

Murray Princess – 2023-2024 Cruises

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Murray Princess - Mannum, South Australia

DEPARTURE DATES:	Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule
MURRAY PRINCESS:	DEPARTS: Cruises depart Mannum at 4:30pm, Monday or Friday with boarding commencing from 2:30pm. RETURNS: Cruises return to Mannum at 9:00am on a Friday or Monday.
COACH TRANSFERS:	Return Coach Transfers are available at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential) DEPARTS: Coach Transfers depart from the below Adelaide CBD locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide at 1:20pm• Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide at 1:30pm• Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm• Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm• Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide at 1:45pm• The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide at 2:00pm RETURNS: Coach Transfers back to the below Adelaide locations, depart Mannum at 9.30am and arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide• Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide• Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide• Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide• Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide• The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide• Adelaide Airport (12:00pm / 6:00pm)
PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS:	Private Car Transfers with <i>Car Australia</i> for up to 4 people are available one way or return. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick-up and drop off Adelaide CBD and Mannum and also return to the Adelaide Airport (pre-bookings are essential)• Price: \$157 per person/each way; based on 2 people travelling together (price subject to change without notice)
CAR PARKING:	Car Parking is available in Mannum at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)
STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All meals (table d’hote and a la carte menus)• An exciting selection of onshore tours• Guided nature walks & eco excursions–• On-board presentations• Use of gym• Live entertainment
NOT INCLUDED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinks, Optional tours & services

3 Night Discovery Cruise

(Includes Easter Cruises and Australia Day Cruise)

DURATION/OPERATES:	3 Nights (Selected Fridays – Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule)
DEPARTS:	Day 1: Selected Fridays - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm) Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm
RETURNS:	Day 4: The following Monday – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am Coach Transfers arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 12:00pm Adelaide Airport or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour or 6pm Adelaide Airport

3 NIGHT DISCOVERY CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Departs historic Mannum
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday departing Murray Bridge (*additional cost*)
- Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat
- Optional Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour at conclusion of cruise (*additional cost*)

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISES

EASTER CRUISES (Departs 7 April 2023 and 29 March 2024)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Easter festivities and entertainment
- On Easter Sunday
- Easter egg hunt
- Easter eggs for passengers

AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE (Departs 26 January 2024)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Australia Day activities

OVERVIEW:

A short introduction to the beautiful historic Murray River between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge. Aboard the paddlewheeler Murray Princess, you will cruise through spectacular Riverland and enjoy the great variety of flora and fauna. You will take a nature walk, get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat, visit the township of Murray Bridge and learn about the food and wine of this famous region.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (3 Night Discovery Cruise)

Friday:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads downriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra** you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Saturday:

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (*additional cost*).

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at **Salt Bush Flat**. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

Sunday:

This morning join a guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises a little further upriver.

Near Fromm's Landing, we turn and head downriver to **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before a delicious final night dinner in the Sturt Dining Room.

Monday:

We head back to Mannum and after breakfast, we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the **Mannum Wharf**.

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OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (additional cost):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9:00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will transfer you to Monarto Safari Park. Explore one of the world's largest open-range Safari Park experiences outside of Africa on an unforgettable guided tour from the luxury of your coach.

Monarto Safari Park spans more than 1500 hectares and is home to many exotic and native animals including Cheetah, Hyena, Painted Dogs, Giraffe, Zebra, Black and White Rhino, Deer, Antelope, Bison, Mongolian Horse and Australia's largest lion pride to name but a few.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop, lookout, and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11:25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (additional cost):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia's richest and best-known wine making region.

Your first stop is at **Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking view over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch. Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You'll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen. If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the cafe (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer's, you'll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

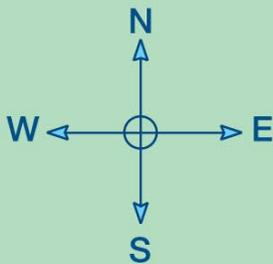
Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through the picturesque **Eden Valley**. View the Murrayland flats from atop Palmer hill as you descend into Mannum where you will re-board the Murray Princess, or journey back to Adelaide arriving at approximately 5.30pm or Adelaide Airport at approximately 6.00pm.

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MURRAY PRINCESS 3 NIGHT DISCOVERY CRUISE

DEPARTS SELECTED FRIDAYS

- 1** Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2** Salt Bush Flat
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3** Piggy Flat / Coolcha



- Ⓢ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1** Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point

4 Night Outback Heritage Cruise

(Includes Anzac Day Cruise)

DURATION/OPERATES: 4 Nights (Selected Mondays - Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule)

DEPARTS: **Day 1: Selected Mondays** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)
Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: **Day 5: The following Friday** – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am
Coach Transfers arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 12:00pm Adelaide Airport or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour or 6pm Adelaide Airport

4 NIGHT OUTBACK HERITAGE CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Depart historic Mannum
- 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 Museum (*gold coin donationat entry*)
- 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*)

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISES

ANZAC DAY CRUISE (24 April 2023)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Anzac Day festivities and entertainment
- Traditional Gun Fire Breakfast and a game of Two-Up

OVERVIEW:

The cruise takes you north on the great Murray River from the historic river port of Mannum to Blanchetown. Experience the magic and majesty of the spectacular scenery, from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands. Along the way you may see a great variety of Australian wildlife, including kangaroos and many of about 350 bird species that inhabit the Riverlands. Highlights include a vineyard tour and wine-tasting at a local cellar door, an Aussie barbecue beside the river; visit a wildlife shelter and a guided walk through one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (4 Night Outback Heritage Cruise)

Monday:

Mid-afternoon the Murray *Princess* departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads 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 on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Tuesday:

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 which maintain the flow and levels of water.

This afternoon we moor opposite to 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.

After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Wednesday:

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 (*additional cost*). Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (*gold coin donation at entry*). Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by.

