

MURRAY RIVER CRUISE WITH ADELAIDE & FLIGHTS



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South Australia Murray River Cruise & Adelaide

Duration: 8 days

Stay: 4 nights cruise, 3 nights hotel

Travel style: Independent river cruise with city stay & flights

Booking code: SACRM8AZ

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8 Days Murray River Cruise, Adelaide & Flights

About the holiday

This fabulous South Australian holiday takes you from Adelaide to the beauty of the mighty Murray River!

Your adventure begins with flights to Adelaide and a three-night stay in the vibrant city. Included is a splendid tour of Adelaide, the famous Hahndorf region and a local winery tour.

From Adelaide, you'll transfer to Mannum and embark on a unique Murray River cruise aboard the grand paddlewheel vessel PS Murray Princess. Experience the ever-changing landscape along the river for 4 nights and follow the region's great food and wine trail.

The mighty Murray River winds 2570 kilometres through the Australian outback and on its banks you will see Australian Native animals, red gum forests and green farming land, all protected by the towering sandstone cliffs. With unique scenery, delicious food, like-minded new friends and a small luxury Paddle Wheeler you can join the ultimate cruise with unexpected highlights.

Why you'll love this trip...

The price! Great inclusions and top value for flights, hotel, sightseeing & a river cruise!

Enjoy an amazing river cruise with all meals, walking tours, Aboriginal culture and more.

See more of South Australia & discover its regional highlights!

Travel dates

Depart on select dates

2024 – February to November

Note: Dates are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on travel date or departure city for flights. Please contact us for travel options at other times of the year.

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Holiday Package Inclusions:

Flights – Return economy airfare to Adelaide (see our website for departure cities)
Flights include checked baggage

Accommodation - 3 nights at an Adelaide hotel in a standard room, based on twin share
Stay at either Terrace Hotel, HotelMOTEL, Hotel Riviera or similar

Sightseeing – Adelaide, Hahndorf & Winery Tour

Murray River Cruise – 4 nights on board PS Murray Princess

Choice of cabins with private ensuite bathroom

Includes all meals during the cruise (buffet & a la carte)

An exciting selection of onshore tours

Guided nature walks & eco-excursions

Onboard presentations

Use of gym

Captain's Buffet Dinner and Dance

Live entertainment

24-hour self-service tea & coffee bar

Lift access from Randell Deck to Sturt Deck

Complimentary return coach transfers from Adelaide, or return to the Adelaide Airport

Complimentary Barossa Wine & Heritage tour

Package excludes:

Airport arrival transfer

Meals & sightseeing, other than those specified in the inclusions

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***This package is subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels, cruise company and local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

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Cruise Highlights

Cruise Depart Mannum

Explore the township of Murray Bridge or take a tour of the historic Roundhouse

Optional Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour (additional cost)

Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat

River gorges & towering sandstone cliffs

Riverland food & wine tasting (A tasting of 2 Reds & 2 White wines & local produce)

Flat-bottomed boat wildlife cruise 'Dragon-Fly'

Cruise through Lock #1 at Blanchetown

Cellar door tasting at Burk Salter Boutique Winery

Walking tour of the Swan Reach township

Visit 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

Spectacular Captain's Buffet Dinner and Dance

Itinerary

Day 1 – Friday: Arrive Adelaide

Arrive in Adelaide and make your own way to the hotel. The remainder of the day is free to start exploring the "City of Churches" or the "Festival City" as it's known.

Day 2 – Saturday: Adelaide

It's a free day in Adelaide to explore the great city at your leisure.

Day 3 – Sunday: Adelaide Highlights, Hahndorf & McLaren Vale Wine & Sightseeing Tour

Your Adelaide sightseeing tour starts with hotel pickup by mini-coach, which transports you comfortably around the city with your guide. Head toward the North Terrace along King William Street, and catch a glimpse of the governor's house and other main landmarks. Admire a view of the River Torrens, and pass by the Adelaide Zoo, South Australian Museum and Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Return to the mini-coach to drive down trendy, tree-lined Hutt Street, home to colonial-era stone buildings, popular eateries, boutiques and cafes.

