

PROUD MARY

29 June - 8 July 2024

Day 1 (Saturday 29 June) New Plymouth to Auckland (Dinner)

Today we make our way north to Auckland picking up fellow passengers along the way, where we will over night before our flight to Adelaide tomorrow morning.

Day 2 (Sunday 30 June) Auckland to Adelaide (Breakfast, *flight meal*, Dinner)

Meet at the Auckland International Airport for our flight to Adelaide. Once we have cleared customs we join our sightseeing coach for a tour of Adelaide and Australia's oldest German settlement – Hahndorf before arriving at Murray Bridge. We will be met here by the friendly captain and crew, who will welcome us onboard for our 5 night wildlife expedition cruise onboard the Proud Mary. After you settle into your superb Riverview accommodation, there is time to enjoy a drink at the bar before a delicious supper is served. As you cruise, floodlights illuminate the shore. This is an excellent opportunity to see the River environment in a different perspective and may allow for a view of some of the nocturnal wildlife, especially birds such as night herons, owls and coots. Later, The Proud Mary ties up for a night of peace and tranquility in the Australian bush.

Day 3 (Monday 1 July) Proud Mary (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

This morning you will cruise past huge lagoons teeming with birdlife. Mid morning, The Proud Mary arrives in picturesque Mannum. Here you will board the waiting coach for a history tour of this small township, which played a significant role in the development of South Australia. Captain William Randall launched the 1st Paddle Steamer on The Murray River the "Mary Ann" in 1853. By the late 1880's there were over 250 Paddle Steamers and barges trading on the River Murray and Mannum had become an industrious inland port. Lunch will be served aboard The Proud Mary as you cruise upstream past lovely Lake Carlet, peaceful Bow Hill and Purnong. Early in the evening, The Murray Expedition moors at Walker Flat. This evening is "Australia Night" and we will be featuring the use of some traditional "Bush foods" such as kangaroo, followed by wattle coffee & lemon myrtle tea, combined into exciting creations by our chefs to showcase a new evolving Australian cuisine. After dinner you have a rare opportunity to experience the Australian bush on our nocturnal coach tour lead by our onshore ecologist.

Day 4 (Tuesday 2 July) Proud Mary (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Today you will pass fascinating Wongulla where, some fifty years ago, men found the petrified remains of a shark. Mid morning the Proud Mary arrives at the pioneering township of Swan Reach. The settlement was originally the port of the large Portree Sheep Station and was settled as a township in 1899. Here you will disembark Proud Mary and with a local guide visit Costa Brothers Almond Farm. The almond industry is the fastest growing horticulture crop in Australia. Discover how this state of the art almond farm uses water-recycling technology to limit its direct impact on the river system and help secure the diverse ecosystem of the river. Also visit the Swan Reach Museum which is housed in the original school building that was built in 1917; the museum's collection focuses on the history of

education and the social history of the area. Late afternoon we moor at Blanchetown, site of the Lock and Weir No. 1 on the River Murray where we will have time to explore and view the lock. The River Murray is dammed by 13 locks built for the early riverboat trade, water cascades over the lock creating an excellent feeding place for the birdlife. Pelicans and dozens of species of water birds are found diving in the water to feed. Tonight enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Proud Mary's chefs as your evening cruise takes you to Sugar Shack, where the Proud Mary moors overnight amongst towering River Red Gums.

Day 5 (Wednesday 3 July) Proud Mary (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

You will wake this morning in one of the most unspoilt and picturesque areas of the River Murray. You will be taken on an environmental discovery walk, where even today you will see evidence of an ancient Aboriginal civilisation a huge canoe tree still stands. Moorundie is the site where the history of the area began in 1840. It is here that the explorer Edward John Eyre established a village named "Sturt" after the famous navigator. As The Proud Mary cruises downstream, you will pass magnificent lagoons teeming with birdlife, majestic cliffs reaching for the sky and spectacular scenery as far as the eye can see. This afternoon your vessel ties alongside the towering cliffs of Big Bend. A highlight of your cruise is a guided cruise led by our ecologist aboard a river tender through the lagoons and inlets. There are some 320 species of birdlife in this area; you will study at close range the prolific wildlife of the region. This evening there is a traditional Australian barbecue on shore followed by live Aussie entertainment around a blazing campfire.

