



ADELAIDE – THE AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Adelaide is the most affordable study destination in mainland Australia, according to research by the renowned global business intelligence agency, the Economist Intelligence Unit.

The latest figures, released in 2009, show that the cost of living in Adelaide is:

- 24 per cent cheaper than Sydney
- 21 per cent cheaper than Melbourne
- 8 per cent cheaper than Perth
- 8 per cent cheaper than Brisbane

The Economist Intelligence Unit figures are based on a range of income and expenditure including accommodation, wages and the average shopping spend.

With inner-city rental accommodation available at reasonable prices, students can live, work and study in Adelaide's central business district or nearby inner-city suburbs. Many can walk to their university or education institution within 10-20 minutes.

Unlike students in some other states, South Australian international students are offered the same public transport discounts as local students. That's a saving of \$750 every year.

And South Australia's education institutions now offer more than \$3 million in scholarships to international students.

The state's universities and vocational training providers provide an extensive range of scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate studies, meaning that the best and brightest students around the world still have access to an excellent education, regardless of their financial means.

International students can live independently in Adelaide for as little as \$290 a week. Like all cities, Adelaide boasts a wide range of accommodation options to suit all budgets and tastes, and these vary in price accordingly.

Here is a guide to weekly living expenses in Adelaide:

Accommodation (rent only):	\$98-\$268*
Groceries:	\$87
Gas & electricity:	\$28
Transport	\$15-\$20
Telephone/postage	\$23-\$32
Clothing, entertainment, etc	\$40+
Total weekly spend	\$290 ~ \$475

* Accommodation costs vary significantly based on location, type and arrangement. For example, centrally located accommodation generally cost higher than the outer suburbs. Similarly, students can lower their accommodation costs by sharing with other students – the lower end of the price range shown above is mostly shared accommodation.

For further information, visit www.studyadelaide.com