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.

Thursday:

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 – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to 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 final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday:

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf.

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OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (*additional cost*):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia's richest and best-known wine making region.

Your first stop is at **Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking view over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You'll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen. If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the cafe (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer's, you'll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

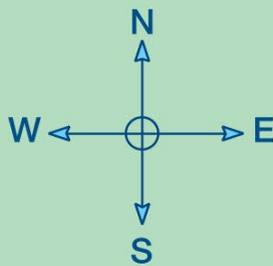
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MURRAY PRINCESS 4 NIGHT OUTBACK HERITAGE CRUISE

DEPARTS SELECTED MONDAYS

- 1 Caurnamont
- 2 Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- 3 Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- 4 Younghusband



- Ⓢ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1 Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point

7 Night Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise (Monday departures)

(Includes Easter Cruise)

DURATION/OPERATES: 7 Nights (Selected Mondays – Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule)

DEPARTS: **Day 1: Selected Mondays** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm) Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: **Day 8: The following Monday** – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am Coach Transfers arrive back in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or Adelaide Airport 12:00pm

7 NIGHT MURRAYLANDS & WILDLIFE CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Depart historic Mannum
- 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 Museum (*gold coin donation at entry*)
- Big Bend towering sandstone cliffs
- Sunnysdale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- Riverside Aussie Barbecue
- Optional Nocturnal Tour at Sunnysdale in a comfortable purpose-built cart (*additional cost*)
- Optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (*additional cost*)
- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve archaeological sites
- Scenic tender boat ride
- Complimentary Barossa Wine & Heritage tour
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday departing Murray Bridge (*additional cost*)
- Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat & see big river gorges & towering sandstone cliffs
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISES

EASTER CRUISES (Departs 3 April 2023)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Easter festivities and entertainment
- On Easter Sunday
- Easter egg hunt
- Easter eggs for passengers

OVERVIEW:

Discover the dramatic South Australian outback on a cruise along Australia's great inland highway. This seven-night cruise is a unique historic and nature-based adventure through ancient gorges and red gum forests, past towering sandstone cliffs and exploring historic ports, local vineyards, and nature trails. Enjoy leisurely cruising 320 kilometres of the heart of the great Murray River between Blanchetown and Murray Bridge and take in the breath-taking Riverland. This cruise also includes a complimentary coach tour to the famous Barossa and its wineries.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (7 Night Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise - Departing Monday)

Monday:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads 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 on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

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Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity 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.

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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.

Friday:

We leave Younghusband and head back to **Mannum**. After breakfast, you may choose to discover Australia's richest and best-known wine making region – the Barossa. Depart Mannum by coach to the famous Barossa, the beautiful 'valley of the vine' and the source of about a quarter of Australia's world-renowned wines.

You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre for morning tea and wine tasting and enjoy a two-course lunch at Lambert Estate where you'll have time to take in the views of this popular vineyard. In the afternoon, visit Maggie Beer's Farm Shop and drive through the picturesque regions of Seppeltsfield and Marananga which is full of history before returning to Mannum.

Those not wishing to join the Barossa tour have free time in the township in Mannum before a late-afternoon departure for our overnight mooring at **Mundurra**.

Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Saturday:

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of **Murray Bridge**. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (*additional cost*).

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

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OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (additional cost):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (complimentary):

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7 Night Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise (Friday departures)

(Includes Easter Cruise and Australia Day Cruise)

DURATION/OPERATES: 7 Nights (Selected Fridays – Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule)

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Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

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- Sunnydale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- 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

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISES

EASTER CRUISE (Departs 7 April 2023 – Includes the 3 Night Easter Cruise and the 4 Night Standard Cruise)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Easter festivities and entertainment
- On Easter Sunday
- Easter egg hunt
- Easter eggs for passengers

AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE (Departs 26 January 2024 – Includes the 3 Night Australia Day Cruise and the 4 Night Standard Cruise)

BONUS INCLUSIONS:

- Australia Day activities

OVERVIEW:

Discover the dramatic South Australian outback on a cruise along Australia's great inland highway. This seven-night cruise is a unique historic and nature-based adventure through ancient gorges and red gum forests, past towering sandstone cliffs and exploring historic ports, local vineyards, and nature trails. Enjoy leisurely cruising 320 kilometres of the heart of the great Murray River between Blanchetown and Murray Bridge and take in the breath-taking Riverland. This cruise also includes a complimentary coach tour to the famous Barossa and its wineries.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (7 Night Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise - Departing Friday)

Friday:

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This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at **Salt Bush Flat**. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

Sunday:

All ashore for the guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises a little further upriver.

Near Fromm Landing, we turn and head downriver to **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges.

The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by an evening of entertainment.

Monday:

We head back to **Mannum** and after breakfast you may choose to discover Australia's richest and best-known wine making region – the Barossa. Depart Mannum by coach to the famous Barossa, the beautiful 'valley of the vine' and the source of about a quarter of Australia's world-renowned wines.

You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre for morning tea and wine tasting and enjoy a two-course lunch at Lambert Estate where you'll have time to take in the views of this popular vineyard. In the afternoon, visit Maggie Beer's Farm Shop and drive through the picturesque regions of Seppeltsfield and Marananga which is full of history before returning to Mannum.

Those not wishing to join the Barossa tour have free time in the township in Mannum before a mid-afternoon departure for our overnight mooring at **Caurnamont**. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Tuesday:

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 which maintain the flow and levels of water.

This afternoon we moor opposite to 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. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Wednesday:

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 tranquillity 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.

Thursday:

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 – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to 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 final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday:

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the **Mannum Wharf**.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (*additional cost*):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (*complimentary*):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia's richest and best-known wine making region.

Your first stop is at **Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking view over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You'll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen. If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the cafe (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer's, you'll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through the picturesque **Eden Valley**. View the Murrayland flats from atop Palmer hill as you descend into Mannum where you will re-board the Murray Princess.