Then journey outside the city to the summit of Mt Lofty, where you'll hop out for photo ops of Adelaide and Gulf St Vincent before continuing your tour to Hahndorf, about 15 minutes away. Listen to commentary from your guide about the history of this German settlement, the oldest remaining in Australia, while you enjoy the picturesque atmosphere. You have a bit of time to walk through town before returning to Adelaide, where your tour ends at Victoria Square.

Day 4 – Monday: Board Murray Princess Cruise (Dinner)

Mid-afternoon the PS 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 Curnamont, 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.

Day 5 – Tuesday: River Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

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".

Day 6 – Wednesday: River Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast, cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. The town, first settled in the 1850's, 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 tranquility 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.

After dinner, there are two optional onshore tours to choose from (additional cost). A Nocturnal Tour in a comfortable purpose-built cart where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats and owls and the Dark Sky Night Tour where you will be taken to an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve to observe the stars of the Milky Way. Night viewing binoculars and a telescope with a digital control locator are available plus a tablet to locate and name what can be observed with the naked eye.

Day 7 – Thursday: River Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost) or a bush walk with the Captain, the vessel cruises 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 tour to view ancient rock carvings and to learn about Aboriginal history in the area. We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to Youngusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight, join the Officers for complimentary pre-dinner drinks (sparkling wine and soft drinks) before a delicious dinner.

Day 8 – Friday: Disembark River Cruise, Depart Adelaide (Breakfast)

We leave Youngusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf. Travel by coach back to Adelaide CBD and catch a taxi to the airport for your departure flight. As the journey ends, the fond memories begin!

Please note: The itinerary and information is intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean or river conditions, road accessibility, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

About the Murray River Cruise

The amazing PS Murray Princess river cruise boat is a true inland paddlewheeler, purpose built for the Murray River. This classic river boat was designed as a modern romantic representative of a river boat, similar to hundreds of vessels that used to trade up and down the Murray River. These days most Murray River vessels have imitation paddles, however this boat boasts authentic, massive stern propelled paddlewheels used to cruise the river.

Catering to 120 passengers, the boat offers passengers a unique river boat small ship cruise on the Murray River. Join only the finest Captains and crew who are passionate about what they do and are delighted to share with you their knowledge and stories. Onboard the paddlewheeler the dining saloon is spacious with a character and charm of yesteryear. The paddlewheeler will offer you a relaxed and informal experience coupled with the warmth and friendliness so unique to a Murray River cruise.

Dining

Dining aboard includes delicious seasonal menus, including local, fresh produce. Salmon, scotch fillet, chicken, quiche, lamb shanks and pork cutlets – these are some of the delights you could enjoy in the Dining Room on the Sturt Deck. Each meal is accompanied by coffee or tea. There is also a Captain's Dinner and buffet dining, with a special campfire barbecue on the banks of the Murray River. All special dietary and allergy information must be advised. Where possible, staff will endeavour to meet your requests. As a guide we regularly cater for Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Vegetarian, Diabetic and non-Seafood passengers (see info below).

Facilities

Gym, two bars, two lounges, single-sitting dining saloon; speed boat; gift shop, library and video/DVD; lift (Randell, Cadell & Sturt Decks only); free Wi-Fi, guest laundry and 24-hour tea and coffee facilities. Please be advised that the sun deck, all cabins and public rooms are non-smoking.

Smoking is permitted in designated areas of the outside decks only. As a courtesy to your fellow passengers, please refrain from smoking pipes and cigars. Cigarettes are not sold on board. Smoking areas are restricted to the Sturt Deck in front of the bar area and the Randell Deck forward deck.

Accommodation

The boat has 60 cabins and staterooms each with private bathroom ensuite, electric blankets, soap, shampoo, hairdryers, air-conditioning, towels and daily servicing. Each cabin is approximately 12 sq metres. Four of the outside cabins and their ensuite bathrooms are wheelchair accessible. Two cabins located on Randell Deck are opposite the lift for easy access to the dining and lounge decks.

