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16 Day Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

Journey through Australia's Heartland on the Ghan & the Murray Princess

*From only \$7,395
Per Person Twin Share,
Inside Cabin with Porthole*

Price includes:

- Economy class airfares with Virgin Australia from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Darwin and out of Adelaide.
- A two night stay in Darwin with a hop-on hop-off bus pass.
- A 3 night train trip from Darwin to Adelaide aboard the Ghan in Gold Service.
- Two nights pre cruise accommodation and one night post cruise accommodation in Adelaide.
- A seven night Murray River cruise from Mannum aboard the P.S. Murray Princess.
- Onboard meals and entertainment.
- Some transfers.
- Government fees and port charges.

The Ghan is regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, providing access to parts of Australia that no other holiday can come close to, with a great balance of comfort and adventure. It offers a unique insight into the spectacular and ever-changing landscape between Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide on this 2979km journey. Gold Service includes all food and beverages, with magnificent gourmet meals.

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.



If you wish you can upgrade the Murray River cruise to an Upper Deck Outside Cabin, from \$7,999 per person twin share.

Flights depart 1st April and return 16th April 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for the Ghan and the Murray Princess – Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

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

01.04.19 Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne – Darwin

Depart Sydney at 9.45am on flight VA 1351, arriving in Darwin at 1.05pm.

Depart Brisbane at 9.45am on flight VA 449, arriving in Darwin at 1.40pm.

Depart Melbourne at 8.35pm on flight VA 1467, arriving in Darwin at 11.40pm.

Upon arrival in Darwin make your own way to the Novotel Darwin CBD or similar for a two night stay.

02.04.19 Darwin

Today is at leisure in Darwin. You will have the use of a Hop-on Hop-off Bus Pass.

03.04.19 Darwin – Embarkation The Ghan – Katherine

(L/D)

This morning you are transferred to Darwin Railway Station to embark on The Ghan for our train voyage from Darwin to Adelaide. Train departs at 10am. In the early afternoon we arrive in Katherine and have a choice of off-train excursions that take in the natural glory of Katherine Gorge, as well as its historic and cultural significance for Indigenous Australians and the early European settlers. Rejoin the train in the early evening for a sumptuous dinner.

04.04.19 Alice Springs

(B/L/D)

When you wake, you are greeted by a view of Australia's Red Centre. After breakfast enjoy a full day of Off Train Excursions that include lunch in Alice Springs. Return to the train for a quick freshen up before dining under a million stars (weather permitting). Returning to the train, the lounges are open until late so you can share the day's highlights or just relax.

05.04.19 Manguri & Coober Pedy

(B/L/D)

Breakfast is served as you arrive into Manguri where you disembark and join air-conditioned coaches for a full day of touring in and around the unique underground opal mining town of Coober Pedy. Rejoin the train in time to freshen up and enjoy another stunning dinner and maybe a nightcap in the lounge.

06.04.19 Adelaide – Disembarkation

(B)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you prepare for your arrival into Adelaide arriving at 10.50am. After disembarking the Ghan you are transferred to the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel or similar for a two night stay.

07.04.19 Adelaide

Today you will have a half day city tour of Adelaide, which has wonderful blend of the old and the new. See top attractions like the North Terrace, St Peters Cathedral and Colonel Light's Lookout.

08.04.19 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 late 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 allowing you to enjoy pre-dinner drinks and 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 peeled on the Murray River bank as you may see nocturnal wildlife including grey kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, Murray River long-necked tortoises and spoon-beaked echidnas. 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.

09.04.19 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 Princes and includes pelicans, blue wrens and black swans. After breakfast your Murray Princess cruise continues, this time the paddle steamer will cruise upstream to Blanchetown, through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow of the Murray River and levels of water. Shortly the river boat will reach Salter's Station for overnight anchorage. This evening, as the last rays of the sun fade, you can join one of expert guides for a tour of Burk Salter's vineyard on the banks of the Murray River, there is even time for a little wine tasting at the cellar door. Tonight enjoy all the fun and excitement of the Murray River Cup on board.

10.04.19 Murray River Cruise

(B/L/D) After breakfast join a guide for a walk along the eco-sensitive wetlands of Salter's Station on the banks of the Murray River. Back onboard, the paddle steamer will cruise down the Murray River. After lunch you may wish to take an afternoon nap, or watch the Australian landscape slide by. Alternatively you can enjoy a lifestyle and info-cruising presentation.

During the afternoon your Murray Princess cruise will arrive at Sunnydale. Here it's all ashore for the Woolshed Sound & Light Show that recreates typical Australian woolshed history. Later that day a visit is made to 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 you will be treated to a nocturnal eco-tour by tractor and cart. **Current Cost for Nocturnal Eco-tour:** \$16 per person, bookable on board through your Cruise Director. Prices subject to change.

11.04.19 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 speed boat ride. The P.S. Murray Princess will cruise past large billabongs, open expanses of water and cliffs amazingly high. Tonight the Captain and his officers host a spectacular dinner onboard the Murray Princess.

12.04.19 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'll visit three premium wineries, have lunch and enjoy some free time in Tanunda before returning to your riverboat in preparation for the afternoon sail. 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 two course lunch at Lambert Estate and visit the beautiful Barossa Chateau before returning to Mannum. At 4.30pm the P.S. Murray Princess departs historic Mannum and heads downriver while enjoying dinner. As the ship cruises under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Mundurra, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. The on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

13.04.19 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 \$60 per person). Those who choose to experience Monarto Zoo will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch.

This afternoon continuing cruising upriver to the overnight mooring at Salt Bush Flat. You will have the opportunity to inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by the talented crew.

14.04.19 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 for the big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river. In the mid morning, join an onboard special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the river lands. Just after 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 pre-dinner drinks and the Captain's Dinner and Dance.

15.04.19 Murray River Cruise – Disembarkation – Mannum – Adelaide**(B)**

After breakfast you arrive in Mannum and disembark the cruise. Upon arrival you are transferred back to Adelaide. Overnight at the Mercure Grosvenor or similar.

16.04.19 Adelaide – Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane

This morning make your own way to the airport for your flight home.

Sydney passengers depart Adelaide at 11.00am on flight VA 417, arriving in Sydney at 1.20pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Adelaide at 11.35am on flight VA 218, arriving in Melbourne at 1.25pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Adelaide at 1.40pm on flight VA 1397, arriving in Brisbane at 4.35pm.

Conditions for The Ghan & Murray Princess Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$2,200 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:

		Name on Card:		Exp:
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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.