PLEASE NOTE: Barossa tour itinerary is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT MURRAYLANDS & WILDLIFE CRUISE

DEPARTS SELECTED FRIDAYS

- ① Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- ② Salt Bush Flat
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- ③ Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- ★ Mannum - Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour
- ④ Cavernamont
- ⑤ Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- ⑥ Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- ⑦ Younghusband



- Ⓢ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- ① Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point

7 Night Upper Murraylands Cruise

DURATION/OPERATES: 7 Nights (Selected Fridays – Refer 2023-24 Cruise Schedule)

DEPARTS: **Day 1: Friday** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)
Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: **Day 8: Friday** – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am
Coach Transfers arrive back in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or Adelaide Airport 12:00pm

7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Depart historic Mannum
- See big river gorges & towering sandstone cliffs
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Cruise through Lock #1 at Blanchetown
- Experience Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre for wine tastings followed by a delicious lunch & DVD presentation
- Free time in the township of Waikerie to visit the District Machinery and Preservation Museum & Rain Moth Gallery
- Tour the gardens and orchards and visit the cellar door at Caudo Vineyard
- Guided walk of Morgan township and the Morgan Living History Museum
- Walking tour of the Swan Reach township and visit the Swan Reach Museum (*Gold coin donation at entry*)
- Big Bend towering sandstone cliffs
- Sunnysdale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- Riverside Aussie Barbecue
- Optional Nocturnal Tour at Sunnysdale in a comfortable purpose-built cart (*additional cost*)
- Optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (*additional cost*)
- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve archaeological sites
- Delight in a scenic tender boat ride

OVERVIEW:

This delightful seven-night cruise takes you from Mannum to the upper Murraylands historical township of Morgan. Experience the magic and majesty of the spectacular scenery as you cruise from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands. Along the way you may see a great variety of Australian wildlife, including kangaroos and many of the 350 bird species that inhabit this area. Highlights include local cellar door tastings, vineyard and garden tours, a visit to well-known Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre, guided walks around historic towns, an Aussie barbecue beside the river, a visit to a wildlife shelter, sheep shearing demonstration and a guided walk through one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites at Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (7 Night Upper Murraylands Cruise)

Friday:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads 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 on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Saturday:

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. This morning, your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges.

For those who choose to stay on-board, you may wish to partake in a game of bocce or compete in the fishing challenge before we cruise upriver past Walker Flat to **Sugar Shack Conservation Park**. In the afternoon, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

Tonight, sit back and enjoy being entertained by our on-board entertainer.

Sunday:

Continue cruising upriver this morning as we enjoy breakfast and pass through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of water. This morning enjoy some free time and, in the afternoon, join in the fun playing a few games of bingo.

Late afternoon we secure the vessel at **Morgan** and after dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

Monday:

Today we are transferred by coach to the Riverland town of **Waikerie** and **Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre** near **Kingston on Murray**. Enjoy some free time in Waikerie and at Banrock Station delight in cellar door wine tastings followed by a delicious lunch and DVD presentation. There will be time to take a stroll around the gardens and orchards enjoying the relaxing scenery.

Return by coach to Morgan where we will re-board the Murray Princess and continue our journey upriver and secure at the 329km mark of the Murray River.

Tuesday:

After breakfast, we arrive at the picturesque **Caudo Vineyard** located at Hogwash Bend. Here we will enjoy cellar door tastings and explore the gardens and orchards.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch as we cruise downriver back towards **Morgan**. Mid-afternoon we join a guided walk of the Morgan Township and the Morgan Living History Museum.

We depart Morgan late afternoon and secure at **Donald Flat Lagoon** for our overnight moorage. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Wednesday:

After breakfast cruise 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 (*additional cost*). Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (*gold coin donation at entry*).

Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity 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.

Thursday:

After an optional **Bush Tucker Breakfast** (*additional cost*), 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 – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to 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 final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday:

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the **Mannum Wharf**.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE

DEPARTS SELECTED FRIDAYS

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| 1 Caurnamont | 🔄 Turnaround Point |
| 2 Sugar Shack | ★ Morgan |
| 3 Morgan | 5 Donald Flat Lagoon |
| ★ Waikerie | ★ Swan Reach |
| ★ Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre | 6 Sunnydale |
| 4 326km Mark | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| ★ Caudo Vineyard | 7 Younghusband |



3 Night 'Hot August Night' Special Event Music Cruise

Featuring Dave Freeman and Paul Gill

DEPARTS: Day 1: **Friday 18th August 2023** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)
Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: Day 4: **Monday 21st August 2023** – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am
Coach Transfers arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 12:00pm Adelaide Airport or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour or 6:00pm Adelaide Airport

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d'hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks & eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live entertainment

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS:

- Friday night music performed by Paul Gill
- Saturday night - "OMG Neil Diamond Sounds Like Me" Hot August Night Show, featuring Dave Freeman including storytelling, songs, and music from Neil Diamond's including songs from his famous Hot August Night album
- Music Quiz with Paul Gill (with great prizes to win)
- Game of Bocce on the riverbank with Dave Freeman
- Sunday night entertainment and music performed by Dave Freeman and Paul Gill
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday departing Murray Bridge (additional cost)
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat cruise
- Optional Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour at conclusion of cruise (additional cost)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks, optional tours & services

OVERVIEW:

Enjoy great music with friends on the beautiful Murray River between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge aboard the paddlewheeler Murray Princess. This special event cruise was first introduced in August 2017 and was an outstanding success. Relax and enjoy the onboard facilities of the Murray Princess and be entertained by our special guests Dave Freeman and Paul Gill.

