



MURRAY PRINCESS

Hot August Night



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

12th August to 18th August, 2026

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WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST TO TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST, 2026

The Mighty Murray River is one of Australia's most iconic waterways, and the PS Murray Princess stands as the southern hemisphere's largest inland paddlewheeler. 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.

Relax and take advantage of the onboard amenities while being entertained by our special guest, Dave Freeman, with his much acclaimed "OMG Neil Diamond Sounds Like Me tribute show!"

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Narrapumelap Mansion, Wickliffe
- Tour of Mount Gambier
- Umpherston Cave
- Mount Gambier Old Courthouse
- St Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, Penola
- Special Guest Entertainer: Dave Freeman
- Murray Bridge
- Nature walk at Salt Bush Flat
- River View Lodge
- Coonalpyn, Kaniva, Horsham, Murtoa and Rupanyup Silo Art

CRUISE

- PS Murray Princess

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 3 nights on board the Murray Princess
- 2 nights in 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

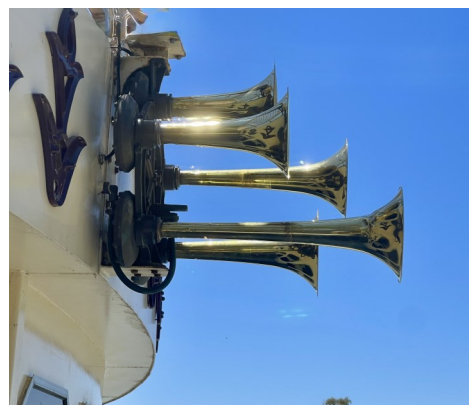


SMALL GRP

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 be required 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 most days, all lunches and two course restaurant dinners daily.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$5,075 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$5,025 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$5,000 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$4,975 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$1,345 per person

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UPON
BOOKING



DAY 1

Wednesday 12th August, 2026

MELBOURNE TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Welcome to our holiday to experience the **Murray Princess 'Hot August Night' Music Cruise**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Following our morning tea break, we travel to **Wickliffe** where we stop for lunch at **Narrapumelap Mansion**, an impressive French Gothic Mansion. This afternoon, our journey takes us across the border into South Australia to Mount Gambier for our two night's accommodation.

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

DAY 2

Thursday 13th August, 2026

EXPLORING MOUNT GAMBIER AND PENOLA

This morning, we unlock the secrets, folklore and legends of **Mount Gambier**. Our step on guide will highlight many of the major landmarks including the famous **Blue Lake** which occupies an extinct volcano and is now used as Mount Gambier's water supply. Next is **Umpherston Cave**, a century old sunken garden planted on a series of terraces reflecting a bygone era. Appreciate its size and depth from the viewing platforms above, before walking down into the impressive garden with palm trees reaching to the sky and plants hanging over the edges of the sinkhole. 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, we head to **Penola**, which has a very interesting history. Fortunately, a lot of this history has been preserved and is on display along Petticoat Lane and throughout the **Saint Mary MacKillop Interpretative Centre**. Friendly volunteers will welcome us at the Interpretive Centre, which celebrates the life and legacy of Australia's first Saint, **Saint Mary** of the Cross **MacKillop**. Adjacent to the Interpretative Centre is **Petticoat Lane**. This intriguing heritage site portrays the pioneer living standards of the 1890's. The story of Christopher Sharam, his wife and 15 children are detailed at a site just behind the original slab hut cottage. After our visit we'll return to Mount Gambier for dinner.

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

THE MURRAY PRINCESS

This morning we farewell our hosts and make our way to the **Coorong**. The whole area is a superb natural bird sanctuary with vast numbers of waterbirds. The remake of the 1976 movie *Storm Boy*, a film about a young boy's friendship with a pelican, has recently been shot on the Coorong. Continuing our travels and enjoying lunch along the way, we head to **Mannum**, arriving mid-afternoon and ready to board the **Murray Princess**. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks and cocktails (own expense) from the Sturt Bar along with an introduction to our crew who will look after us for the duration of the cruise. We'll be seated for a fabulous Welcome Dinner as we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Murray Bridge. Tonight's entertainment will be provided by the talented Dave Freeman.

