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12 Day Fly, Cruise & Stay

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ON THE MURRAY PRINCESS WITH KANGAROO ISLAND

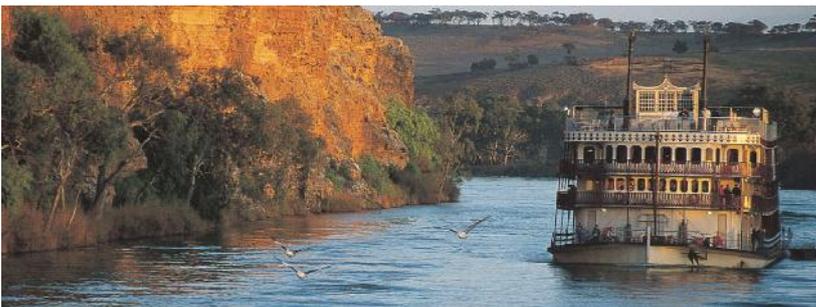
From only \$3,399
Per Person Twin Share, Inside Cabin

Price includes:

- Return economy class airfares with Virgin Australia from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne to Adelaide.
- Three nights accommodation at the Stamford Plaza Adelaide, with tours.
- One nights accommodation at the Ozone Hotel in Kangaroo Island, with return ferry transfers, 'Seal Bay Discovery Tour', and 'Remarkably Wild Tour'.
- A seven night Murray River cruise from Mannum aboard the P.S. Murray Princess.
- Onboard meals and entertainment.
- Most transfers.
- Government fees and port charges.



The P.S. Murray Princess is a true inland paddlewheeler built for the Murray River, with a character and charm of yesteryear. Catering for just 120 passengers, she brings the unique advantages of small ship cruising to the remarkable setting of Australia's outback. Murray Princess brings the best of our Northern Hemisphere winter culture to the Murray River for Christmas in July cruises. When winter comes around it's time to break out the mince pies, puddings and Yuletide treats. On the cruise you'll enjoy Christmas festivities, carols and a traditional South Australian Christmas meal.



Outside Cabin: From \$3,999
Stateroom: From \$4,699

Other departure dates for this package are also available: 4th July 2019 & 18th July 2019

Flights depart 11th July and return 22nd July 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for the Christmas in July on the Murray Princess

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

11.07.19 Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne – Adelaide

Depart Sydney at 12.55pm on flight VA 422, arriving in Adelaide at 2.35pm.

Depart Brisbane at 1.10pm on flight VA 1394, arriving in Adelaide at 3.30pm.

Depart Melbourne at 2.35pm on flight VA 229, arriving in Adelaide at 3.30pm.

Upon arrival in Adelaide make your own way to the Stamford Plaza Adelaide Hotel or similar for a two night stay.

12.07.19 Adelaide

Today you will have a full day Adelaide sightseeing tour. The tour takes you beyond the CBD to experience all facets of Adelaide, from the towering Mount Lofty Summit Lookout to chocolate tastings. The tour includes the cultural boulevard, historic North Adelaide, St Peters Cathedral, the famous Adelaide Oval and free time in the German village of Hahndorf.

13.07.19 Adelaide – Kangaroo Island

(L)

Today you check out of the hotel and are transferred to the Cape Jervis Ferry Terminal for your included ferry ride to Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island. Then enjoy an included 'Seal Bay Discovery Tour' visiting Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery with a two course lunch at Vivonne Bay Bistro. The tour also includes a guided beachwalk of Seal Bay Conversation Park and an in-flight 'Birds of Prey' display at Raptor Domain and Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park. At the conclusion of the tour you are transferred to the Ozone Hotel or similar in Kingscote, Kangaroo Island for an overnight stay.

14.07.19 Kangaroo Island

(B/L)

Today enjoy the included 'Remarkably Wild Tour'. The tour includes Clifford's Honey Farm and a two course lunch at Hanson Bay Visitor Centre & Café. This is followed by koala viewing at Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and Flinders Chase National Park including 'Remarkable Rocks' and 'Admirals Arch'. At the conclusion of the tour you will be dropped off at the Penneshaw Ferry Terminal for the included ferry back to Cape Jervis. Upon arrival you are transferred to the Stamford Plaza Adelaide or similar for an overnight stay.