SPECIAL EVENT ITINERARY: (3 Night 'Hot August Night' Music Cruise – subject to change)

Friday 18th August 2023

Mid-afternoon, the Murray Princess departs historic Mannum and heads downriver. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks and cocktails (own expense) from the Sturt Bar along with an introduction to your crew who will look after you for the next 3 nights. Also meet our guest entertainers for the weekend, Dave Freeman and Paul Gill.

Enjoy your Welcome Dinner as we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra** where you may see some nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Tonight, you will be entertained by the talented Paul Gill and his beautiful music.

Saturday 19th August 2023

Departing Mundurra early, we head downriver where we moor in the Township of **Murray Bridge**. In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built here at Edwards Crossing which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge.

After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (additional cost). Coach transfers are available to the main street of Murray Bridge or if you prefer, you can walk across the bridge or just take a leisurely stroll along the river front.

A coach will be waiting for those passengers who have chosen to go on the Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour. Your private guide will take you on a private tour of the Zoo where you will be able to see many of the Zoo's inhabitants including Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions,

Hyena and Wild Dogs. After the tour, you will return to Murray Bridge and re-board the Murray Princess.

Depart Murray Bridge late morning, cruising upriver while you enjoy a delicious lunch on board. Tonight, we will moor at **Salt Bush Flat**. After dinner, Dave will perform his much acclaimed "OMG Neil Diamond Sounds Like Me" tribute show.

Sunday 20th August 2023

After a delicious breakfast, join the First Officer at the gangway for a guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat.

Depart Salt Bush Flat late morning and enjoy some local food and wine tasting in the Sturt Dining Room, where you will have a chance to learn more about the local region and sample some of the bounty found throughout the Murray and Riverland regions.

After a leisurely lunch, continue cruising downriver with time to relax and enjoy the onboard facilities. Catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink and reminisce about last night's entertainment whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery.

Following lunch, we will moor at **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat awaits you. Travel in small, personalised groups and explore the river, getting up close to the 20-million-year-old cliffs and viewing the amazing birdlife, including darters, herons and egrets who are feeding along the river's edge.

This afternoon enjoy a fun game of bocce with Dave and you may also wish to participate in a lively music quiz with Paul. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious dinner and more great musical entertainment from Dave & Paul.

Monday 21st August 2023

We depart Riverview Lodge early in the morning while enjoying breakfast in the Sturt Dining Room before docking at the **Mannum Wharf** at 9.00am.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample special event itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (additional cost):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (additional cost):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia's richest and best-known wine making region. Your first stop is at **Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking view over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You'll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen.

If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the café (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer's, you'll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

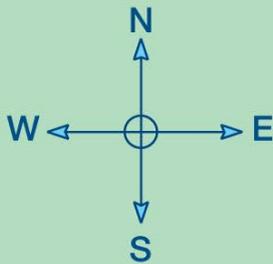
Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through the picturesque **Eden Valley**. View the Murrayland flats from atop Palmer hill as you descend into Mannum where you will re-board the Murray Princess, or journey back to Adelaide arriving at approximately 5.30pm or Adelaide Airport at approximately 6.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Barossa tour itinerary is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 3 NIGHT 'HOT AUGUST NIGHT' MUSIC CRUISE

**DEPARTS FRIDAY
18TH AUGUST 2023**

- 1** Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2** Salt Bush Flat
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3** Piggy Flat / Coolcha



7 Night Mannum to Loxton Cruise – Special Event Cruise

DEPARTS: Day 1: Friday 17th November 2023 - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)

RETURNS: Day 8: Friday 24th November 2023 - Cruise arrives in Loxton at 9:00am

COACH TRANSFERS: Return Coach Transfers are available at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

DEPARTS: Coach Transfers depart from the below Adelaide CBD locations:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide at 1:20pm
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide at 1:30pm
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide at 1:45pm
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide at 2:00pm

RETURNS: Coach Transfers back to the below Adelaide locations, depart Loxton at 9:30am and arrive in Adelaide at approx. 12:30pm – 1:00pm:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide
- Adelaide Airport (1:30pm)

PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS: Private Car Transfers with Car Australia for up to 4 people are available (One way – Friday 17th November 2023)

Private car transfers for up to 4 people to Mannum from Adelaide CBD are available (pre-bookings are essential)

Price: \$157 per person/one way; based on 2 people travelling together (price subject to change without notice)

CAR PARKING: Car Parking is available in Mannum at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

A courtesy coach transfer back to Mannum will depart Loxton at 9:30am & arrive in Mannum at approx. 12pm.

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d’hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks and eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live Entertainment

MANNUM TO LOXTON CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve archaeological sites
- Sunnydale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- Optional Nocturnal Tour at Sunnydale in a comfortable purpose-built cart (*additional cost*)
- Cruise through Lock 1 at Blanchetown, Lock 2 at Morgan, and Lock 3 at Overland Corner
- Taste Riverland food & wine (a tasting of 2 reds & 2 white wines plus local produce)
- Morgan township & museum tour
- Scenic tender boat ride
- Waikerie township & Museum tour
- Guided tour of the historic Overland Corner Hotel
- Visit the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum
- Explore ‘The Loxton Historical Village’

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks, optional tours & services

OVERVIEW:

Join us aboard the Murray Princess as we follow in the wake of great 19th century pioneers on a unique journey through three Locks in Blanchetown, Morgan, and Overland Corner. This is a 339km voyage between Mannum and Loxton South Australia where you will experience the magic and majesty of the spectacular scenery as you cruise from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands.

SAMPLE ITINERARY (7 Night Mannum to Loxton Cruise – subject to change):

Friday 17th November 2023:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Mannum**, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads upriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Salt Bush Flat**, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. This evening enjoy the evening entertainment of ‘Murder on the Murray Princess’.

Saturday 18th November 2023:

This morning join a guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It’s a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises upriver.

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising before arriving at **Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve**, one of Australia’s most significant archaeological sites, for a step back in time – tens of thousands of years – for a guided boardwalk to view ancient rock carvings and to learn about Aboriginal history in the area.

