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## *9 Day Fly, Cruise & Stay* **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** **ON THE** **MURRAY PRINCESS**

***From only \$2,999***  
***Per Person Twin Share, Inside Cabin***

Price includes:

- Return economy class airfares with Virgin Australia from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne to Adelaide.
- One night pre-cruise accommodation in Adelaide with breakfast.
- A seven night Murray River & wildlife 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 \$3,799  
Stateroom: From \$4,699

Other departure dates in July are available. Contact Macleay Valley Travel for details.

**Flights depart 23<sup>rd</sup> July and returns 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

*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

### **23.07.20 Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne – Adelaide**

Depart Melbourne at 10.05am on flight VA 219, arriving in Adelaide at 11.00am.

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.

You are transferred to the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel or similar with breakfast for an overnight stay.

### **24.07.20 Adelaide – Mannum/Embarkation of the P.S. Murray Princess**

**(B/D)**

This morning you are transferred from Adelaide to Mannum to board the P.S. Murray Princess. In the mid afternoon the P.S. Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication and heads downriver while you enjoy a welcome dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Mundurra, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hair-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Our onboard entertainer provides music for the night owls.

### **25.07.20 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 a 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 the Monarto Zoo will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. This afternoon we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at Salt Bush Flat. After dinner enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

### **26.07.20 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, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat/Coolcha) where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. 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 spectacular Captain's Dinner and Dance.

### **27.07.20 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)**

We head back to Mannum and after breakfast, discover Australia's richest and best known wine making region, the Barossa. Depart Mannum by coach to the famous Barossa, the beautiful 'valley of the vine' and the source of about a quarter of Australia's world renowned wines. You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre, Maggie Beer's Farm Shop, enjoy a 2 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 PS Murray Princess at Mannum and cruising towards our overnight

mooring at Caurnamont. Our onboard entertainer provides music for the night owls.

**28.07.20 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** Daybreak and 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 water. This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. 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 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'.

**29.07.20 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** After breakfast we cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850's, 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 the guided 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 Sunnysdale, 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. An optional Nocturnal Tour (additional cost) in a comfortable purpose built cart is available after dinner where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats and owls.

**30.07.20 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost) 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 Aboriginal reserve, 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 Younghusband. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular Farewell Captain's Buffet Dinner. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

**31.07.20 Murray River Cruise – Disembarkation – Mannum – Adelaide**

**(B)** We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum and disembark the cruise. Upon arrival you are transferred to Adelaide Airport.  
Brisbane passengers depart Adelaide at 1.35pm on flight VA 1397, arriving in Brisbane at 4.30pm.  
Melbourne passengers depart Adelaide at 3.05pm on flight VA 228, arriving in Melbourne at 4.55pm.  
Sydney passengers depart Adelaide at 3.30pm on flight VA 427, arriving in Sydney at 5.50pm.

## **Conditions for Christmas in July on the Murray Princess**

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1100 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. Until this time the travel insurance may not 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 2.75% 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.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

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

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.**