

## 7 NIGHT CHRISTMAS CRUISE

### DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on Wednesday 23 December 2026 at 4:30 pm and returns to Mannum the following Wednesday 30 December 2026 at 9:00 am.

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

### WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2026

Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, the 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 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.

### THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER 2026 (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 your fellow passengers for a night of Christmas Carols and songs.

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

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

### FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER 2026 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Merry Christmas everyone! Wake up Christmas morning and experience the magic of the Murray River.

Join a guided nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna and get in a bit of exercise before the Christmas festivities begin.

Delight in some Christmas festivities with a traditional Christmas Day lunch and celebrations. In the afternoon there will be more fun Christmas themed activities, or you may prefer to relax and enjoy the scenery as you continue cruising to River View Lodge where the boat will be moored for the night.

### SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 2026 (BOXING DAY)

After breakfast this morning, you may like to join some of the crew for a scenic tender boat ride, before we continue cruising upriver.

Join some of your fellow passengers for a friendly game of bingo, or after lunch, challenge them in either the fishing or bocce competitions when we moor at Wagon Wheel Landing.

This evening enjoy another delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by entertainment.

### SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2026

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.

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".



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### MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 2026

After breakfast we cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. 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).

Continue cruising after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. Catch up with friends over a coffee or drink whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery.

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\* in a comfortable purpose-built cart is available after dinner where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats, and owls by powerful spotlights. Special stops along the way are included to view the spectacular night sky which is part of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.

**\*Optional tour: Sunnydale 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.

### TUESDAY 29 DECEMBER 2026

After an optional Sunnydale Bush Tucker Breakfast\* 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 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.

### WEDNESDAY 30 DECEMBER 2026

We head back to Mannum and 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.*





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**DEPARTS WEDNESDAY  
23RD DECEMBER, 2026**

- ① Murray Bridge
- ★ Monarto Safari Park (optional)
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- ② Salt Bush Flat
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- ③ Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- ④ Wagon Wheel Landing
- ⑤ Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Ⓢ Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- ⑥ Sunnysdale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- ⑦ Younghusband