Day 6 (Thursday 4 July) Proud Mary (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

You can see the sunrise over the towering cliffs this morning with an early departure to the Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal conservation area where you will be met by our local aboriginal guide and shown over Australia's first Aboriginal Archaeological digs. It contains galleries of Cave Art, smoke stains from ancient fires and an excavated campsite of a civilisation over 8,000 years old. As you cruise this afternoon there will be on-board activities organised by the Cruise Director, time to relax and view the River environment and the associated birdlife before an afternoon arrival in Mannum. Passengers who have not seen the "P.S Marion" may visit the fascinating floating museum or stroll the magnificent lawns of lovely Mary Ann Reserve. This evening you are invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the bar followed by our Captain's Dinner five sumptuous courses to tempt the most discerning palate.

Day 7 (Friday 5 July) Murray Bridge to Adelaide (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

A chance for a short stroll this morning at Mary Ann Reserve, prior to boarding the waiting coach for a tour of Reedy Creek Environmental Park. Discover this permanent watercourse from waterfalls, through swamps and wetlands. Reedy Creek and the waterfalls played a significant part in the lives of the ancient Nganguruku and Ngaralta Aboriginal tribes. As well as natural rock shelters, the area offered permanent water and an abundance of wild game for hunting. As part of your Proud Mary Cruise experience you will have the opportunity to take a guided bush walk through the Reedy Creek gorge. Re-board the Murray Expedition as we begin the final leg of your journey. Today, lunch is a superb buffet of fresh local produce. This afternoon there will be more spectacular scenery before the vessel ties up once more in Murray Bridge, the Captain and crew bid farewell to guests and newfound friends before disembarkation. We are then transferred to our Adelaide accommodation, our home for the next 2 nights.

Day 8 (Saturday 6 July) **Adelaide** (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today is your day to explore Adelaide, re-visit some of the highlights from our sightseeing tour or enjoy a half or full day tour – the choice is yours. Suggestions for day tours – Barossa Valley, Torrens River Cruise or a trip to the sea-side settlement of Glenelg – enjoy it, is your day.

Day 9 (Sunday 7 July) **Adelaide to Auckland** (Breakfast, *flight meal*, Dinner)

This morning we farewell Adelaide and join our flight back to Auckland. On arrival in Auckland we are transferred to our hotel for the night where we enjoy our final evening meal together.

Day 10 (Monday 8 July) **Auckland to New Plymouth** (Breakfast)

After a leisurely breakfast we commence our return journey to our homes, there will be time today to reflect on the wonderful time we have had and exchange addresses.

Thank you for joining us on the wonderful Murray River Cruise experience.

INCLUSIONS: Return flights to Adelaide (seat + checked-in bag),
Accommodation on a share twin basis with private facilities,
7 dinners, 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches
All sightseeing as per the itinerary,



BOOKING CONDITIONS

COST: Twin Share (per person) \$ 5650.00
Requested Single on application

PAYMENT: \$1500.00 Deposit per person is required at the time of booking
Final payment is due by 29 April 2024

PRICES: The prices shown in the brochure have been calculated on airfares, coach, cruise & hotel tariffs applicable as at 10 November 2023. If these tariffs or exchange rates change between this date and your date of outward travel, you may be required to pay additional fees.

CANCELLATION FEES: If you are forced to cancel your reservation
More than 60 days before you travel 100% of the published deposit is forfeited.
Less than 60 days before you travel 100% of the tour price is forfeited.

CREDIT CARDS: We accept payment using VISA or MasterCard, subject to a 2% transaction fee.

DIRECT PAYMENTS: Can be made to Dalroy Tours **ANZ Bank 01-0707-0305166-46** OR
TSB BANK 15 3953 0944207 10 (please include your Name & Murray in the reference)

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WILDLIFE: To see wildlife in their natural habitat (in the wild) is not guaranteed.



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