O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

MURRAY PRINCESS

Hot August Night



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

11th August to 17th August, 2027

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WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST TO TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2027

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

- 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

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$5,395**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$5,345**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$5,320**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$5,295**
Single room supplement:	**$1,300**

Please note a deposit of $500 is required upon booking.

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.



MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

3 nights on the Murray Princess
2 nights in Mount Gambier

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace; these tours may include a mix of touring styles. Please refer to back cover.



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 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.

Friendly Tour Directors

Enjoy peace of mind with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, where our dedicated coach crew and experienced tour directors are on board to ensure your journey is as comfortable and memorable as possible. From start to finish, they're there to assist, guide and take care of every detail. Relax and enjoy the experience without a worry.

Quality Accommodation & Fully Inclusive Tours

Enjoy the best available ensuite motel accommodation each night, ensuring a restful journey. 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. All attractions and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, all lunches, along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO MOUNT GAMBIER — Wednesday 11th August, 2027

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 and lunch breaks, we travel across the border into South Australia to **Mount Gambier** for our two night's accommodation.

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

"...Mount Gambier is known as
The big little city of South Australia.
Mount Gambier is set in one of the world's
most ancient locations, the Limestone Coast.
A city built on the slopes of a dormant volcano
which forms part of the larger volcanic precinct,
ladened with a dynamic culture and arts scene,
and a café culture deep in conversation..."

visitmountgambier.com.au















DAY 2 - EXPLORING MOUNT GAMBIER AND PENOLA — Thursday 12th August, 2027

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 ★★★★☆

DAY 3 - THE MURRAY PRINCESS — Friday 13th August, 2027

This morning we farewell our hosts and make our way past the Coorong. The whole area is a superb natural bird sanctuary with vast numbers of waterbirds. The remake of 1976 movie Storm Boy, a film about a young boy's friendship with a pelican, has recently been shot on the Coorong. From here we head to **The Bend** racetrack where we stop for lunch overlooking the impressive motor racing circuit. We take the coach for a lap around the racing circuit after lunch before heading to **Mannum** arriving mid-afternoon, and ready to board the Murray Princess. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks *(own expense)* from the Sturt Bar along with an introduction to your crew who will look after you for the duration of the cruise. 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..."

murrayrivercruises.com.au









DAY 4 - EDWARDS CROSSING TO SALT BUSH FLAT — Saturday 14th August, 2027

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 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 - SALT BUSH FLAT TO RIVER VIEW LODGE — Sunday 15th August, 2027

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 regional Riverland and Murrayland food and wine tasting presentation in the Sturt Dining Room followed by 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.

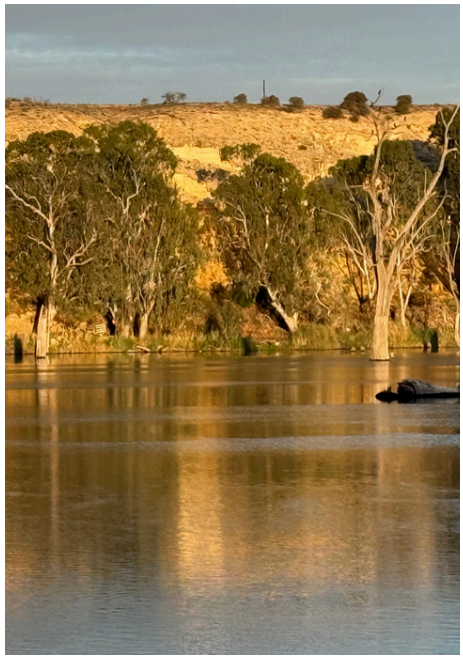
OVERNIGHT: The Murray Princess

















DAY 6 - MANNUM TO HORSHAM — Monday 16th August, 2027

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 ★★★★☆

DAY 7 - HORSHAM TO MELBOURNE — Tuesday 17th August, 2027

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 Yanggendyinanyuk, 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. This afternoon 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!







PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Deposit is fully refundable until **121 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within **120 days** of tour departure date:	**No refund**
Cancellation **on or after** tour departure date:	**No refund**

If a tour is cancelled for any reason by O'Shannessy's Quality Tours before the departure date, all passengers will be offered the option of transferring to another tour of their choice, hold the funds in trust for a future tour or a full refund. There is no time limit as to when this must be used. If a lockdown is implemented while a tour is in progress, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our passengers and ensuring that we get each and every one of them home safely, and therefore we treat every situation individually. The Australian Government (see www.smarttraveller.gov.au) recommends all travellers no matter where you are going, obtain comprehensive travel insurance from a reputable provider. It may enable you to claim back the cost of your tour if you are unable to travel or have to cancel at late notice. Always read the PDS provided, to ensure the cover meets all of your needs. We are able to provide travel insurance through Nib Insurance.

If you would like a quote for travel insurance, please call our office on 1800 354 352.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

These terms and conditions form the basis of the contract between You and O'Shannessy's Quality Tours (O'Shannessy's Quality Tours "We", "Us", or "Our" contract). It is important that You read the complete list of terms and conditions provided to you upon invoice carefully and that you understand your rights and obligations. A complete list will be provided upon invoice, alternatively they are available upon request via phone, mail, email or on our website. By agreeing to participate in a tour arranged by Us, You are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions in full. Any special requests, dietary/personal must be notified to Our office at the time of booking. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special requests. It is your responsibility to advise O'Shannessy's Quality Tours of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect your ability to participate on the tour. No passenger will be permitted to embark on or continue the tour while their physical or mental condition is, in the opinion of any representative of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily to ensure fairness to all passengers. No exceptions will be made. The information presented in any printed publications, itineraries, brochures or touring programs is to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of publication. The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary provided, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors arising from unforeseen circumstances. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours representatives/crew or any associated carrier, reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour or to terminate the travel arrangements of any person during the course of the tour, without refund, of anyone who: Presents on the day of the tour departure as ill or unwell in any way, including but not limited to: cough, runny nose, sneezing, vomiting or temperature above 37.5 deg C, Is incapable of caring for themselves without a minder/carer, Is unable to cope with the requirements of the tour or who may need or require services or facilities that are not available, Fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours crew, Engages in undesirable behaviour or interferes with the enjoyment of other passengers, Is a hazard to themselves or other passengers and/or is likely to become objectionable to other passengers, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff and or third party suppliers. Anyone so excluded will be required to disembark at a safe public location, transport from which will be wholly their responsibility. However, if and where possible, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff may assist in obtaining transport. You agree that O'Shannessy's Quality Tours is released from all liability for You and You agree not to hold O'Shannessy's Quality Tours responsible for termination of Your travel arrangements.

Activity Level - Moderate

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace; these tours may include a mix of touring styles. You should be prepared to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Embark and disembark watercraft and other vehicles via stairs
- Walk or stand for up to an hour at a time, including through domestic airports
- Negotiate a flight of stairs
- Manage uneven ground such as sand, pebbles or gravel
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)

Upcoming Tours

New Zealand Rail and Coach Tour in Spring - October 2027

Tranquil Gardens and Seaside Adventures - November 2027

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

Keep in Touch

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You can also find us on **Facebook** at *O'Shannessy's Quality Tours* and stay up to date with our posts by liking the page. We would also love to see your pictures exploring Australia or travelling the world with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours so be sure to tag us in your travels! **#oshannessys #friendstotravelwith**

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