

## 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE

### DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Cruise departs Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum on selected Fridays at 4:30 pm and returns to Mannum the following Friday at 9:00 am.

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

### FRIDAY

Mid-afternoon the 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 Piggy Flat / Coolcha, 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

Daybreak and it's time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. 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 and Sugar Shack Conservation Park.

In the afternoon, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our on-board musician.

### SUNDAY

Continue cruising upriver this morning as we enjoy breakfast and pass through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of the river's water. This morning, enjoy some free time and in the afternoon join in the fun playing a few games of bingo.

Late afternoon we will secure the vessel at Morgan and after dinner join the 'Morgan by Night' historic walk of the township.

### MONDAY

Today we are transferred by coach to the Riverland town of Renmark. Visit the Renmark Paringa Community Museum and experience the bygone time, with interactive displays that are always evolving.

Enjoy a casual riverside lunch at the heritage-listed Hotel Renmark, the first community-owned hotel in the British Empire. After lunch you can wander through the Hotel Museum and discover the many fascinating moments from its storied past.

You will also have free time to explore the township of Renmark, where you may like to treat yourself to Return by coach to Morgan where we will re-board the Murray Princess and continue our journey upriver, securing for the night at the 329km mark of the Murray River.

### TUESDAY

After breakfast, we continue upriver to our turnaround point, picturesque Hogwash Bend.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch as we cruise downriver towards Morgan. Join a guided walk of the township and the Morgan Living History Museum, before continuing to our mooring at Blanchetown.

Visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door, which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars.



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

### WEDNESDAY

After breakfast cruise 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. 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. 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.

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

### THURSDAY

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.

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### FRIDAY

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

*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.*



