



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

MURRAY PRINCESS

Christmas in July



11 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

16th July to 26th July, 2026

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THURSDAY 16TH JULY TO SUNDAY 26TH JULY, 2026

Who doesn't love a Christmas in July Celebration?
The delicious full hot Christmas lunch with all the trimmings makes so much more sense then. Come with us on the Mighty Murray River, one of Australia's most iconic waterways. Marvel at the towering red cliffs as they shift to burnt orange in the evening sunlight. Sit back and unwind as we meander along the river, experiencing a unique journey unlike any other in the world. Don your festive scarf or hat and get into the Christmas spirit—in July!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mannum
- Christmas in July Lunch
- Morgan by Night Historic Walk
- Renmark Paringa Community Museum
- 23rd Street Distillery
- Guided walk of Morgan township
- Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Swan Reach
- Sunnydale Woolshed Show
- Native Wildlife Shelter
- Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park
- Kingston S.E.
- Blue Lake Pumping Station
- Mount Gambier Old Courthouse
- Umpherston Cave
- Caroline Hills Winery

CRUISE

- PS Murray Princess

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 7 nights on board the Murray Princess
- 2 nights at Mount Gambier

PLEASE NOTE

Cabins onboard the Murray Princess are outside cabins with twin beds. Each cabin on this tour opens onto the outside deck with picture windows to view the passing scenery. Please enquire with us about limited double cabins or staterooms available.



COACH



BOAT



SMALL GRP

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, you will need to pay the Single Room Supplement.

If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- **Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers.** Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
- **Luxury Touring Coaches.** Our full size, 3 axle luxury coaches have only 32-36 passenger seats allowing you even more personal space and extra leg room. Our coaches are fitted with comfortable reclining seats with aisle arm rests, foot rests, seat belts, panoramic windows with blinds, refrigerator for passenger use, restroom, climate control air conditioning and Road Cam monitors which display the road ahead in real time. Each coach has a second door for easier entry and exit and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each entry to help keep everyone safe. Our coaches have full air suspension delivering a smooth and quiet ride which also allows us to lower the coach closer to the ground, making boarding and disembarking even easier.
- **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Two lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$7,395 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$7,295 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$7,245 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$7,195 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$2,350 per person





DAY 1

Thursday 16th July, 2026

MELBOURNE TO HORSHAM

Welcome to our Christmas in July cruise aboard the stunning **Murray Princess**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We travel past Ballarat to **Ararat** for our lunch stop. Ararat is the only town in Australia that was founded by Chinese miners who arrived in the mid-1850s chasing the riches to be found in the Victorian gold rush. So it's only fitting that we will visit the very interesting **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre**. The centre tells the story of the Chinese miners travelling by sea to Australia and the hardships and prejudices they had to endure as they made their way to Victoria's rich goldfields. Our overnight stay is a little further on in **Horsham**.

OVERNIGHT: Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM ★★★★★

DAY 2

Friday 17th July, 2026

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—MANNUM—MURRAY PRINCESS CRUISE

Before leaving Horsham this morning, we take a look at their **silos art**. "Walking on Country" artwork celebrates the life of a Wotjobaluk warrior, Yanggendyinyanyuk. World renowned street artist Sam Bates 'Smug' was commissioned to transform Horsham's silo with the image of Yanggendyinyanyuk. His totem, the Black Cockatoo, has been painted on the adjacent flour mill. After a photo opportunity, we travel through **Nhill** into **South Australia**. We arrive in **Mannum** where we board the **Murray Princess**. Mannum became a major port in the years of river trade, transporting wheat from the eastern **Mount Lofty Ranges** upstream to New South Wales and Victoria. We board the 67 metre (200 ft) **luxury paddlewheeler** for seven nights of sheer bliss and relaxation. Later this afternoon the PS Murray Princess departs Mannum 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.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

PIGGY FLAT/COOLCHA TO SUGAR SHACK - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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 to Wagon Wheel Landing. This afternoon, enjoy an Aussie Style **Christmas in July lunch** with all the trimmings, Christmas table decorations and themed music – plus Ho Ho Ho, a special Christmas guest! What a lovely way to spend an afternoon on the river!

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

“...With all the character and charm
of yesteryear, the Murray Princess
is an authentic paddlewheeler
built to cruise the mighty Murray River...”

www.murrayprincess.com.au





DAY 4

Sunday 19th July, 2026

CRUISE TO MORGAN

We 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. 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.

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

DAY 5

Monday 20th July, 2026

WAIKERIE TO THE 329KM MARK

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. Finish the afternoon with a behind-the-scenes tour at **23rd Street Distillery**, with free time to enjoy one of their signature cocktails (own expense). 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.

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

DAY 6

Tuesday 21st July, 2026

MORGAN TO BLANCHETOWN

We continue upriver to our turnaround point, picturesque Hogwash Bend. Enjoy a leisurely lunch as we cruise downriver back towards Morgan. Mid-afternoon we join a guided walk of the **Morgan 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. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

SWAN REACH AND SUNNYDALE

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 **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 (*additional cost*) 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 we make along the way are included to view the spectacular night sky which is part of the Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess





DAY 8

Thursday 23rd July, 2026

NGAUT NGAUT CONSERVATION PARK TO YOUNGHUSBAND

After an optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost) 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 Youngusband. 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.

OVERNIGHT: Murray Princess

DAY 9

Friday 24th July, 2026

THE COORONG TO MOUNT GAMBIER

We leave Youngusband and head back to Mannum where after breakfast, we farewell our hosts and board the coach. Our travels today take us along the Coorong and into South Eastern South Australia, visiting **Kingston S.E.** and Millicent on our way to **Mount Gambier**.

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★★

EXPLORING MOUNT GAMBIER

Unlock the secrets, folklore and legends of **Mount Gambier** when we visit the **Blue Lake Pumping Station** to hear the fascinating story about the unique Blue Lake and its mysterious annual colour change. At the **Mount Gambier Old Courthouse**, we discover the galleries of information and interpretive banners which tell the stories of some of the people who worked or whose crimes were judged here. Next is **Umpherston Cave**, a century old sunken garden planted on a series of terraces reflecting a bygone era. There's now a bit of time for us to wander the town. Why not take a look through the Riddoch Art Gallery or just stroll through the main shopping precinct? The choice is ours. We end our day with a tour, tasting and afternoon tea at the friendly **Caroline Hills Winery**. The small batch wines are made with minimal intervention, using open fermentation, hand plunging and minimal filtration. While here, roam the peaceful 3-acre garden and meander through the art gallery.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★★





“... Mount Gambier is a city built on the slopes of a dormant volcano which forms part of the larger volcanic precinct, laden with a dynamic culture and arts scene, and a café culture deep in conversation...”

visitmountgambier.com.au

DAY 11

Sunday 26th July, 2026

MOUNT GAMBIER TO MELBOURNE

It's time to head for home as we travel the very picturesque area of Victoria's Western District via **Casterton** and **Coleraine** to **Hamilton**, the “wool capital of the world”. Continuing on, we stop for lunch before driving through the great volcanic plain of Victoria's Western District. We arrive back in Melbourne late afternoon after a wonderful time away. As always our limousines will be on hand to transfer us home - all part of the superior **O'Shanessy's Quality Tours** service!

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Cancellation within 90 days of tour departure date	No Refund
On or after tour date departure	No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Stanthorpe and The Granite Belt - August 2026

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - September 2026

Mungo National Park and the Silo Art Trail - October 2026

Travelling with like-minded, mature aged travellers means you'll experience a casual and relaxed atmosphere, where fellow travellers become new found friends.



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