15.07.19 Adelaide – Mannum/Embarkation of the P.S Murray Princess

(D)

This morning you are transferred from Adelaide to Mannum to board the P.S. Murray Princess. In the mid afternoon the paddle wheeler will depart historic Mannum, which was the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication. Take time to relax as the paddle boat cruises up the mighty Murray River while you enjoy a Welcome Aboard Dinner. During the evening the Murray Princess will cruise under floodlight to an overnight mooring on the Murray River at Caurnamont. Keep your eyes on the Murray River bank as you may see nocturnal wildlife including kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Settle in for a night's entertainment by an on-board entertainer who will provide music for those of you who wish a late night.

16.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) Daybreak comes on the Murray River and time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. Prolific bird life can be seen from the decks of the P.S. Murray Princess and 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 water levels of the Murray River. This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. This evening, as the last rays of the sun fade, we join a guided tour of Burk Salter Boutique Winery and surrounding vineyard, and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door. Tonight enjoy all the fun and excitement of the Murray River Cup on board.

17.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) After breakfast the paddle steamer will cruise down the Murray River to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850's and was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area. It 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 the guided walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum, with a gold coin donation at entry required.

After lunch you may wish to take an afternoon nap, or watch the Australian landscape slide by as we cruise downriver.

During the afternoon the Murray Princess will arrive at Sunnyside. Here it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show that recreates typical Australian woolshed history. Later we visit the Native Wildlife Shelter where some of South Australia's most interesting native animals are cared for.

This evening your chefs will prepare a great Aussie Barbecue cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River. After dinner there is an optional nocturnal tour by tractor and cart available at an additional cost, bookable on board through your Cruise Director.

18.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) After breakfast the P.S. Murray Princess slowly cruises downstream along the mighty Murray River past magnificent cliffs scoured by the Murray River over millions of years. The next stop for the paddle boat is Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites. Take a step back in time tens of thousands of years and join a knowledgeable guide for a boardwalk view of ancient rock carvings and learn about aboriginal history in the area. Back onboard the paddle steamer the boat will cruise down the Murray River to Younghusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular dinner onboard the Murray Princess.

19.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) After breakfast, P.S. Murray Princess arrives at Mannum. Join a complimentary coach tour to the famous Barossa Valley where many of Australia's world-renowned wines come from. You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre, Maggie Beer's Farm Shop and have a two course lunch at Lambert Estate, where you will have time to take in the views of this popular vineyard. Your final stop is Gully Gardens at Angaston, a local producer of dried fruits and confectionery, before returning to the P.S. Murray Princess at Mannum, and cruising towards our overnight mooring at Mundurra.

20.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join an optional guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Zoo (additional cost). Those who choose to experience Monarto Zoo will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch.

This afternoon we continue our journey upriver and moor at Salt Bush Flat. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by the talented crew.

21.07.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) All ashore for the guided nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the P.S. Murray Princess departs and cruises downriver.

Near Fromms Landing, the ship turns and heads downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha) where a discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the amazing birdlife. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges.

The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before joining the Captain and officers for a farewell dinner and dance.

22.07.19 Murray River Cruise – Disembarkation – Mannum – Adelaide

(B) After breakfast you arrive in Mannum and disembark the cruise. Upon arrival you are transferred to Adelaide Airport.

Sydney passengers depart Adelaide at 6.25pm on flight VA 437, arriving in Sydney at 8.45pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Adelaide at 6.40pm on flight VA 1405, arriving in Brisbane at 9.35pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Adelaide at 7.05pm on flight VA 242, arriving in Melbourne at 8.55pm.

Conditions for Christmas in July on the Murray Princess with Kangaroo Island

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person is payable within 3 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - Australian passports are preferred, but not compulsory for this tour. Suitable photographic identification is required (e.g. drivers license). No visas are required if you are an Australia citizen.

Basic Package Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic package price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the package is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc. and airport transfers. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

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Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Cruise Tour: _____ Departure Date _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date _____ Expiry Date _____ Nationality _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of cruise/tour completion)

Please circle your preferences.....Single Cabin / Twin Cabin / Double Cabin

Inside Cabin / Obstructed View Outside Cabin / Outside Cabin / Balcony Cabin / Suite

Dinner.....Early Sitting / Late Sitting / Anytime (if available) Table Size 2 / 4/ 6/ 8

Departure Airport.....SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / ADELAIDE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____ Special Dietary Requests _____

Are you a past passenger with this cruise line? If yes, please supply your past passenger number.

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO

For All Cruises except P&O Australia Credit Card Number for On-Board Account:

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In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship to you _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$._____ per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the supplier is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the supplier will charge a reissue fee.