We return to the vessel and cruise to **Sunnydale** then 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.

Sunday 19th November 2023:

Daybreak and it’s time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and morning movement of wildlife. Prolific birdlife includes pelicans, wrens, and swans. Today we cruise towards **Blanchetown** through the 1st lock of our journey, Lock #1. There are 13 locks in total that maintain the flow and river levels of the mighty Murray River.

After lunch, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. You’ll have time in the afternoon to enjoy the on-board facilities and catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery as we cruise upriver to the historic township of **Morgan**.

This evening you’ll have the option to discover the Morgan township in an ‘After Dark Ghost Tour’ or stay onboard and spend the evening with fellow passengers and enjoy the live entertainment.

Monday 20th November 2023:

This morning enjoy a fascinating guided walk of the township and the Morgan Living History Museum. We depart Morgan mid-morning and continue our voyage upriver to a beautiful corner of the Murray River called Hogwash Bend. Along the way, adventure seekers can take a scenic tender boat ride.

This afternoon we will negotiate the 2nd lock of the passage before mooring at an old distillery. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

Tuesday 21st November 2023:

After breakfast we cruise upriver to the picturesque river town of **Waikerie**, which was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddlewheeler. Enjoy free time in the township or visit the Waikerie Machinery and Preservation Museum before re-joining the vessel as we continue our voyage to historic **Overland Corner** for our overnight anchorage.

This afternoon take part in a trivia challenge and catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery slide by. After dinner, sing along to your favourite music with your fellow passengers.

Wednesday 22nd November 2023:

Overland Corner was a convenient watering place and camp site for the overlanders and drovers operating between New South Wales and the colony based in Adelaide in the early years of the 1800s. The Overland Corner Hotel has been restored by the National Trust of South Australia and has so many tales to tell. Join in a guided morning walking tour of the hotel before returning to the Murray Princess and continue cruising upriver.

After lunch, the vessel will navigate the 3rd lock on her journey, Lock #3 at **Kingston-on-Murray**.

This afternoon, we visit the **Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum**, the home of Australia's 'Big Thumper' Humphrey Pump. The world's only working Humphrey Pump has been lovingly restored and is demonstrated along with steam and diesel locomotives, steam traction or ploughing engines, oil engines, tractors, and machinery from the early development era of the Irrigation Areas.

Late afternoon, we depart Cobdogla and cruise towards **Nynes Island** for our overnight moorage. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Thursday 23rd November 2023:

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising upriver to **Loxton** known as the 'Garden Town of the Riverland'.

After a delicious lunch, step back in time at **The Loxton Historical Village**, which tells the stories of the region's early settlers and their families, displayed in over 45 recreated buildings, and exhibits on the banks of the mighty Murray River. You'll have free time to explore the village before re-boarding the Murray Princess to cruise to our overnight anchorage at the picturesque location of **Katarapko Creek**.

Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday 24th November 2023:

After breakfast, your journey ends as we arrive in Loxton where we reluctantly say farewell.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a Special Event Cruise Itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT MANNUM TO LOXTON CRUISE

DEPARTS FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Salt Bush Flat | 5 Overland Corner |
| ★ Ngaut Ngaut | ★ Cobdogla |
| 2 Sunnydale | 6 Nynes Island |
| 3 Morgan | ★ Loxton |
| 4 Old Distillery | 7 Katarapko Creek |
| ★ Waikerie | Finish Loxton |



7 Night Loxton to Mannum Cruise – Special Event Cruise

DEPARTS: Day 1: Friday 24th November 2023 - Cruise departs Loxton at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)

RETURNS: Day 8: Friday 1st December 2023 - Cruise arrives in Mannum at 9:00am

COACH TRANSFERS: Return Coach Transfers are available at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

DEPARTS: Coach Transfers depart from the below Adelaide CBD locations:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide at 10:50am
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide at 11:00am
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide at 11:15am
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide at 11:15am
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide at 11:30am
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide at 11:45am

RETURNS: Coach Transfers back to the below Adelaide locations, depart Mannum at 9:30am and arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide
- Adelaide Airport (12:00pm)

PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS: Private Car Transfers with Car Australia for up to 4 people are available (One way – Friday 1st December 2023)

Private car transfers for up to 4 people from Mannum to Adelaide CBD or Adelaide Airport are available (pre-bookings are essential)

Price: \$157 per person/one way; based on 2 people travelling together (price subject to change without notice)

CAR PARKING: Car Parking is available in Mannum at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

Passengers are to drop off their vehicle at Mannum by 12pm. A courtesy coach transfer to Loxton will depart Mannum at 12.30pm and arrive in Loxton at approx. 3:00 – 3:30pm. No transfers are available back to Loxton on the conclusion of this cruise in Mannum.

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d’hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks and eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live Entertainment

LOXTON TO MANNUM CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit ‘The Loxton Historical Village’
- Visit the Cobdogla Irrigation & Steam Museum – Humphrey Pump & Steam
- Guided tour of the historic Overland Corner Hotel
- Waikerie township & museum tour
- Caudo Vineyard tour & tastings
- Morgan township & museum tour
- Cruise through Locks at Overland Corner, Blanchetown and Morgan
- Visit the Swan Reach township and museum (*gold coin donation at entry*)
- Sunnydale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- Optional Nocturnal Tour by tractor and cart (*additional cost*)
- Optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (*additional cost*)
- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve archaeological sites
- Scenic tender boat rides

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks, optional tours & services

OVERVIEW:

Join us aboard the Murray Princess as we follow in the wake of great 19th century pioneers on a unique journey through three Locks in Blanchetown, Morgan, and Overland Corner. This is a 339km voyage between Loxton and Mannum South Australia where you will experience the magic and majesty of the spectacular scenery as you cruise from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands.

