

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE

FRIDAY DEPARTURES

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on selected Fridays at 4.30pm and returns to Mannum on Friday at 9.00am.

ADELAIDE COACH TRANSFERS

Subject to availability – pre-bookings are essential.

Complimentary coach transfers are available to/from the Adelaide CBD as well as a return to Adelaide Airport. Please refer to the Adelaide Coach Transfers Map for selected hotel pick-up locations and times in your Murray Princess Passenger Cruising Guide.

PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS

Additional charges apply and pre-bookings are essential.

Private car transfers are available to/from the Adelaide CBD as well as a return to Adelaide Airport.

CAR PARKING

Subject to availability – pre-bookings are essential.

Complimentary car parking is available at Mannum.

Your Travel Document will include your coach, private transfer or car parking details if arrangements have been made. Please check your Travel Document or Itinerary for full information.

This is a sample itinerary only and is subject to change due to weather, water levels and other operational requirements. Captain Cook Cruises reserves the right to amend itineraries and tours without notice.



FRIDAY

Mid-afternoon the PS 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 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.

SATURDAY

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, 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 to Swan Reach and Sugar Shack Conservation Park. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

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. Arrive at the township of Blanchetown where we will be transferred by coach to the Riverland town of Waikerie. Enjoy some free time here before travelling to Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre near Kingston-On-Murray. Here we will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch followed by a DVD presentation and wine tastings.

Mid-afternoon, we travel to Cadell where the PS Murray Princess will be waiting. This evening we will secure the vessel at Wilson's Sandbar and after dinner, enjoy the on-board entertainment.

MONDAY

After breakfast, join the First Officer for a talk in the Sturt Dining Room as we continue cruising upriver to Qualco. From here, the Captain will turn the vessel around and begin our cruise downriver. Following lunch, we arrive at Caudo Vineyard where we will enjoy cellar door tastings and a tour of the gardens & orchards. This evening we secure the vessel at Morgan where we will enjoy dinner.

TUESDAY

During the 1800's, Morgan was the home port of hundreds of paddle steamers which carried cargo and passengers up the Murray-Darling River system. This morning we will hop ashore to see this historic town. The restored wharf precinct captures the early river trading days and the town's museums bring to life the

stories of the paddle steamer era. Back on board, we continue cruising downriver.

This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of sun fade, we join a guided tour of Burk Salter Boutique Winery and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door, which is fitted out with beautiful red gum wood bars. 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 the guided 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 Sunnysdale, 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.

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 Youngusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a speedboat ride. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular Farewell Captain's Buffet Dinner. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

FRIDAY

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





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Departs selected Fridays

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 Curnamont | 4 Morgan |
| 2 Sugar Shack | 5 Blanchetown |
| ★ Waikerie | ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery |
| ★ Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre | ★ Swan Reach |
| 3 Wilson's Sandbar | 6 Sunnydale |
| Ⓢ Qualco (Turnaround Point) | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| ★ Caudo Vineyard | 7 Younghusband |

