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## *9 Day Fly, Cruise & Stay* **MURRAY PRINCESS** **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **NEW YEARS EVE CRUISE**

***From only \$3,299***  
*Per Person Twin Share, Inside Cabin*

Price includes:

- Return economy class airfares with Virgin Australia from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne to Adelaide.
- One nights accommodation at the Mercure Grosvenor Adelaide, including breakfast.
- A seven night Murray River cruise from Mannum to Renmark aboard the P.S. Murray Princess.
- Onboard meals and entertainment and 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.

Celebrate New Year's Eve on board the Murray Princess on what will be a very special 7 night cruise from Mannum to Renmark. The cruise will take in over 420kms of the Murray River, passing through five locks and will follow in the wake of the great 19<sup>th</sup> Century pioneers.

Cabins Upgrades - Outside Cabin: From \$4,199,

Stateroom: From \$4,999

A similar cruise over Christmas day is also available. Contact Macleay Valley Travel for details.

**Flights depart 26 December 2019 and return 3 January 2020**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for the Murray Princess South Australia N.Y.E. Cruise**

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

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

Depart Sydney at 12.40pm on flight VA 418, arriving in Adelaide at 2.20pm.  
Depart Brisbane at 12.10pm on flight VA 1394, arriving in Adelaide at 3.25pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 2.40pm on flight VA 229, arriving in Adelaide at 3.30pm.  
Upon arrival in Adelaide make your own way to the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel or similar with breakfast.

### **27.12.19 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 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. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Salt Bush Flat you may see nocturnal wildlife on the river bank. Watch for 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.

### **28.12.19 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** All ashore for the guided nature walk, where your 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 upriver.

Mid morning inspect the wheelhouse with the captain and after lunch we arrive at Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve. This is one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites. 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.

This afternoon we moor at Sunnydale and 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 most interesting native animals are cared for. And then of course, there is the great Aussie BBQ – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of mighty Murray River. An optional nocturnal tour in a comfortable purpose built car is available after dinner where you may see kangaroo's, wombat's, foxes, bats and owls.

### **29.12.19 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** Daybreak and time for keen photographers to be out and 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 through the first of five locks that we will encounter on this cruise up to Renmark.

This afternoon, take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by and enjoy a special presentation and tastings of the bounty of food and wine produced in the riverland region. This evening, we will secure the vessel at Morgan. Join the Captain for pre-dinner drinks (own expense) and after dinner, participate in a table quiz challenge.

### **30.12.19 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** After an early morning departure from Morgan and a hearty breakfast, we arrive at the

picturesque Caudo Vineyard located at Hogwash Bend. Here you will enjoy cellar door tastings and explore the gardens and orchards. This afternoon enjoy a friendly game of bingo as we negotiate the second lock of the passage. Late afternoon we moor at an old distillery and after dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

**31.12.19 Murray River Cruise (New Year's Eve)**

**(B/L/D)** After breakfast we cruise upriver to the picturesque river town of Waikerie, which was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddle wheeler. Enjoy free time in the township or a museum tour before re-joining the vessel as we continue our voyage to historic Overland Corner for our overnight anchorage. Overland Corner was a convenient watering place and camp site for the overlanders and drovers operating between New South Wales and the colony based in Adelaide in the early years of the 1800's. The Overland Corner hotel has been restored by the National Trust of South Australia and has so many tales to tell. Tonight, join the captain and officers for the spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner and celebration's as we celebrate the year 2019 and welcome in 2020.

**01.01.20 Murray River Cruise (New Year's Day)**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we navigate lock 3 and cruise towards Kingston-on-Murray where you will visit Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum, the home of Australia's 'Big Thumper' Humphrey Pump. The world's only working Humphrey Pump has been lovingly restored and is demonstrated along with steam and diesel locomotives, steam traction or ploughing engines, oil engines, tractors and machinery from the early development era of the Irrigation Areas. This afternoon, cruise upriver towards Katarapko Creek for our overnight moorage. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our 'Murray River Cup'.

**02.01.20 Murray River Cruise**

**(B/L/D)** Today your cruise will take you to the township of Loxton. Step back in time at The Village, which tells the stories of the regions early settlers and their families, displayed in over 45 recreated buildings and exhibits on the banks of the mighty Murray River. After lunch, the PS Murray Princess will navigate Lock 4 and the Kamikaze Flats before mooring at the picturesque area of Rumpagunya Creek for this evening's celebrations. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular farewell Captains Buffet Dinner. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

**03.01.20 Murray River Cruise – Disembarkation – Renmark – Adelaide**

**(B)** After breakfast we will navigate through the 5<sup>th</sup> lock and pass under the Paringa Bridge before we reach Renmark where your cruise finishes and we reluctantly say farewell and disembark the cruise. Upon arrival you are transferred to Adelaide Airport. Melbourne passengers depart Adelaide at 6.05pm on flight VA 238, arriving in Melbourne at 7.55pm. Sydney passengers depart Adelaide at 6.25pm on flight VA 437, arriving in Sydney at 8.50pm. Brisbane passengers depart Adelaide at 7.15pm on flight VA 1405, arriving in Brisbane at 9.10pm.

## **Conditions for Murray Princess – Mannum to Renmark New's Years Eve Cruise**

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 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 cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare 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 / 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.**