

7 NIGHT LOXTON TO MANNUM CRUISE ITINERARY

**DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL**

Cruise departs Loxton at 4:30 pm on Friday 24 November. The cruise arrives in Mannum the following Friday 1 December at 9:00 am.

Your Travel Document will include your coach, private transfer for car parking details if arrangements have been made.

**TRANSFERS**

Please refer to 'Transfer Information & Map' for **coach transfer** times. Pre-bookings are essential, additional cost.

**Private one-way car transfers** back to Adelaide are available for up to four people, departing Mannum on Friday 1 December 2023. Pre-bookings are essential, additional cost.

**Car parking** is available in Mannum, subject to availability, additional cost. Guests are to drop off their vehicle at Mannum by 12:00 pm. A courtesy coach transfer to Loxton will depart Mannum at 12:30 pm and arrive in Loxton at approx. 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm. No transfers are available back to Loxton on the conclusion of this cruise in Mannum.

**FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023**

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic Loxton, located in South Australia's Riverland region, and cruises through the picturesque area of Katarapko while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Katarapko Creek, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. This evening enjoy the evening entertainment of 'Murder on the Murray Princess'.

**SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023**

Today our journey will take you back to the township of Loxton. Step back in time at The Loxton Historical Village, which tells the stories of the region's early settlers and their families, displayed in over 45 recreated buildings, and exhibits on the banks of the mighty Murray River. You'll have free time to explore the village before re-boarding the Murray Princess and continue cruising downriver.

After lunch, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. Catch up with friends in the afternoon over a coffee or a drink and whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery.

Late afternoon we arrive at Kingston on Murray for our overnight moorage and after dinner you'll be entertained by our talented crew.

**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023**

After a delicious breakfast, we visit the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum, the home of Australia's 'Big Thumper' Humphrey Pump. The world's only working Humphrey Pump has been lovingly restored and is demonstrated along with steam and diesel locomotives, steam traction or ploughing engines, oil engines, tractors, and machinery from the early development era of the Irrigation Areas.

After lunch we will navigate Kingston-on-Murray Lock #3, the first lock on this voyage and continue to Overland Corner for our overnight anchorage.

Overland Corner was a convenient watering place and camp site for the overlanders and drovers operating between New South



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Wales and the colony based in Adelaide in the early years of the 1800s. The Overland Corner Hotel has been restored by the National Trust of South Australia and has so many tales to tell. Join in a guided walking tour of the hotel before returning to the Murray Princess for dinner. After dinner, sing along to your favourite music with your fellow guests.

### MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising downriver to Waikerie. Enjoy the vessel's onboard facilities and catch up with friends over a tea or coffee whilst watching the ever-changing scenery slide by.

After lunch we stop at the picturesque river town of Waikerie, which was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddlewheeler. Enjoy free time in the township and visit the Waikerie Machinery and Preservation Museum before re-joining the vessel and continue towards our overnight mooring at an old distillery.

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

### TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

This morning we pass through the 2nd lock of the journey and continue to Caudo Vineyard. Here you will enjoy wine tasting at their cellar door and take in the scenery at the beautiful area of Hogwash Bend.

This afternoon, we arrive at Morgan where you'll have the option to join a fascinating guided walk of the township and the Morgan Living History Museum. Re-board the Murray Princess mid-afternoon and continue cruising downriver to Donald Flat Lagoon for our overnight anchorage. This evening, enjoy being entertained by our on-board entertainer.

### WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023

An early start to today's cruising so we can navigate the final lock on this journey, Lock #1 at Blanchetown during breakfast.

This morning participate in a game of bingo before arriving at 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 a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry).

Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. 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.

### THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

After an optional Sunnysdale Bush Tucker Breakfast\* or a bush walk with the Captain, we cruise slowly 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 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, adventure seekers can take a scenic tender boat ride or participate in a trivia challenge.

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

**\*Optional tour: Bush Tucker Breakfast. Additional cost and bookings can be made on board through your Guest Services Attendant.**

Join your hosts on the shores of the Murray River wetlands for a special traditional Aussie bush tucker breakfast. You will be transported from the dock to their unique bush kitchen and dining setting, where you will be treated to a welcome glass of bubbles followed by a 2-course Aussie bush tucker breakfast. Savour the taste of kangaroo sausages, scrambled eggs flavoured with boobialla seasoning and ground saltbush, double smoked local bacon, tomatoes flavoured with native pepper, and Aussie dukka toast with an assortment of jams and condiments. All finished off with wattle seed pancakes with lemon myrtle butter, and billy tea. Gluten Free meal options are available on request.

### FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

After breakfast, your journey ends as we arrive in Mannum where we reluctantly say farewell.

*This is a sample itinerary only and is subject to change due to weather, water levels and other operational requirements. Murray Princess reserves the right to amend itineraries and tours without notice.*

## 7 NIGHT LOXTON TO MANNUM CRUISE MAP

### MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT LOXTON TO MANNUM CRUISE

DEPARTS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

- ① Katarapko Creek
- ★ Loxton
- ② Kingston on Murray
- ★ Cobdogla
- ③ Overland Corner
- ★ Waikerie
- ④ Old Distillery
- ★ Caudo Vineyard
- ★ Morgan
- ⑤ Donald Flat Lagoon
- ★ Swan Reach
- ⑥ Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- ⑦ Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- Finish Mannum

