

**EXPERIENCING ADELAIDE & MURRAY PRINCESS CRUISING**  
**AN EXCLUSIVE LIFESTYLE BOUTIQUE GROUP TOUR**



**7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**AN INVITATION:**

Ever since spending time cruising the mighty Murray from Mannum South Australia, many years ago, I have longed to return. I have now created a special tour and look forward to sharing that wonderful experience with friends. The opportunity to join me now awaits!

The PS Murray Princess is the southern hemisphere's largest inland paddle-wheeler. She accommodates and transports guests on the iconic Murray River Highway with sights to enjoy every hour of the day.

From my last adventure here, I fondly remember the steep red cliffs, the towering river gums, the prolific bird and animal life and of course the onboard hospitality. Add to these highlights the quaint riverbank townships, all with a story to tell about bygone days when river traffic was at its peak.

It's time for you to build such memories. Please join me on this close to home holiday that features a unique cruise opportunity unlike any other in the world. A bonus will be time spent in Adelaide and nearby places of scenic beauty and interest.

Maree McClelland

Tour Escort

**TOURING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ✓ **4 NIGHT, 4 STAR ADELAIDE ACCOMMODATION STAY**
- ✓ **COACH DISCOVERY TOURS OF ADELAIDE, HAHNDORF, FLEURIEU PENINSULA (INCLUDING McLAREN VALE), BAROSSA VALLEY**

**CRUISING:**

- ✓ **4 NIGHTS ON BOARD PS MURRAY PRINCESS**
- ✓ **COMFORTABLE OUTSIDE ENSUITE TWIN CABINS**
- ✓ **INCLUSIVE MEALS, SIGHTSEEING & ENTERTAINMENT WHILST CRUISING**

## TOUR ITINERARY

### **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November**     **ADELAIDE AWAITS**

Early afternoon, after allowing for coach connections from Ballarat, our Virgin flight will take us to Adelaide. Often referred to as the “City of Churches”, Adelaide is a city for the arts and gateway to some of Australia’s best wine country. A great place for us to start our journey.

On arrival, we will transfer to our accommodation:

#### **ADELAIDE HILTON HOTEL – 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November Dinner?**

This hotel has been chosen for its convenient location. It overlooks Victoria Square in the heart of the entertainment and shopping district. It’s just under 500 meters from local attractions like the Central Market and Chinatown and two kilometres from the Botanic Gardens and University.

### **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November**     **EXPLORING ADELAIDE & HAHNDORF (B,L)**

After enjoying breakfast, we are off to explore **Adelaide City Sights**. Places such as the Adelaide Oval and St Peters Cathedral will be passed, stopping to take photographs where possible. Along the Cultural Boulevard of North Terrace, we will find the SA Museum and Art Gallery of SA and Universities. At the National Wine Centre, take a self-guided tour.

Next, venture on to **Hahndorf**, a contemporary village proud of its German heritage, located in the picturesque Adelaide Hills and just 28km south-east of the city. After an **included lunch** there will be free time to enjoy the charm and hospitality of this historic village.

A brief **photo stop at Mt Lofty Lookout** will give us a panoramic view of the city prior to returning to our hotel.

### **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**     **DAY AT LEISURE (B)**

A day at leisure to **explore as you please**.

The nearby Central Market, opened in 1869, is a gourmet haunt with 80 + vendors selling organic fruit, premium meats & more. In Victoria Square, right out front, the tram to Glenelg Beach departs - a fun place to explore. There is an extensive free tram network throughout the CBD. Use it



to return to places of interest that were pointed out during our city tour.

Adelaide is home to a thriving restaurant and bar scene so you may choose to step out to explore this evening.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November FLEURIEU PENINSULA (B)**

Another day of discovery. Located forty minutes South of Adelaide, the **Fleurieu Peninsula** offers some of South Australia's finest coastal, scenic and culinary experiences.

At Goolwa we will see the five **Goolwa Barrages**, structures in the channels separating Lake Alexandrina from the sea at the mouth of the River Murray and the Coorong. Magnificent beaches will delight as we drive through holiday playgrounds such as Port Elliot and Victor Harbour.

In **McLaren Vale** there will be time to explore the main street where shops such as The Almond Train and FruChoc Shop are sure to tempt. A visit to the **d'Arenberg Cube**, a five-storey building situated within vineyards will surprise at every turn.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November BAROSSA VALLEY/BOARDING MURRAY PRINCESS (B,L,D)**

After checking out of our hotel, we will commence the scenic drive to historic Mannum on the Murray via the **famous Barossa Valley**. From Mengler's Hill look out we will take in the views of this famous wine region. After **lunch and wine tasting at Lambert Estate**, if available a visit will be made to Maggie Beer's Farm shop or Barossa Valley Chocolate Company.

Mid-afternoon we will board the **Murray Princess at Mannum**, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication. Soon after we will depart, heading upriver. Whilst we enjoy a **Welcome Dinner**, we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Curnamont. Look out for nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Enjoy music provided by the **on-board entertainer** before retiring for the night.

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November CRUISING THE MIGHTY MURRAY (B,L,D)**

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 the river's 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 all the fun and excitement, and participate in the **"Murray River Cup"**.



**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November** **SWAN REACH/WOOLSHED SHOW (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we cruise downriver to picturesque **Swan Reach**. The town was first settled in the 1850s, 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 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.

Optional tour: Sunnysdale Nocturnal Tour. \*\*



**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November** **NGAUT NGAUT ABORIGINAL RESERVE (B,L,D)**

After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast\*\* or **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 your fellow guests for a delicious **final night dinner** and enjoy the evening entertainment.

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November    DISEMBARK MANNUM /MELBOURNE BOUND (B)**

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



After disembarking we will join the Murray Princess **transfer service to Adelaide Airport** for our **flight home**. Our **Virgin flight to Melbourne** will arrive mid-afternoon, in time for convenient coach transfers to Ballarat and Peninsula locations.

*This itinerary is subject to change without notice due to weather, local events, water levels and other operational requirements.*

*\*\* Denotes additional cost*

**PRICE:**

TWIN SHARE PER PERSON:                      \$ 4250              SOLO USE: \$ 5850

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- ✓ Return Economy Class air flying Virgin Australia Melbourne/Adelaide/Melbourne
- ✓ Touring in full sized luxury coach (minimum 20 guests)
- ✓ Driver Guide whilst coach touring
- ✓ Quality accommodation at Adelaide Hilton – Superior rooms
- ✓ Outside twin ensuite cabins on Murray Princess
- ✓ Full breakfast daily (8), some lunches and dinners.
- ✓ All tours and inclusions as highlighted in the Lifestyle program.

**BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

DEPOSIT:    \$600.00

BALANCE:    Due 9 September 2024

Cancellation fees:

90 days prior                                      \$300.00 per person

30-89 days prior                                 50%

30 days or less prior                            100%

**Fitness To Travel:**

Each passenger warrants that they are physically fit and capable of undertaking the cruise. A 'Fitness to Travel Declaration' needs to be completed. Travel insurance is recommended as it may enable you to claim back the cost of your tour if you are unable to travel or must cancel at late notice.