of the game.

### MELT

269 Seaview Road

Adelaide's third Melt boasts a bright, airy décor, and a menu of tasty pizzas and tapas. The views here — over the seemingly endless Gulf St Vincent — reign supreme.

[melpizzeria.com.au](http://melpizzeria.com.au)

### SEASALT FISH AND CHIPPER

269 Seaview Road

Just a 'fish and chipper'? Hardly. From the crisp yellow and white striped umbrellas outside, to a menu featuring spice-dusted sardines, ocean trout tartare and excellent fish and chips, SeaSalt is a standout.

[seasaltfishandchipper.com.au](http://seasaltfishandchipper.com.au) >>

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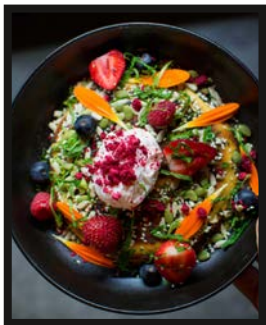




**ACACIA**  
3/269 Seaview Road

The sleek fit-out would be at home in the inner-city suburbs of the eastern states, but here it is at beachy Henley. The excellent coffee is from local roaster Dawn Patrol and the food is simple yet sophisticated. [acacia.place](#)

**ALSO NEARBY:** Enjoy sundowners at buzzy Bacchus Bar (253 The Esplanade), chic all-day dining at Malobo (257 Seaview Road), or – in the same Henley Square Development – Cuban-inspired sandwiches at Hermanos Cubanos (257 Seaview Road).



**A FINE PROSPECT**

This thriving strip in Prospect – north of the city centre – is host to boutiques, florists, bakeries and great eateries.

**NEW NORDIC**  
98 Prospect Road

Amid Scandi-inspired interiors (blonde wood, neutral hues, lots of light), tuck into pan-baked Swedish gnocchi, gravlax (cured raw salmon) and a baked veal and pancetta loaf. Service is swift and the atmosphere friendly. [newnordic.kitchen](#)

**ROSEMONT HALL**  
106 Prospect Road

This three-in-one destination in a restored Art Deco building is home to edgy bar and café, Rosemont Hall, canteen-style Sunnys Shop, which turns out fast and fabulous pan-Asian, and Mr Chan, an east meets Wild West take on Chinese. [rosemonthall.com.au](#)

**ANCHOVY BANDIT**  
94-98 Prospect Road

This Neapolitan pizza joint is the latest addition to



the strip. Come for the excellent pizzas, homemade sourdough and salumi boards with house-pickled veg. Awesome cocktails, too. [anchovybandit.com](#)

**ALSO NEARBY:** Tasty Greek at Meze Mazi (86B Prospect Road); decadent desserts at 50SixOne (6/98 Prospect Road); and a live-music drinking den, Wassail Wine Bar (95 Prospect Road). ✈

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Cocktails at Anchovy Bandit, a sophisticated spread at Acacia, hotcakes at Malobo.

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