

7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Monday 23 December 2024 at 4:30 pm and returns to Mannum the following Monday 30 December 2024 at 9:00 am.

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

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2024

Mid-afternoon the 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 Murray Bridge, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. This evening pit yourself against fellow passengers and test your knowledge at a fun Quiz night.

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024 (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 explore the town's historic landmarks and local attractions, such as the Roundhouse, or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Safari Park*.

Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the 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 songs with your fellow passengers.

***Optional tour: Monarto Safari Park Wildlife Tour.**

Pre-bookings are essential, additional cost. For details, see 'Optional Onshore Tours & Activities' in your Cruising Guide.

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2024 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Merry Christmas everyone! Wake up Christmas morning and experience the magic of the Murray River. Following a Christmas treasure hunt after breakfast the Murray Princess departs and cruises a little further upriver.

As you cruise to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha), you will delight in some Christmas festivities with a traditional Christmas Day lunch and celebrations.

After lunch, board your discovery vessel 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.

The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by an evening of entertainment.

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER 2024 (BOXING DAY)

Early this morning we leave River View Lodge, and you will enjoy breakfast as you head back to Mannum.

On arrival, depart by coach to the famous Barossa, the beautiful 'valley of the vine' and the source of about a quarter of Australia's world-renowned wines. You will visit a couple of wineries and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Return to Mannum and re-board the Murray Princess and cruise towards Curnamont for your overnight mooring. Following dinner this evening, you will be entertained by our talented crew.

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2024

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 the river's water.



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This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of the sun fade, we visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery 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”.

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 2024

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.

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.

***Optional tour: Sunnysdale Nocturnal Tour.** Additional cost and bookings can be made on board through your Passenger Services Attendant. For details, see 'Optional Onshore Tours & Activities' in your Cruising Guide.

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024

After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast* or bush walk with the Captain, the vessel cruises slowly downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years.

We reach Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park, 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 Younghusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight, join your fellow passengers 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 Passenger Services Attendant. For details, see 'Optional Onshore Tours & Activities' in your Cruising Guide.

MONDAY 30 DECEMBER 2024

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

This is a special event itinerary 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.

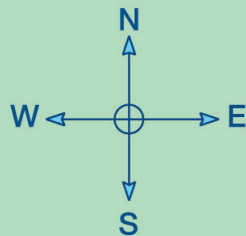


7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE MAP

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE

**DEPARTS MONDAY
23RD DECEMBER 2024**

- 1** Murray Bridge
- ★ Monarto Safari Park (optional)
- 🔄 Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2** Salt Bush Flat
- 🔄 Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3** Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- ★ Mannum - Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour
- 4** Caurnamont
- 5** Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- 🔄 Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- 6** Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- 7** Younghusband



★ Monarto Safari Park

Murray Bridge **1** ★ 🔄

MANNUM 🔄 ★

Wood Lane

Younghusband **7**

3 Piggy Flat / Coolcha

Fromms Landing

Walker Flat

Devon Downs

Big Bend

Punyelroo

★ Swan Reach

Blanchetown

Lock 1

★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery

Moorundie

5 ★

6 ★

★ Sunnydale

Nildottie

★ Ngaut Ngaut

4 Caurnamont

Purnong

2 Salt Bush Flat

Bow Hill

Younghusband **7**

3 Piggy Flat / Coolcha

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- 🚢 Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1** Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- 🔄 Turnaround Point