



Christmas in July aboard the Murray Princess

Featuring 4-night cruise with festive cheer & celebrations

6 Days | Sunday 26 to Friday 31 July 2026

Enjoy a heart-warming Christmas in July aboard Australia's largest paddle wheeler as you drift past red cliffs, quiet backwaters and riverside towns. Begin in Adelaide with botanic blooms, artisan chocolates and market buzz before boarding the PS Murray Princess at Mannum. Cruise by day through locks and along tranquil reaches, spot abundant birdlife and step ashore for cellar doors, woolshed history and a bush barbecue. A traditional Christmas in July luncheon is a festive highlight, with carols and cheer on the river. Round out the journey with Hahndorf's German heritage and a relaxed farewell lunch.

Highlights

- Cruise the Murray River for four nights aboard PS Murray Princess
- Christmas in July luncheon with festive cheer
- Murray Bridge township with heritage streets and river views
- Wildlife spotting on guided nature walks and boat excursions
- Hahndorf's German village charm, boutiques and bakeries
- Adelaide Botanic Gardens, tranquil paths and towering trees

Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares and taxes (ex Perth, WA)
- 14 meals – 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 Christmas in July lunch, 5 dinners
- 5 nights' accommodation
- Tours and attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Adelaide (D)

We collect you from home and transfer you to the airport for your journey to Adelaide. Settle into your hotel and come together this evening for a welcome dinner.

1 night: Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, Adelaide

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Day 2. Adelaide highlights and embark the Murray Princess (BD)

Stroll the Adelaide Botanic Gardens with a guided tour, then sample premium chocolates at Haigh's. Enjoy time for lunch at leisure in the Central Market before transferring to Mannum to board the PS Murray Princess. Sail at dusk past floodlit riverbanks towards Murray Bridge and watch for kangaroos, wombats and waterbirds as night falls.

4 nights: Paddle Steamer Murray Princess

Day 3. Christmas in July luncheon, Murray Bridge and Blanchetown (BLD)

Early risers may capture the river's soft morning light and busy birdlife. Explore Murray Bridge at leisure or join the optional Monarto Safari Park wildlife tour. Rejoin the ship in time for the traditional Christmas in July luncheon. Cruise upriver through a lock to Blanchetown, visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery for a tasting, then enjoy on-board fun with the Murray River Cup after dinner.

Day 4. Swan Reach, Woolshed Show and bush barbecue (BLD)

Drift downriver to Swan Reach, once the largest of the local stations and now a quiet riverside town. Join a short walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum. Continue to Sunnydale for the lively Woolshed Show, call in at the Native Wildlife Shelter, then gather ashore for an Aussie bush barbecue by the river.

Day 5. Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park and final night dinner (BLD)

After an optional Bush Tucker Breakfast or a gentle bush walk with the Captain, cruise beneath towering limestone cliffs to Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. Take a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and learn about the region's Aboriginal heritage. Return on board to continue downriver towards Youngusband, with the option of a scenic tender boat ride. Celebrate your final night with dinner and entertainment.

Day 6. Hahndorf and home (BL)

Disembark at Mannum after breakfast and travel to Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement with a protected historic main street and 19th-century buildings. Enjoy a relaxed group farewell lunch and free time to explore boutiques and bakeries along the village's historic main street. Transfer to the airport for your evening journey to Perth. On arrival, we will see you safely home.

Note: The Murray Princess itinerary may vary with water levels. Daily programs are provided at turndown in your cabin.

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Cost per person twin share (inc. GST)

Price: \$ 4,765

Single option: \$ 1,395

Earn 95 villabucks



For travellers who walk confidently and unaided. In addition to *Relaxed* requirements, expect guided walking tours that may include gentle inclines and stair climbs, some longer days, and multiple hotel changes. Access to accommodation may involve stairs, short walks to facilities, and showers over baths. Walking sticks are welcome unless the tour includes overnight rail or cruising—please check with staff.

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