OVERNIGHT: The Murray Princess

“...The PS Murray Princess
is the largest inland paddle wheeler
in the southern hemisphere.
Built specifically for the Murray River,
it has all
the character and charm of yesteryear...”

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DAY 4

Saturday 15th August, 2026

EDWARDS CROSSING TO SALT BUSH FLAT

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built here 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 to the iconic Monarto Safari Park (own expense). Shuttle transfers are available to the main street of Murray Bridge for those who may wish to stroll around town, or you may like to take a walk across the bridge or just admire the lovely river front areas. This afternoon there will be a special presentation in the Sturt Dining Room on the bounty of food and wine produced in the local **Riverland and Murrayland** regions. This afternoon we will moor at **Salt Bush Flat** for overnight, and following dinner, Dave will return to the stage to perform his much acclaimed "**OMG Neil Diamond Sounds Like Me**" tribute show.

OVERNIGHT: The Murray Princess

DAY 5

Sunday 16th August, 2026

SALT BUSH FLAT TO RIVER VIEW LODGE

After a delicious breakfast, join the First Officer at the gangway for a guided nature walk around **Salt Bush Flat**. We depart Salt Bush Flat late morning and enjoy a leisurely lunch. As we continue cruising downriver there's time to relax and enjoy the facilities onboard the Murray Princess. Catch up with friends over a coffee or a drink and reminisce about last night's entertainment whilst enjoying the magnificent scenery. This afternoon we will moor at River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat/ Coolcha), where the '**Dragon-Fly**' flat-bottomed boat awaits you. Travel in small, personalised groups and explore the river, getting up close to the 20-million-year-old limestone cliffs and view the amazing birdlife, including darters, herons and egrets who live along the river. Other activities you might like to take part in this afternoon include a fun game of bocce on the riverbank, do a spot of fishing, or just chill out on the lawns. Tonight, join your fellow cruise passengers for a delicious dinner and more great musical entertainment from Dave.

OVERNIGHT: The Murray Princess

MANNUM TO HORSHAM

We depart Riverview Lodge early in the morning while enjoying breakfast in the Sturt Dining Room before docking at the Mannum Wharf. Back on the coach again we begin our journey to Horsham. Along the way we'll take a look at the **Coonalpyn Silo Art**, the breathtaking images of five local children at play, painted on the town's 30m-high Viterra grain silo by artist Guido Van Helten, before arriving in **Bordertown** for lunch. We will also see the **Kaniva Silo Art** and the **Pink Lake** just outside Dimboola before arriving at Horsham late afternoon.

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

HORSHAM TO MELBOURNE

We make the most of our last day today as we enjoy some more silo art. First stop is Horsham's own silo art. Artist Sam Bates, aka Smug, completed the Horsham Silo Art in May 2022. The mural is titled *The Yangga Dyata* which means 'Walking on Country' and it stands proud celebrating the significant story of Yanggendyinyanyuk, a Wotjobaluk warrior's story of leadership, resilience and significant legacy. We then drive to **Murtoa** where a breathtaking mural features a flock of brightly coloured birds. The artwork is inspired by the James Hill taxidermy collection, combined with the discoveries of Dr. John Cade, a psychiatrist who made significant contributions to the understanding and treatment of bipolar disorder. Next stop is **Rupanyup** to see the renewed silo art of Smug, after the original artwork rusted and faded. These fascinating projects have changed this remote region, and we can see why, they are awesome to look at. We then make our way to **Ballarat** where our lunch has been arranged for us at the **Flying Horse Bistro** at the Ballarat and District Trotting Club. From here we make our way home – no need for a taxi as our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door – all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service!



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On or after tour date departure	No Refund

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