

The Murray Princess

Sunday 18th Feb – Saturday 24th Feb 2024
6 Nights / 7 Days

\$ 4595 per person twin share

\$1070 single supplement



DAY 1: (D) Newcastle to Adelaide

Sunday 18th February 2024

Today we start our journey heading to Newcastle airport where we will make our way to Adelaide. Once we have checked in, the afternoon is yours to spend at your leisure before joining for dinner at our hotel.

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza Adelaide / Dinner at Hotel



DAY 2: (B, D) Board the Murray Princess

Monday 19th Feb 2024

Good morning everyone. This morning, enjoy a beautiful breakfast at the hotel and make the most of Adelaide with some free-time to explore the city. Mid-afternoon we will be picked up and transferred to Mannum to board the PS Murray Princess. Historic Mannum, is the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication. This evening our paddle steamer will head upriver, while you enjoy a welcome dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Caurnamont, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. Our onboard entertainer will provide live music for all those night owls.

Accommodation: Paddle steamer outside Cabin / Welcome dinner on board



DAY 3: (B,L,D) Cruising and relaxing

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Daybreak and it's time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. Prolific birdlife includes pelicans, wrens, and swans. Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising upriver to Blanchetown through one of 13 locks that maintain the flow and levels of water. This afternoon we moor opposite the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of the sun fade, we visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars.

Accommodation: Paddle steamer outside Cabin / dinner on board



DAY 4: (B,L,D) Swan Reach & the woolshed

Wed 21st February 2024

After breakfast cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850s and was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area and is now home to native flower and fruit growers. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel, where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River (own expense). Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry). Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquility as the landscape slides by. Catch up with friends over a coffee or drink whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery. When we arrive at Sunnydale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show as we recreate typical

Australian woolshed history. Later we visit the Native Wildlife Shelter where some of South Australia's most interesting native animals are cared for. And then of course, there is the great Aussie Barbecue – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River. An optional Nocturnal Tour (additional cost) in a comfortable purpose-built cart is available after dinner where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats, and owls by powerful spotlights. Special stops along the way are included to view the spectacular night sky which is part of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.

Accommodation: Paddle steamer outside Cabin / BBQ dinner



DAY 5: (B,L,D) History & Culture

Thursday 22nd February 2024

After an optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost) or a bush walk with the Captain, we slowly cruise downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. We reach Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites, for a step back in time – tens of thousands of years. On for a guided boardwalk tour here we will view ancient rock carvings and learn about aboriginal history in the area. We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to Younghusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by an evening of entertainment

Accommodation: Paddle steamer outside Cabin / dinner on board



DAY 6: (B, D) Farewell the Murray

Friday 23rd February 2024

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast, we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf. We will be transferred back to Adelaide for our final night before our flight home tomorrow. Once back in Adelaide, enjoy spending the day at your leisure taking in the beautiful city one last time.

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza Adelaide/ dinner at Hotel

DAY 7: (B)

Saturday 24th February 2024

After breakfast at the hotel, we pack up for the final time and make our way to the airport for our flight back to Newcastle. Our Coach will be waiting to get us all home safely after a fantastic holiday on the Mighty Murray River.

Tour Highlights:

- *Return airfares to Adelaide
- *All coach transfers
- *2 nights Adelaide CBD
- * 4 Nights onboard the Murray Princess (outside cabin)
- *Cruise through Lock #1 at Blanchetown.
- * Cellar door tasting at Burk Salter Boutique Winery.
- * Walking tour of the Swan Reach township and visit the Swan Reach
- * Big Bend towering sandstone cliffs
- *Sunnydale Woolshed Show,
- *Native Wildlife Shelter, and riverside Aussie Barbecue
- *Optional Nocturnal Tour at Sunnydale in a comfortable purpose-built cart (additional cost)
- *Optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost)
- *Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve archaeological sites Scenic tender boat ride Optional
- *Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour (additional cost)

Tour price Includes:

- Two (2) Nights 4 Star Accommodation Adelaide
- Four (4) Nights PS Murray Princess Paddle Steamer
- Six (6) Breakfasts
- Six (6) Dinners
- Three (3) Lunches
- Entry fees to attractions & sightseeing as per itinerary

Departures:

Club Forster departing - 8:15am Polynesian Village - 8.20am Golden Ponds - 8.25am
Forster Keys - 8.30am Evermore - 8:40 Tuncurry Coach stop - 8:50am Nabiac - 9.15am

Luggage:

Is limited to one bag not more than **15KG and 1 small bag to be stored in overhead**

Tour Participation:

A Doctor's Certificate of fitness to travel is required from all passengers aged 80 or over. If passengers have pre-purchased Travel Insurance, a doctor's certificate may not be required.

Dietary Requirements:

It is the responsibility of passengers to address any dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.

Tour payment:

Non Refundable Deposit of \$300.00 per person at time of booking

Non refundable- Murray cruise payment of \$1840pp twin or \$2700 single supplement due by 8th Nov 23

Final Balance \$2455 twin pp or \$2665 single sup due – 8th Jan 2024

Cancellation Charges:

\$300.00 per person deposit at the time of booking

30- 100 days 50% of fare

0-29 days 100% of fare

Note: Cancellation of this trip less than 30 days out there is no refund

Please read full Terms and Conditions before booking.

Cruise Inclusions:

All meals (table d'hôte and a la carte menus), An exciting selection of onshore tours, Guided nature walks & eco excursions, Onboard presentations, Use of the gym, and Live entertainment. **Not Included: Drinks, Optional tours & services**

Cabins:

Outside Cabins are located on Randell and Cadell Decks and the majority of these cabins have twin bedding with limited double-bedded cabins available. Each outside cabin opens onto the outside deck walkway with picture windows to view the passing scenery.

Getting around:

The PS Murray Princess has five passenger decks. All decks are accessible by stairwells of approximately 10 to 14 steps. A lift services three decks – Randell, Cadell, and Sturt Decks

Fitness to Travel:

A Doctor's Certificate of fitness to travel is required from all passengers aged 80 or over and/or passengers with limited mobility.. If passengers have pre-purchased Travel Insurance, a doctor's certificate may not be required

Travel Insurance is highly recommended by Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, pandemics & inclement weather etc

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