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MURRAY RIVER CRUISE & RAIL

7 days / 6 nights

Day 1 Fly Sydney to Adelaide

Fly today from Sydney to Adelaide. On arrival make your own way to your hotel, conveniently located on North Terrace.

Overnight Mercure Grosvenor Hotel

Day 2 Board Murray Princess

Today you will be transferred to Mannum on the Murray River to board the Murray Princess paddle wheeler. Your coach departs the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel at 2.00pm.

Mid-afternoon, the PS Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads downriver while you enjoy pre-dinner drinks and a Welcome Dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Mundarra you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for grey kangaroos, hair-nosed wombats, Murray longnecked tortoises, spoon-beaked egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls. (D)

Three nights aboard PS Murray Princess

Day 3 Murray Princess

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, join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions. This afternoon we begin our journey upriver. Tonight we moor at Craignook, where after dinner you can enjoy being entertained by our talented crew. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Murray Princess

All ashore for the 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 Murray Princess departs for the big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river. Mid morning join us in the Sturt Dining room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the riverlands. At the 205km mark we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge where your discovery vessel awaits for a backwater 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. During the afternoon also join the bocce or fishing challenge. This evening join the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the finale Captain's Dinner and Dance. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Disembark Murray Princess, return to Adelaide

After breakfast, PS Murray Princess arrives at Mannum at 9.00am where we reluctantly say farewell. Board the coach for your transfer back Adelaide, arriving at approximately 12.30pm. The remainder of your day is at your leisure. (B)

Overnight Mercure Grosvenor Hotel

Day 6 Board the Indian Pacific to Sydney

This morning make your own way to Adelaide Parklands Terminal to board the Indian Pacific. The train departs at 10.15am and you should check in at least one hour before departure. Your journey is in Gold Service, including meals and beverages.

This afternoon cross the border into New South Wales and arrive at Broken Hill. Enjoy an off train excursion of this interesting town, before continuing your journey towards Sydney. (L, D)

Overnight aboard the Indian Pacific

Day 7 Arrive Sydney

This morning you travel across the Western Slopes and traverse the spectacular Blue Mountains, before arriving at Sydney Central Station at 11.10am. (B)

Meals: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

Note: the Murray Princess itinerary is a sample only and 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.