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Where is Arno Bay?

Arno Bay is situated approximately 530km by road from Adelaide halfway between Whyalla and Port Lincoln. It is a quiet, seaside community which is home to Cleanseas Aquaculture farming Kingfish and Southern Bluefin Tuna.



How to Get to Arno Bay?

- By Road – From Adelaide, via Pt Augusta and Whyalla
- By Air – Flights to Pt Lincoln via Quantas Link, which is connecting flight from Adelaide if travelling from interstate pickup/transfers can be arranged on request at extra cost

Where to stay in Arno Bay?

We can offer accommodation packages depending on time of year and availability. Please contact us for more information and our best recommendation to suit your needs. Options are:

- Self Contained Holiday Homes
- Arno Bay Hotel Cabins/Hotel Rooms



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Do you have gift vouchers available?

Yes. To arrange, please contact us via email or telephone. Payment accepted cheque/money order or EFT deposit. Please note that vouchers must be used within 12 months from the purchase date unless otherwise organised

What size boat will we be fishing from?

"Piscatorial" is a 7.4m Fibreglass Clayton Gallant with inboard Turbo Diesel engine. It is in Survey for 7 passengers for up to 15nm seaward & 6 passengers for up to 30nm seaward. It is equipped with all safety gear, Lock up cabin, navigation equipment such as GPS-chart Plotter/Radar/Echo Sounder. The hull also is foam filled making it virtually unsinkable.

Am I allowed to keep my catch?

Yes! If you would like to take the fish/fillets home with you, we recommend the following:

Fish be cleaned, remove gills/guts or filleted & kept cool on ice. Freezing fish is only recommended if they aren't going to defrost on your return trip home. Vacuum packing maintains moisture and freshness, extends the fridge life of fresh fillets.

Do you carry safety gear?

Yes we are required for survey to carry enough safety gear for 7 passengers & 1 crew, which includes life jackets, fire extinguishers & flares etc. You are welcome to bring your own life vest etc, especially for your little ones - it is recommended that they keep it on at all times whilst onboard. All our safety gear is checked by authorities yearly.

Where do charters depart from?

All charters unless otherwise arranged depart from Arno Bay Marina & prior contact on departure times is required as these vary from day to day

Can you cater for Corporate Trips?

Yes we can cater for corporate trips, this involves the use of other reliable local operators. Prizes & Packages can be organised on request when availability suits

What are the departure/return times?

A usual day on the water has us leaving Marina at around 8am in the morning & returning late afternoon around 4pm.

During peak periods in December we may be running 2 trips per day which will involves an earlier start for the 1st crew & later finish for the 2nd crew, this also maximises the chance of clients catching a true Monster fish!

What do I need to bring?

Camera, Sunscreen, Travel Sickness Preventative (Kwells) if you suffer, Lunch & Drinks(these can be organised on request at extra cost). Leave an Esky in your car to take catch home at the end of the day.



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What Fishing Gear will we be using?

We use all Shimano Spinning Reels, 5-8kg Rods and 8000 sized reels for snapper bait fishing with 30lb mono & circle hooks, 3000/4000 sized reels with 3-6kg rods for lure fishing for snapper with 20lb braid/mono leader, these outfits also double as whiting rods.

Can I bring my own fishing gear?

Yes you can bring your own gear but we do have restrictions, please discuss with us first as they may not be suitable for the style of fishing we do.

Can I fish just Soft Plastics/Lures for Snapper

Yes you can fish with lures, we supply the outfits & a few lures to try but if you want to fish mainly with these we suggest you purchase some lures/jig heads for you to fish with, speak to us for some recommendations.

Note we mainly use $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz jig heads & 145mm Squidgy Flick Baits and 60-100gm Lucanus Jigs.

Can I get pictures of my catch?

We can take pictures of your catch & these can be emailed to you when we get a chance. To speed this process up, send us an email with the date you fished with us we can reply with the pictures.

If you happen to land a trophy fish, your picture may end up gracing the pages of one of our many fishing magazines we are featured in. There is a form required for you to fill out to allow us to use your pictures in this instance.

What is not allowed onboard?

GPS & personal navigation devices aren't permitted, this includes some mobile phones & cameras. If these are found, your charter will be terminated immediately.

Is Alcohol allowed onboard?

