



Murray River sunset



Proud Mary

Birds of Prey show

11 DAYS ESCORTED TOUR

MISTLETOE ON THE MURRAY with Kangaroo Island Explorer

PHYSICAL RATING



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class flights to Adelaide ex Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne
- Glenelg
- 2 nights Kangaroo Island
- Remarkable Rocks; Admirals Arch
- Birds of Prey display at Raptor Domain
- Seal Bay Conservation Park guided walk
- Cape Willoughby Lighthouse
- Dudley Wines
- Victor Harbor
- 7 night cruise aboard the Proud Mary in Riverview cabins with daily excursions and all meals included
- Murray Bridge; Woodlane guided tour
- Guided tour of Mannum
- Walker Flat guided nocturnal discovery tour
- Traditional Christmas Day lunch with all the trimmings aboard the Proud Mary
- Blanchetown
- Formal Captain's Dinner
- Captain's talk on the Murray River
- Guided tour of Morgan
- Barossa Valley
- Big Bend small boat guided tour
- Ngaut Ngaut tour with an Indigenous guide
- 1 night Adelaide
- 30 meals; locally operated comfort plus coach travel

DAY 1 Friday 18 December

(L,D)

Flights arrive in **Adelaide**, where we head to **Glenelg** for lunch before making the scenic drive south through the **Fleurieu Peninsula** to **Cape Jervis**. Here we board the ferry for **Kangaroo Island**, where on arrival we transfer to the small seaside village of **American River** to check-in.

2 Night Stay: Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge ★★★★★

DAY 2 Saturday 19 December (B,L,D)

Today we hit the **wildlife trail**, discovering **Flinders Chase National Park**, **Remarkable Rocks** and **Admirals Arch** before experiencing the **Birds of Prey** display at Raptor Domain, an in-flight presentation featuring Australian eagles and hawks. After lunch, we take in the scenery as we drive to **Seal Bay Conservation Park**, where Australian sea lions sunbathe and frolic on a stunning beach. We take a **guided walk** to get a close look at the sea lion colony, home to around **600 rare Australian sea lions**, then return to **American River**.

DAY 3 Sunday 20 December

(B,L,AT,D)

This morning we make a stop at **Cape Willoughby Lighthouse**, South Australia's first lighthouse on the eastern-most point of the island. We then enjoy a visit to **Dudley Wines**, sampling some of the wine and taking in lunch before boarding the ferry to the mainland and breaking in **Victor Harbor**. Arriving at **Murray Bridge** we are welcomed aboard by the friendly **Proud Mary** crew.

Taking to the river we enjoy a buffet supper as the Proud Mary's powerful floodlights illuminate the shore giving us ample opportunity to view nocturnal animals in their natural habitat. Later we tie up for the night at **Woodlane**.

7 Night Stay: Proud Mary ★★★★★

DAY 4 Monday 21 December (B,L,D)

Cruising upstream we arrive mid-morning in picturesque **Mannum**, the birthplace of the river boat trade. Here we board the waiting coach for a **guided tour** of historic **Mannum** before returning to the boat for lunch. We then continue upstream to **Walker Flat** and this evening we enjoy an 'Australiana Night' featuring typically Australian dishes prepared by the talented on board chef. After dinner we take a guided **nocturnal discovery tour**. The tour gives us an insight into the abundant wildlife in this region, including the Southern hairy-nosed wombat. Tonight's mooring is at **Walker Flat**.

DAY 5 Tuesday 22 December

(B,L,D)

Departing **Walker Flat** and cruising further upstream we enjoy a scrumptious breakfast and a relaxed morning as we head towards **Swan Reach**, where we enjoy a tour of the **local museum** which reflects upon the early European history of this magnificent part of the Murray River. Next we make a stop at the **Almond Farm** as we return to the boat. After lunch you'll be intrigued by nautical precision as we pass through **Lock 1** at **Blanchetown** before mooring amongst the towering river red gums for the evening. Tonight, join the crew for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a formal **Captain's Dinner**.

DAY 6 Wednesday 23 December

(B,L,D)

Today we cruise further upstream before taking in the **Captain's talk** on the **Murray River**. Later we arrive in historic **Morgan**, once one of the busiest South Australian Murray River ports, which is located on the Great Elbow of the Murray River. Here we disembark to board our awaiting coach to be whisked away to the **Barossa Valley** to explore the area and sample some wines before returning to the **Proud Mary**. This evening we cruise further upstream whilst enjoying dinner on board then return to **Morgan** to secure overnight.

DAY 7 Thursday 24 December

(B,L,D)

After breakfast it's time to explore the historic town of **Morgan**, once one of the busiest South Australian Murray River ports. We tour the many heritage sights of this once booming riverside town including the **customs house** and **courthouse** on **Railway Terrace**. Once back on board we head back through **Lock 1** to moor at **Sugar Shack**.

DAY 8 Friday 25 December (B,L,D)

Merry Christmas! Over breakfast we sail on to **Swan Reach**, where there's time to stretch our legs before we celebrate the day in earnest with a **traditional Christmas lunch** accompanied by a host of yuletide trimmings. After lunch we arrive at **Big Bend**, where the cliffs are even more spectacular. Here we embark on a **guided tour** aboard a small boat through the **lagoons and inlets** of **Big Bend**. This evening we enjoy a light dinner followed by an entertaining night of trivia.

DAY 9 Saturday 26 December (B,L,D)

This morning we continue downstream through some of the most spectacular scenery on the entire river system to arrive at **Ngaut Ngaut** - a historical Aboriginal site. Here an **Indigenous guide** explains the carvings and paintings on cliff faces made up to 20,000 years ago. Later in the afternoon we arrive in **Mannum**, where after dinner we enjoy the live on-board entertainment.

DAY 10 Sunday 27 December

(B,L,D)

This morning at **Woodlane** we join our guide for a tour of this fascinating area and discover the permanent watercourse, waterfalls, swamps and wetlands which played a significant role in the lives of the **ancient Nganguruku and Ngaralta tribes**. This afternoon we enjoy some more spectacular scenery before returning to **Murray Bridge**, bidding the **Proud Mary** goodbye and transferring to **Adelaide**.

1 Night Stay: Hilton Adelaide ★★★★★

DAY 11 Monday 28 December (B)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at our hotel before we make our way to the airport for our flights home

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

18 December

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4950
Sole Use \$6380

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$1500pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.

N.B. This package is subject to a fuel levy without notice for coach and air components.

Flights are arranged to suit the tour as a group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast MT = Morning Tea L = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea D = Two Course Dinner



Kangaroo Island seals

2 MODERATE PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING
This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page TBC