



MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CHRISTMAS CRUISE

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Friday 20th December, 2019 at 4.30pm and returns to Mannum on Friday 27th December 2019 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 20th DECEMBER 2019

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 21st DECEMBER 2019

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 Sunnydale.

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.

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2019

Continue cruising upriver this morning as you enjoy breakfast and listen to the First Officer's talk.

In the afternoon, we pass through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of water. Catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink and chill out on the top deck and enjoy the majestic views.

Late afternoon we will secure the vessel at Murbko Flats and after dinner, participate in a Table Quiz Challenge.

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2019

Following an early morning departure, we arrive at Morgan and 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 you will board the Murray Princess and after dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER 2019 (Christmas Eve)

Enjoy a leisurely morning as we cruise downriver back towards Blanchetown. We arrive at Burk Salter Boutique Winery and join a guided tour of the surrounding vineyard and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars.

We depart Blanchetown late afternoon, pass back through Lock 1 and secure at Sugar Shack for our overnight moorage. This evening, enjoy the music of Christmas Carols to celebrate the festive season.

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER 2019 (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 the picturesque Old Big Bend Landing.

This afternoon, enjoy the music of Christmas Carols and after dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our Christmas "Murray River Cup".

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 2019 (Boxing Day)

This morning we 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.

This afternoon, take part in a Trivia Quiz and inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain as the Murray Princess cruises towards Younghusband. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular farewell Captain's Buffet Dinner. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER 2019

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





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Departs Friday 20th December 2019

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| ① Caurnamont | Ⓢ Turnaround Point |
| ② Sunnydale | ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery |
| ③ Murbko Flats | ⑤ Sugar Shack |
| ★ Waikerie | ⑥ Old Big Bend Landing |
| ★ Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| ④ Morgan | ⑦ Younghusband |



- Ⓢ Start / Finish
- ← Route
- ⋯ Coach Transfer (Day 3)
- ① Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point