



MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CHRISTMAS CRUISE

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Friday 21st December, 2018 at 4.30pm and returns to Mannum on Friday 28th December 2018 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 21st DECEMBER 2018

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 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 22nd DECEMBER 2018

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 past Walker Flat to Sugar Shack Conservation Park. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2018

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

Late afternoon, we secure at Morgan for our overnight stay. Tonight participate in the Table Quiz Challenge which is certain to entertain you.

MONDAY 24th DECEMBER 2018 (Christmas Eve)

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 buffet 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 board the Murray Princess and continue our journey upriver and secure at the 329km mark of the Murray River.

This evening, enjoy the music of Christmas Carols to celebrate the festive season.

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER 2018 (Christmas Day)

Merry Christmas everyone! Wake up Christmas morning to experience the magic of the Murray River.

Delight in some Christmas festivities with a traditional Christmas Day lunch and celebrations. Take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by as we start to cruise back downriver to Donald Flat Lagoon.

This afternoon, enjoy the music of Christmas Carols and later this evening; enjoy being entertained by the Murray Princess Christmas Concert.

WEDNESDAY 26th DECEMBER 2018 (Boxing Day)

After breakfast, we continue cruising 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 the guided walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry).

After lunch, take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by or listen to the First Officer's talk in the Sturt Dining Room.

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 27th DECEMBER 2018

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 River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat/Coolcha). Along the way, take part in a Trivia Quiz or inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain.

Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular Farewell Captain's Buffet Dinner. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

FRIDAY 28th DECEMBER 2018

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





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Departs Friday 21st December 2018

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| ① Caurnamont | Ⓢ Turnaround Point |
| ② Sugar Shack | ⑤ Donald Flat Lagoon |
| ③ Morgan | ★ Swan Reach Museum Tour |
| ★ Waikerie | ⑥ Sunnydale |
| ★ Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| ④ 329km Mark | ⑦ Piggy Flat / Coolcha |

