



## PS Murray Princess 7 Night Christmas Cruise

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 at 4.30pm and returns to Mannum on Wednesday 30th December 2020 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.*



### WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2020

Mid-afternoon the PS Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, 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 Mundurra you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species.

This evening, enjoy the music of Christmas Carols to celebrate the festive season and participate in a Christmas themed quiz.

### THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER 2020 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Safari Park (additional cost).

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the PS Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland.

This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at Salt Bush Flat. After dinner, join in Christmas Karaoke and sing many of the favourite Christmas carols and Christmas songs with your fellow passengers.

### FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER 2020 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Merry Christmas everyone! Wake up Christmas morning and experience the magic of the Murray River by taking a guided nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before sitting down to a festive Christmas lunch.

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 the picturesque River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha).

The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or cricket onshore before celebrating Christmas evening on the banks of the river with a Christmas beach party.

### SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER 2020 (BOXING DAY)

Following an early morning departure, we arrive back in Mannum and board a luxury coach for a Mystery Day Tour around the beautiful Murraylands region.

Late afternoon, return to the PS Murray Princess in Mannum before departing for our overnight mooring at Caurnamont.

After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew with a Christmas themed show.

### **SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2020**

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 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.

After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

### **MONDAY 28th DECEMBER 2020**

After breakfast 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).

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.

### **TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER 2020**

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 scenic tender boat ride.

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

### **WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER 2020**

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





**PS Murray Princess 7 Night Christmas Cruise Map**

**MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE**

- Departs Wednesday  
23rd December, 2020**
- ① Mundurra
  - ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
  - Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
  - ② Salt Bush Flat
  - Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
  - ③ Piggy Flat / Coolcha
  - ★ Mannum – Mystery Day Tour
  - ④ Caurnamont
  - ⑤ Blanchetown
  - ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
  - Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
  - ★ Swan Reach
  - ⑥ Sunnydale
  - ★ Ngaut Ngaut
  - ⑦ Younghusband