SAMPLE ITINERARY (7 Night Loxton to Mannum Cruise – subject to change):

Friday 24th November 2023:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Loxton**, located in South Australia's Riverland region, and cruises through the picturesque area of Katarapko while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Katarapko Creek**, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. This evening enjoy the evening entertainment of 'Murder on the Murray Princess'.

Saturday 25th November 2023:

Today our journey will take you back to the township of Loxton. Step back in time at **The Loxton Historical Village**, which tells the stories of the region's early settlers and their families, displayed in over 45 recreated buildings, and exhibits on the banks of the mighty Murray River. You'll have free time to explore the village before re-boarding the Murray Princess and continue cruising downriver.

After lunch, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. Catch up with friends in the afternoon over a coffee or a drink and whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery.

Late afternoon we arrive at **Kingston on Murray** for our overnight moorage and after dinner you'll be entertained by our talented crew.

Sunday 26th November 2023:

After a delicious breakfast, we visit the **Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum**, the home of Australia's 'Big Thumper' Humphrey Pump. The world's only working Humphrey Pump has been lovingly restored and is demonstrated along with steam and diesel locomotives, steam traction or ploughing engines, oil engines, tractors, and machinery from the early development era of the Irrigation Areas.

After lunch we will navigate Kingston-on- Murray Lock #3, the first lock on this voyage and continue to **Overland Corner** for our overnight anchorage.

Overland Corner was a convenient watering place and camp site for the overlanders and drovers operating between New South Wales and the colony based in Adelaide in the early years of the 1800s. The **Overland Corner Hotel** has been restored by the National Trust of South Australia and has so many tales to tell. Join in a guided walking tour of the hotel before returning to the Murray Princess for dinner. After dinner, sing along to your favourite music with your fellow passengers.

Monday 27th November 2023:

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising downriver to **Waikerie**. Enjoy the vessel's onboard facilities and catch up with friends over a tea or coffee whilst watching the ever-changing scenery slide by.

After lunch we stop at the picturesque river town of Waikerie, which was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddlewheeler. Enjoy free time in the township and visit the Waikerie Machinery and Preservation Museum before re-joining the vessel and continue towards our overnight mooring at an old distillery.

After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Tuesday 28th November 2023:

This morning we pass through the 2nd lock of the journey and continue to **Caudo Vineyard**. Here you will enjoy wine tasting at their cellar door and take in the scenery at the beautiful area of Hogwash Bend.

This afternoon, we arrive at **Morgan** where you'll have the option to join a fascinating guided walk of the township and the Morgan Living History Museum. Re-board the Murray Princess mid-afternoon and continue cruising downriver to **Donald Flat Lagoon** for our overnight anchorage. This evening, enjoy being entertained by our on-board entertainer.

Wednesday 29th November 2023:

An early start to today's cruising so we can navigate the final lock on this journey, Lock #1 at **Blanchetown** during breakfast.

This morning participate in a game of bingo before arriving at **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 (*additional cost*). Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry).

Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by.

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.

Thursday 30th November 2023:

After an optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (*additional cost*) or a bush walk with the Captain, we cruise slowly 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 – for a guided boardwalk to view ancient rockcarvings and to learn about aboriginal history in the area.

We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)**. Along the way, adventure seekers can take a scenic tender boat ride or participate in a trivia challenge.

Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday 1st December 2023:

After breakfast, your journey ends as we arrive in Mannum where we reluctantly say farewell.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a Special Event Cruise Itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT LOXTON TO MANNUM CRUISE

DEPARTS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Katarapko Creek | ★ Caudo Vineyard |
| ★ Loxton | ★ Morgan |
| 2 Kingston on Murray | 5 Donald Flat Lagoon |
| ★ Cobdogla | ★ Swan Reach |
| 3 Overland Corner | 6 Sunnydale |
| ★ Waikerie | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| 4 Old Distillery | 7 Piggy Flat / Coolcha |
| | Finish Mannum |



7 Night Christmas Cruise – Special Event Cruise

DEPARTS: Day 1: Friday 22nd December 2023 - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)

RETURNS: Day 8: Friday 29th December 2023 – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am

COACH TRANSFERS: Return Coach Transfers are available at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

DEPARTS: Coach Transfers depart from the below Adelaide CBD locations:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide at 1:20pm
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide at 1:30pm
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:35pm
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide at 1:45pm
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide at 2:00pm

RETURNS: Coach Transfers back to the below Adelaide locations, depart Mannum at 9.30am and arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour:

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide
- Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square Adelaide
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide
- Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome Street Adelaide
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide
- The Terrace Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide
- Adelaide Airport (12:00pm / 6:00pm)

PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS: Private Car Transfers with *Car Australia* for up to 4 people are available one way or return.

- Pick-up and drop off Adelaide CBD and Mannum and also return to the Adelaide Airport (pre-bookings are essential)
- Price: \$157 per person/each way; based on 2 people travelling together (price subject to change without notice)

CAR PARKING: Car Parking is available in Mannum at an additional cost (pre-bookings are essential)

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d’hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks & eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live entertainment

7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Depart historic Mannum
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday 23rd December 2023 departing Murray Bridge (*additional cost*)
- Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat & see big river gorges & towering sandstone cliffs
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the ‘Dragon-Fly’ flat-bottomed boat
- 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 Museum (*gold coin donation at entry*)
- Big Bend towering sandstone cliffs
- Sunnydale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter
- 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
- Christmas themed activities, festivities & carols

OVERVIEW:

Discover the dramatic South Australian outback on a cruise along Australia's great inland highway. This seven-night cruise is a unique historic and nature-based adventure through ancient gorges and red gum forests, past towering sandstone cliffs and exploring historic ports, local vineyards, and nature trails. Enjoy leisurely cruising 320 kilometres of the heart of the great Murray River between Blanchetown and Murray Bridge and take in the breath-taking Riverland.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: (7 Night Christmas Cruise – subject to change)

Friday 22nd December 2023:

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads downriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra**, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. This evening enjoy the evening entertainment of 'Murder on the Murray Princess'.