Yes you are allowed to bring a few drinks onboard but these must be consumed in moderation for your safety and the safety of others.

What should I wear?

Hat, long sleeve shirt, jacket, waterproof footwear such as Crocs etc as we will be washing the deck during the day to avoid it becoming slippery.

How do we know about the weather conditions for our charter?

Our insurance has a cut off at a certain wind speed and we will not attempt to fish in these conditions, we will check the weather the days prior via the BOM marine weathers forecast. Contacting us 2 days prior and we can generally get a good indication of what the weather will be like. A final decision will be made the day prior to your trip, depending on wind speed, number of crew onboard, age and 'seaworthiness' of the crew



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Am I going to get seasick?

Generally most people are aware if they suffer from seasickness or not. Excessive alcohol the night before is not recommended and will bring the most seasoned anglers undone.

If you aren't sure whether you suffer or not ask yourself this:

Do you get car sick or suffer in a airplane? Can you sit in the back seat of a car & read a book? If answer is no you are generally going to suffer from seasickness. Preventing this can be easy by taking medication such a Kwells an hour before we are due to go to sea. I myself suffer from seasickness (yes it happens to the skipper too!), generally this is at night when in very rough conditions. I take 2 Kwells when I know this situation is coming up and I'm fine 95% of the time.

What does the price include?

All bait and tackle is supplied, with ice onboard to chill your catch. An esky to put any drinks/food is also supplied.

How do I book my charter?

You will need to make contact with us to confirm your numbers and the availability of your preferred date.

Your booking will also need to be confirmed with a deposit. Your booking date can be held for a short time, but your deposit must be made within a reasonable time frame.

What Deposit is required

A \$200 deposit is required per each day, this applies whether you are booking just for yourself or a group booking.

This is payable by Cheque/money order or EFT(details supplied on request).

Is my deposit refundable?

Your deposit can be transferred to another date that suits if charter is cancelled due to bad weather, in some of these cases it can be refunded. It also can be refunded if cancelled 6 weeks prior to the charter date. Not showing up for your charter or cancelling a week or so prior will results in a full forfeit of your deposit

What happens if my charter is cancelled?

We can either rebook on a day that suits or deposit can be refunded in some circumstances

Is there a minimum age for guests onboard?

We don't have a minimum age and have taken little ones out as young as 3 years, please discuss this with us and we will make a decision during our conversation whether it will be suitable.

What is the minimum number for a charter?

4 is the minimum number required for a charter & maximum of 7.



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What type of species do you expect to catch?

- Snapper to 15-20lb are common throughout the year, with some fish larger than this during summer 30lb+
- King George Whiting & Squid
- Mulloway if luck is your side
- Bronze Whaler & Hammerhead Sharks during summer
- Other species may include: Snook, Barracuta, Tommie Ruffs, Red Mullet etc

Where else can we do on Eyre Peninsula?

Get yourself a EP Visitor Guide which has all the things to do on EP, it can be downloaded from:

<http://www.southaustralia.com/regionalguides/EyrePeninsula/index.html>

I recommend Shark Cage Dive with Calypso Star and Swimming with the Tuna with Adventure Bay Charters

These come highly recommended by some of my clients who have experienced these great attractions.

What other things are there to do in Arno Bay?

There is fishing available from Jetty/Beach/Breakwater/Creek, there is also an estuary boardwalk at the Arno Bay creek. Tours of Cleanseas Aquaculture run at certain times of the year but need to be booked in advance.

Don't forget to try out the Famous "Arnormous Burger" from the Jetty Café!

Can we purchase fresh seafood?

Fresh Oysters are available at the IGA in Arno Bay or from oyster growers at Cowell, very well priced.

Fresh seafood such as Prawns, Crayfish & all the shark/fish species can be purchased in Port Lincoln.

Will we see any other wildlife?

Yes our waters are full of all sorts of birdlife with marine mammals such as dolphins and sea lions are seen daily.

Dolphins are very friendly and will swim within metres of the boat.

Will we see any BIG Sharks?

Great Whites main diet in our Gulf is snapper so if the snapper are around the sharks usually aren't too far away. They generally are not threatening and keep a respectable distance from the boat. If you are lucky enough to see one these majestic creatures up close for the first time, it will change your thoughts on these creatures. They are great to see and are welcome to show their face everyday and say g'day!



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