Helpful Information for Participation in ISF

South Australian Climate
Average Daily temperatures in Celsius:
Winter temperatures in Adelaide are maximum 16, Minimum 8. (June – August)
Summer temperatures in Adelaide: Max 32 Min 16.5 (but it can soar past 35º.) (Dec – Feb)
Autumn temperatures in Adelaide: Max 22.4 Min 12.5 (March – May)
Spring temperatures in Adelaide: Max 22 Min 11.6 (Sept – November)
Coastal South Australia has a Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and warm dry summers. Most rain falls in June, July and August. Very hot days and cool nights can occur in summer. In the north, temperatures can get really hot, particularly in the summer months (that's why you'll find some people living underground in places like Coober Pedy). Summer temperatures regularly reach 40º Celsius.

Clothing
It will be spring, still cold but sunny, so participants will need to bring warm to medium clothing, warm jumper/jacket, light rain jacket, hat, closed in shoes, toiletries and maybe an umbrella. All linen will be provided but you can bring your own pillow slips and towel if you wish but not necessary.

Shopping Hours
Trading hours are generally Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 11am-5pm. There's late night shopping in Adelaide city stores every Friday until 9pm, and at Adelaide suburban stores every Thursday until 9pm. Trading hours on public holidays may be limited. Trading hours vary in country areas, with many larger stores opened extensively, seven days a week.

Emergency Telephone Numbers
For emergency fire, police and ambulance assistance throughout Australia or if a crime is in progress call 000 on land line and mobile phones. From mobile phones for non-emergency police attendance call 131 444.

Tipping
Tipping is not widespread in Australia, and is only common in restaurants. If you receive really good service in a restaurant the recommended tip is 10 per cent of the bill.

Postal Services
You'll find Adelaide's General Post Office (GPO) on the corner of King William and Franklin streets in the city centre, and it's open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Most shopping centres have post offices, smaller centres will be in the local newsagency.

Electricity
Australia's electricity voltage is 240 volts AC. Some large hotels have power outlets at 110 volts AC, but if you're bringing 110-volt appliances into South Australia, it's advisable to bring a small 110-volt transformer and a plug conversion kit.

Adelaide public transport
AdelaideMetro is the city's transport system, servicing the greater metropolitan region with trains and buses and the tram. Visit the Adelaide Metro website for details of routes and fares. A Metrocard can help you travel on all transport systems. You can find information about the Metrocard, available in several languages, on the Adelaide Metro website's ticket section.