Staterooms (6) spacious Staterooms are located on the Randell and Cadell decks. Each stateroom offers a queen bed (four have an extra single bed) and open onto the outside deck walkway. Mini-bars, fridges and tea and coffee making facilities are also included.

Outside Cabins (45) are located on Randell and Cadell Decks and the majority of these cabins have twin bedding with limited double bedded cabins available. Each outside cabin opens onto the outside deck walkway with picture windows to view the passing scenery.

Inside Cabins (9) are located on the lower Chaffey Deck and open onto a wide inside passageway. Inside cabins offer twin bedding with limited double bedded cabins available and have portholes facing the outside. Inside Cabins are accessed via stairs, there is no lift access to this deck.

Cruise Inclusions

All meals, a selection of shore-side tours, guided nature walks & eco-excursions, onboard presentations, use of onboard gym, Captain's Dinner & Cocktail Party, live entertainment and 24 hour self-service tea & coffee bar, complimentary coach transfer from Adelaide or car parking in Mannum.

Cruise Check-in

You will require Photo ID for each passenger (driver's licence or passport), or some form of acceptable identification and your travel documents.

Your travel is subject to the terms and conditions of the Passengers Cruise Contract, which you will complete when booking your cruise.

Cruise Departure

The Murray Princess cruises depart and return to Mannum at 4:30 pm. You can check in from 2.30pm. Please ensure you arrive at the vessel no later than 4.00pm.

Complimentary Coach Transfers

Coach transfer must be pre-booked. **Depart from the below selected Adelaide CBD locations**

- Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street Adelaide at 1:20 pm
- Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, 55 Frome Street Adelaide at 1:30 pm
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide, 150 North Terrace Adelaide at 1:45 pm
- Mercure Grosvenor Hotel Adelaide, 125 North Terrace Adelaide at 2:00 pm
- Sage Hotel Adelaide, 208 South Terrace Adelaide at 2:10 pm.

Complimentary Coach Transfers return to selected Adelaide CBD locations, arriving in Adelaide at approximately 11 am – 11:30 am or 5:30 pm after optional Barossa Wine and Heritage tour (pre-bookings are essential)

You may choose to be transferred to the Adelaide Airport, your arrival time will be approximately 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm for those on additional day tours. Please allow at least 3 hours after arrival for your flights to allow for possible delays getting to the airport.

Fitness To Travel

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

All Passengers: The Carrier reserves the right to refuse passage to a passenger, or to disembark a passenger, who has failed to give proper notice of physical disability, illness or handicap requiring special care, attention or treatment or who in the Carrier's opinion is physically or mentally unfit for travel.

Onboard Food and Drinks

Menus: Aboard the Murray Princess, you will enjoy a seasonal menu, including local, fresh produce. Salmon, scotch fillet, chicken, quiche, lamb shanks and pork cutlets – you'll have the option to enjoy them all in the Dining Room on the Sturt Deck. Each meal is accompanied by coffee or tea. *Menus are subject to change without notice.

Drinks: A wide variety of drinks, including wine, beer, cocktails, aperitifs and soft drinks, are available for purchase from the bar. There is a large range of wines from South Australian wineries, including Banrock Station, Burk Salter's Winery and Yalumba. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails are also available for you to enjoy.

Special Dietary and Allergy Requirements Form

All special dietary and allergy information must be advised by completing your Passenger Cruise Contract when your deposit is paid. Where possible, requests will be met. As a guide, chefs regularly cater for Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Vegetarian, Diabetic and non-Seafood passengers.

A range of gluten free products are carried on-board the PS Murray Princess including gluten free/dairy free bread, a selection of breakfast cereals, gluten free/dairy free margarine, soy milk (light and regular), rice milk, a small selection of sweet biscuits and rice crackers. All of our sauces and gravies are made on-board and thickened with gluten free corn starch. These menus have been prepared for your enjoyment, so please do not hesitate to discuss these options with your waiting staff or Cruise Director. All menus are indicative and subject to change without notice.

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