Saturday 23rd December 2023:

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (*additional cost*).

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at **Salt Bush Flat**. After dinner, join in Christmas Karaoke and sing many of the favourite Christmas carols and songs with your fellow passengers.

Sunday 24th December 2023 (Christmas Eve):

All ashore for the guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises a little further upriver.

Near Fromm Landing, we turn and head downriver to **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges.

The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by an evening of entertainment.

Monday 25th December 2023 (Christmas Day):

Merry Christmas everyone! Wake up Christmas morning and experience the magic of the Murray River. We leave Youngusband and head back to Mannum for the day.

Delight in some Christmas festivities with a traditional Christmas Day lunch and celebrations. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or cricket onshore before departing Mannum and cruising upriver to our overnight mooring at **Caurnamont**.

This evening, celebrate Christmas evening with a special Christmas party in the Sturt Dining Room.

Tuesday 26th December 2023 (Boxing Day):

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 which maintain the flow and levels of water.

This afternoon we moor opposite to 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. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

Wednesday 27th December 2023:

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 tranquillity 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.

Thursday 28th December 2023:

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 – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to 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 final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

Friday 29th December 2023:

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the **Mannum Wharf**.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (*additional cost*):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

PLEASE NOTE: Barossa tour itinerary is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE

**DEPARTS FRIDAY
22ND DECEMBER 2023**

- 1** Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2** Salt Bush Flat
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3** Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- ★ Mannum - Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour
- 4** Curnamont
- 5** Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- 6** Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- 7** Youngusband



- Ⓢ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1** Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point

3 Night New Year's Eve Cruise – Special Event Cruise

DEPARTS: **Day 1 - Friday 29th December 2023** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)
Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: **Day 4 - Monday 1st January 2024** - Cruise returns to Mannum at 9:00am
Coach Transfers arrive back in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or Adelaide Airport 12:00pm or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour or 6:00pm Adelaide Airport

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d'hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks and eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live Entertainment

3 NIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Departs historic Mannum
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday departing Murray Bridge (*additional cost*)
- Spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner and Entertainment
- Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat
- Optional Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour at conclusion of cruise (*additional cost*)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks, optional tours & services
- The Barossa Wine and Heritage tour is not an option on conclusion of this cruise

OVERVIEW:

Celebrate New Year's Eve on board the Murray Princess on what will be a very special 3-night cruise between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge. Aboard the paddlewheeler Murray Princess, you will cruise through spectacular Riverland and enjoy the great variety of flora and fauna. You will take a nature walk, get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat, visit the township of Murray Bridge and learn about the food and wine of this famous region.

SAMPLE ITINERARY (3 Night New Year's Eve Cruise – subject to change):

Friday 29th December 2023

Mid-afternoon the *Murray Princess* departs historic **Mannum**, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads downriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra** you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

Saturday 30th December 2023

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (*additional cost*).

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at **Salt Bush Flat**.

After a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room, sing along to your favourite music with your fellow passengers.

Sunday 31st December 2023 (New Year's Eve)

This morning join a guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises downriver.

Near Fromm's Landing, we turn and head downriver to **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges.

Tonight, we celebrate the year of 2023 and welcome in 2024 with a spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner and celebrations.

Monday 1st January 2024 (New Year's Day)

We leave River View Lodge and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample special event itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (*additional cost*):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (*additional cost*):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia's richest and best-known wine making region.

Your first stop is at **Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking views over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer's Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You'll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen.

If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the cafe (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer's, you'll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

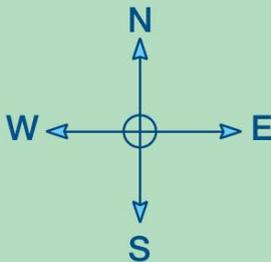
Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through the picturesque **Eden Valley**. View the Murrayland flats from atop Palmer hill as you descend into Mannum where you will re-board the Murray Princess, or transfer to a luxury coach for your journey back to Adelaide arriving at approximately 5.30pm or Adelaide Airport at approximately 6.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Barossa tour itinerary is subject to change without notice.

MURRAY PRINCESS 3 NIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE

**DEPARTS FRIDAY
29TH DECEMBER 2023**

- 1 Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- ⦿ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2 Salt Bush Flat
- ⦿ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3 Piggy Flat / Coolcha



3 Night Country Cruisin' Music Cruise - Special Event Cruise

Featuring Dave Freeman and Paul Gill

DEPARTS: **Day 1: Friday 16th February 2024** - Cruise Departs Mannum at 4:30pm (Boarding from 2:30pm)
Coach Transfers depart Adelaide CBD from 1:20pm

RETURNS: **Day 4: Monday 19th February 2024** – Cruise returns to Mannum at 9.00am
Coach Transfers arrive in Adelaide at approx. 11:00am – 11:30am or 12:00pm Adelaide Airport or 5:30pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour or 6:00pm Adelaide Airport

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (table d'hote and a la carte menus)
- An exciting selection of onshore tours
- Guided nature walks and eco excursions
- On-board presentations
- Use of gym
- Live Entertainment

SPECIAL EVENT CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS:

- Friday night music performed by Paul Gill
- Saturday night "Country Cruisin' Music Show, featuring Dave Freeman, including hits from Kenny Rogers, JohnnyCash, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Charley Pride, Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley and many more!
- Music Quiz (with great prizes to win)
- Game of Bocce on the riverbank
- Sunday night entertainment and music performed by Dave Freeman and Paul Gill
- Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse
- Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour on Saturday departing Murray Bridge (additional cost)
- Riverland food & wine tasting (*A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce*)
- Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat cruise
- Optional Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour at conclusion of cruise (additional cost)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks, optional tours & services

OVERVIEW:

Enjoy great country music with friends on the beautiful Murray River between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge aboard the paddlewheeler Murray Princess. Relax and enjoy the onboard facilities of the Murray Princess and be entertained by our special guests Dave Freeman and Paul Gill.

