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DAY 1: Sat 4 September

Sydney to Wagga Wagga



This morning we greet our friendly coach captain and tour escort from Southern Star Coaches and depart on our 8 Day **Murray Princess Tour**. Leaving Sydney, we can relax, settle into our comfy seats and take in the views. Our lunch break today is in Yass and then this afternoon we continue our journey, passing by Gundagai and then late afternoon we arrive and check in to our Wagga Wagga hotel, with some time before we meet again over dinner.

ACCOMMODATION Mercure Wagga Wagga

MEALS Lunch at Cooma Cottage Yass, dinner in Motel

DAY 2: Sun 5 September

Wagga Wagga to Swan Hill



Following breakfast, we depart Wagga and arrive at The Rock where we stop at the **Marrocka Emu Farm** for a guided tour of the farm and morning tea. From here we head to Jeridlerie and have lunch at the historic **Royal Mail Hotel**.

This afternoon we call into Deniliquin for a visit to the **Depot Historic Vehicle and Memorabilia Collection**. Immerse yourself in the past amongst the family-friendly interactive displays and activities. With touches of Hollywood, trucking and transport, Australian motoring, rescue vehicles and cars from all around the world, The Depot is full of nostalgia and discovery. Our day concludes as we arrive in Swan Hill and settle into our motel for the night.

ACCOMMODATION Comfort Inn Campbell Motor Inn

MEALS Breakfast & dinner in Motel, lunch at Royal Mail Hotel

DAY 3: Mon 6 September

Swan Hill to Mannum



Leaving Swan Hill, we travel via **Sea Lake** and **Patchewollock** to Pinaroo for our lunch stop.

This afternoon we head to **Mannum**, where we check in to the **Murray Princess** and our settle into our cabins. Not long after checking in we get underway and head upriver while we enjoy our pre-dinner drinks and our Welcome Dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Caurnamont** you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for grey kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, Murray long necked tortoises, spoon-beaked egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

ACCOMMODATION Captain Cook Cruises, Murray Princess Cruise

MEALS Breakfast in Motel, lunch at Pinnaroo Bakery, dinner on board Murray Princess

DAY 4: Tues 7 September

Murray River cruising



Daybreak and time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. Prolific birdlife includes pelicans, blue wrens and black 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 near **Salters Station** for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of the sun fade, we join a guided tour of Burk Salter's vineyard on the banks of the river and enjoy wine tasting at his cellar door.

ACCOMMODATION Captain Cook Cruises, Murray Princess Cruise

MEALS Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board Murray Princess

DAY 5: Wed 8 September

Murray River cruising



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. Join the guided walking tour and visit the **Swan Reach Museum** – a must for every visitor. Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides.

We arrive at **Sunnydale**. 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 by tractor and cart is available after dinner.

ACCOMMODATION Captain Cook Cruises, Murray Princess Cruise

MEALS Breakfast and dinner on board Murray Princess, lunch provided

DAY 6: Thurs 9 September

Murray River cruising



Our ship cruises slowly, downstream 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 rock carvings and to learn about aboriginal history in the area.

We return to the ship to cruise downriver to **Younghusband**. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a speed boat ride. Tonight, the Captain and his officers host a spectacular **Farewell Captain's Buffet**. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

ACCOMMODATION Captain Cook Cruises, Murray Princess Cruise

MEALS Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board Murray Princess

DAY 7: Fri 10 September

Mannum to Hay



This morning after breakfast, we arrive back at **Mannum** where we reluctantly say farewell to the Murray Princess. Back on the coach, we get underway and our return journey to Sydney. Today we set our sights on **Hay**, making stops along the way. Upon arrival we check into our accommodation and settle in for dinner.

ACCOMMODATION Bishops Lodge Motor Inn

MEALS Breakfast on board Murray Princess, lunch at own expense, dinner at Motel

DAY 8: Sat 11 September

Return to Sydney



We farewell our hosts and head for home. We have a long road ahead, so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery along the way. We make several comfort stops along the way and at a suitable location we stop for lunch.

Late afternoon we arrive back in Sydney following our wonderful time spent on the Murray Princess.

MEALS

Breakfast in Motel, lunch at own expense

Information

Tour cost (per person)

\$3,413 (twin share)

\$794 single supplement

Deposit required by: 19 July 2021

Further information

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