

Itinerary - Murray Princess - 03rd to 07th August 2026

Monday, 03rd Aug

Coaches Depart - Port Macquarie - Lakewood - Kew - Harrington - Taree - Hallidays Point - Tuncurry- Forster - Bulahdelah - Hawkes Nest - Tea Gardens - Karuah - Port Stephens - (Newcastle Meet at Newcastle Airport)

09:45am - Arrive Newcastle Airport

11:25am - Qantas QF1909 Departs

01:20pm - Arrive Adelaide Airport

02:00pm - Depart Adelaide Airport - SeaLink Coach

03:30pm - Arrive **Murray Princess Cruise** - Sails at 04:30pm

Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads upriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Caurnamont, 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.

TUESDAY, 04th Aug

Daybreak and it's time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. Prolific birdlife includes pelicans, wrens and swans. Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising upriver to Blanchetown through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of the river's water.

This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage.

As the last rays of the sun fade, we 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".

WEDNESDAY, 05th Aug

After breakfast we cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850s, was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area and is now home to native flower and fruit growers.

The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River (additional cost).

Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry). Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by.

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.

Optional tour: Sunnydale Nocturnal Tour. Additional cost and bookings can be made on board through your Passenger Services Attendant. For details, see 'Optional Onshore Tours & Activities' in your Cruising Guide.

THURSDAY, 06th Aug

After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast* or bush walk with the Captain, the vessel cruises slowly 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.

***Optional tour: Bush Tucker Breakfast.** Additional cost and bookings can be made on board through your Passenger Services Attendant. For details, see 'Optional Onshore Tours & Activities' in your Cruising Guide.

FRIDAY, 07th Aug

We leave Youngusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf.

10:00am - Depart Murray Princess Cruise - Sealink Coach

11:30am - Arrive Adelaide Airport

01:00pm - Qantas QF1908 Departs

03:35pm - Arrive Newcastle Airport

04:30pm - Depart Newcastle Airport - **Travelwise Coach & Port Stephens Shuttle**

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