SPECIAL EVENT ITINERARY: (3 Night Country Cruisin' Music Cruise – subject to change)

Friday 16th February 2024

Mid-afternoon, the Murray Princess departs historic Mannum and heads downriver. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks and cocktails (own expense) from the Sturt Bar along with an introduction to your crew who will look after you for the next 3 nights. Also meet our guest entertainers for the weekend, Dave Freeman and Paul Gill.

Enjoy your Welcome Dinner as we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra** where you may see some nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Tonight, you will be entertained by the talented Paul Gill and his beautiful music.

Saturday 17th February 2024

Departing Mundurra early, we head downriver where we moor in the Township of **Murray Bridge**. In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built here at Edwards Crossing which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge.

After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Safari Park** (additional cost). Coach transfers are available to the main street of Murray Bridge or if you prefer, you can walk across the bridge or just take a leisurely stroll along the river front.

A coach will be waiting for those passengers who have chosen to go on the Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour. Your private guide will take you on a private tour of the Zoo where you will be able see many of the Zoo's inhabitants including Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and Wild Dogs. After the tour, you will return to Murray Bridge and re-board the Murray Princess. Depart Murray Bridge late morning, cruising upriver while you enjoy a delicious lunch on board.

Tonight, we will moor at **Salt Bush Flat**. After dinner, Dave will perform his “OMG Country Cruisin’ Music Show” which includes hits from Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Charley Pride, Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley and many more!

Sunday 18th February 2024

After a delicious breakfast, join the First Officer at the gangway for a guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat.

Depart Salt Bush Flat late morning and enjoy some local food and wine tasting in the Sturt Dining Room, where you will have a chance to learn more about the local region and sample some of the bounty found throughout the Murray and Riverland regions.

After a leisurely lunch, continue cruising downriver with time to relax and enjoy the onboard facilities. Catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink and reminisce about last night’s entertainment whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery. Following lunch, we will moor at **River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha)** where the ‘Dragon-Fly’ flat-bottomed boat awaits you. Travel in small, personalised groups and explore the river, getting up close to the 20-million-year-old cliffs and viewing the amazing birdlife, including darters, herons and egrets who are feeding along the river’s edge.

This afternoon enjoy a fun game of bocce on the riverbank and you may also wish to participate in a lively music quiz. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and more great musical entertainment from Dave & Paul.

Monday 19th February 2024

We depart Riverview Lodge early in the morning while enjoying breakfast in the Sturt Dining Room before docking at the **Mannum Wharf** at 9.00am.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample special event itinerary and is subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL MONARTO SAFARI PARK WILDLIFE TOUR (additional cost):

On arrival at Murray Bridge on Saturday (from 9.00am) the *Wild Awaits* and a coach will be waiting to transfer you to Monarto Safari Park, the largest Safari Park outside of Africa spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You will travel through the Safari Park with commentary provided by one of Monarto Safari Parks tour hosts as you admire animals such as Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, White Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Lions, Hyena and African Painted Dogs. You will also pass through the Asian Grasslands offering a chance to catch a glimpse of Indian Antelope, Mesopotamian Deer, Black Rhino, American Bison, red Deer, Przewalski Horse and Scimitar-horned Oryx.

After the tour, you will have some free time in the new Visitor Centre, gift shop and café before returning to Murray Bridge to re-board the Murray Princess in time for lunch at 11.25am.

OPTIONAL BAROSSA WINE & HERITAGE TOUR (additional cost):

Depart Mannum, and travel into the famous **Barossa**, Australia’s richest and best-known wine making region. Your first stop is at **Jacob’s Creek Visitor Centre**, where you will enjoy a light morning tea while taking in the breath-taking view over the vineyards. You will have the opportunity to participate in a structured wine tasting before departing and heading to Lambert Estate in Angaston for lunch.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at **Lambert Estate**, incorporating fresh regional produce available in season. Pair this with a glass of wine (own cost) and take in the magnificent outlook from the deck of this popular vineyard.

Next visit **Maggie Beer’s Farm Shop**, and learn about Maggie and her story, as well as the history behind the Farm. You’ll have an opportunity to taste some delicious Maggie Beer and Pheasant Farm products and take a photo in her famous kitchen.

If time permits, purchase some afternoon tea from the cafe (own expense) and take in the peaceful surrounds of the lake and resident birdlife.

Following Maggie Beer’s, you’ll make your way by coach through the picturesque regions of **Seppeltsfield and Marananga** which is home to many iconic cellar doors. No trip to the Barossa is complete without visiting Seppeltsfield Road which is full of history and lined with distinctive palm trees.

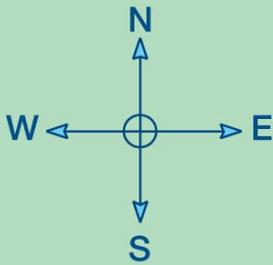
Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through the picturesque **Eden Valley**. View the Murrayland flats from atop Palmer hill as you descend into Mannum where you will re-board the Murray Princess, or journey back to Adelaide arriving at approximately 5.30pm or Adelaide Airport at approximately 6.00pm.

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**MURRAY PRINCESS
3 NIGHT 'COUNTRY CRUISIN'
MUSIC CRUISE**

**DEPARTS FRIDAY
16TH FEBRUARY 2024**

- 1** Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- ⊙ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2** Salt Bush Flat
- ⊙ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3** Piggy Flat / Coolcha



- ⊙ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1** Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- ⊙ Turnaround Point