

PS Murray Princess 5 Night New Year's Eve Cruise Itinerary

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Wednesday 30th December 2020 at 4.30pm and returns to Mannum the following Monday 4th January 2021 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 special event itinerary 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.



WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER 2020

Mid-afternoon the PS Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads downriver 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.

This evening, participate in a fun table quiz and enjoy the music from our on-board entertainer.

THURSDAY 31st DECEMBER 2020 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

Enjoy a leisurely morning, listen to the First Officer talk about the history of paddle steamers and pioneers in the Sturt Dining Room.

After lunch, we continue 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 join a guided tour of Burk Salter Boutique Winery and surrounding vineyard and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars.

Tonight, join the Captain and Officers for the spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner and celebrations as we celebrate the year of 2020 and welcome in 2021.

FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2021 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

It's a new year and time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife.

After breakfast, we arrive at Roonka Conservation Park where you can explore the area and take a tender boat ride around the protected area. Keep a look out for prolific birdlife including pelicans, wrens and swans.

This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver to Pelican Point where we will turn around and cruise down river to our overnight mooring location at Donald Flat Lagoon. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY 2021

Following an early morning departure, we continue to 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 (own expense). Join the guided walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry).

SATURDAY (continued)

After a leisurely lunch, continue cruising downriver with time to relax and enjoy the on board facilities. Catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink or chill out on the top deck and enjoy the majestic views.

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.

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 by powerful spotlights. Special stops along the way are included to view the spectacular night sky which is part of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.



SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2021

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, participate in a music quiz or scenic tender boat rides.

Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2021

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



