



The Clare Classic Gran Fondo

We are thrilled to announce and invite you to our second major Gran Fondo event, **The Clare Classic**, to be held on April 8, 2018 in South Australia's stunning Clare Valley.

The Clare Classic will attract riders from all over Australia to the historic South Australia township, 140km north of Adelaide, for the first weekend of April.

“SA has to be considered the number one destination for road cyclists in Australia. The weather, the roads and off-the-bike activities are unrivalled when combined into one package. With the Tour Down Under and now the Clare Classic, the reasons to visit SA with your bike just keep on growing. Gran Fondos offer a significant physical challenge for riders of all abilities, but come with the luxury of food, hydration, volunteer support and closed or semi-closed roads.” **Daniel Bonello**, *Clare Classic Ambassador, St George Continental Cycling Team, and Bont Cycling Athlete.*



“The Clare Classic is simply unique”, event mastermind **James Yaffa** said. “We’ve organised the most picturesque and exciting cycling course possible for this brand new, mass participation event.”

South Australia’s burgeoning cycling culture is well known and respected and the state is a leader in hosting quality cycling events and encouraging and supporting cyclists.

The Clare Classic will be a fantastic way for you to experience riding the legendary Adelaide Hills and soak up the Clare Valley’s world-class food, wine and accommodation.

Clare itself is home to South Australia’s first Rail Trail - the Riesling Trail, as well as the Rattler Trail which extends 56kms. The Clare Valley has a number of highly regarded cycle routes and has twice hosted stages of the Tour Down Under.



The Clare Classic will feature the following ride options:

The Maxi Classic - A challenging 160km ride through some of the most breathtaking scenery you’ll see on two wheels.

The Challenge Classic - A 110 km option for those with less time on their hands, or distance in their legs.

The Social - A 50km ride through the most beautiful and accessible areas of The Clare Valley Region - families and kids will love this one!



After the ride you and your supporters can relax on a supplied bean bag and refuel on the fine food, coffee, wine and craft beer from suppliers across the region.

A live band and BBQ will add to the festivities - there'll also be an array of kid's activities, including a petting zoo and face painting.

Those interested in helping out as a Clare Classic volunteer can email details to info@clareclassic.com.au and one of the event organisers will be in touch.

For further details, and to register your interest, visit www.clareclassic.com.au

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