

OVERVIEW

Port Augusta is the fifth most populous city in South Australia after Adelaide, Mount Gambier, Whyalla and Murray Bridge. It is a seaport and railway junction city located on the east coast of the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia and is located at the head of the Spencer Gulf, north of the state capital. Other major industries include electricity generation.

It is a natural harbour which was founded on 24 May 1852 by Alexander Elder and John Grainger who selected the location for the port. Mr. Grainger was a member of Government from Adelaide. The port was named after Augusta Sophia, Lady Young, the wife of the Governor of South Australia, Sir Henry Edward Fox Young.

Distance from Adelaide	306 km
Population	13,257 (2006 Census)
Climate	- average maximum – 24.7 °C - average minimum – 13.6 °C - average annual rainfall – 255.7 mm

RFDS BASE

RFDS Base Location	Port Augusta Airport PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Contact	Phone: 08 8648 9500 Fax: 08 8648 9590 Email: enquiries@flyingdoctor.net
Clinical Coordination	Dr Stephen Ballard
RFDS Base Opened	1955
Service Area	840,000 sq. km
RFDS Staff	42
RFDS Aircraft	3

HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hospitals, GPs and Specialists

The Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service is part of the Flinders and Outback Health Service. It provides emergency services, general medical and surgical care and community services. It also provides specific facilities and staff for Aboriginal patients

Police

Emergencies dial 000
Police Station 106 Commercial Road, Port Augusta, SA 5700
Eyre Peninsula, Far North SA, Flinders Ranges
(08) 8648 5020

State Emergency Service (SES)

The State Emergency Service (SES) is the Hazard Management Authority for emergency situations such as flood, cyclone, storm damage, tsunami and earthquake. They also responds to assist other organizations in general rescue situations such as finding missing persons and forensic search.

AMENITIES

Schools / Tertiary Education

There are six public primary schools:

- Augusta Park Primary School,
- Carlton R-9 School,
- Flinders View Primary School,
- Port Augusta West Primary School,
- Stirling North Primary School and
- Willsden Primary school.

There is one secondary school, Port Augusta Secondary School,

- Stirling Campus (previously known as Port Augusta High School).

There is one private school for reception to year 12 students called Caritas College.

Port Augusta also has:

- Port Augusta Special School,
- Port Augusta School of the Air and
- TAFE (tertiary technical college), Port Augusta Campus.

Services, Facilities, Sports

- Cinema Augusta
- Port Augusta Golf Course
- Port Augusta Racing Club
- Tennis
- Lawn Bowls
- Football
- Netball



Port Augusta

- Basketball
- Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre

Shopping

- Commercial Road is the main shopping street. Some of the stores situated in or near Commercial Road include:
- Supermarkets and chain stores: Big-W, Woolworths, Coles, Foodland, Target
- Banks: ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB, BankSA, CPS
- Clothing: Just Jeans, Uptown Girl, Target, Saltbush Surf and Leisure, Big W, So Chic Ladies Fashion
- Food and drink: The Hannahville Hotel , Wendys, French Hot Bread Shop, Tassie Tavern, Caffe Primo, Thirsty Camel, Ian's Western Hotel , Hotel Commonwealth, Ozzie Coffee Lounge, Peppers Café, JM Deli
- Leisure: Sanity Music, Sports scene, Sports Power, Saltbush Surf and Leisure, JT Shoez
- Consumer goods: Telstra dealer, Radio Rentals, Home Hardware, Electrical Discounters, Radio Rentals, Harvey Furniture, Mitre 10
- Other: Chemmart, Australia Post, Oasis Apartments, KD's Hair Flair, Ben Jenkin CPA, Acacia Art Florist

CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

Port Augusta offers a range of different cafes and restaurants to suit all budgets.

Indian, Chinese and Italian Restaurants

Take Away / Eat in

Barnacle Bill's

Ian's Chicken Hut

Vince's Dial Pizza

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

A number of historic places of interest can be viewed on a leisurely heritage walk and a variety of recreational facilities can be enjoyed. Port Augusta also makes an ideal base to explore the regions many attractions.

Local sights include:

- Fountain gallery
- Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Wadlata Outback Centre
- Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden
- Homestead Park Pioneer Museum
- Pichi Richi Railway



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- Flinders & Outback Water Cruises
- Bird Watching
- RSL Military Memorabilia Museum

ACCOMMODATION

Choose from a comprehensive range of accommodation ranging from backpacker accommodation, camping, caravan parks, hotels & motels to medium price 4 star.

TRAVEL

Airlines

Sharp Airlines operates a daily service Port Augusta to Adelaide.

Bus Services

Premier Stateliner operates a bus service between Port Augusta and Adelaide.

Buses R Us operate a local service.

Train Services

The Great Southern Railway operates two main interstate train services:

The Indian Pacific – to Perth and Sydney

The Ghan – to Darwin and Adelaide



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