



Proud Mary



Murray River sunset

Birds of Prey show

11 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

A NAUTICAL NEW YEAR ON THE MURRAY

with Kangaroo Island, Adelaide and 7 night Proud Mary cruise

PHYSICAL RATING



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class flights to Adelaide ex Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne
- Glenelg; Hahndorf; Adelaide city tour
- 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
- Swan Reach; local museum & Almond Farm
- Blanchetown; McBeans Pound
- Captain's talk on the Murray River
- Guided tour of Morgan
- Barossa Valley
- New Year's Eve celebrations with live entertainment aboard the Proud Mary
- Big Bend ecologist guided tour and campfire BBQ
- Ngaut Ngaut tour with Indigenous guide
- Captain's Dinner
- 1 night Wirrina Cove
- 2 nights Kangaroo Island
- Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- Birds of Prey at Raptor Domain
- Seal Bay Conservation Park guided walk
- Remarkable Rocks; Admirals Arch
- Emu Bay Lavender Farm tour and tasting
- Island Beehive tour and tasting
- Victor Harbor
- 30 meals; locally operated comfort plus coach travel

DAY 1 Sunday 27 December (L,AT,D)



Flights arrive in **Adelaide**, and we head to **Glenelg** for lunch before embarking on a **city tour** taking in **North Terrace Cultural Boulevard**, the **Adelaide Oval** and **St Peter's Cathedral**. We then head into the **Adelaide Hills** to the quaint village of **Hahndorf**, and take time to discover Australia's oldest German settlement. Later, we make our way to **Murray Bridge** to be 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. This evening we tie up for the night at **Woodlane**.

7 Night Stay: Proud Mary ★★★★★

DAY 2 Monday 28 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**. Later, we continue upstream to **Walker Flat** and this evening after a dinner showcasing typically Australian dishes, we take a guided **nocturnal discovery tour**. The tour gives an insight into abundant wildlife in this region, including the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat. Tonight's mooring is at **Walker Flat**.

DAY 3 Tuesday 29 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** and **Almond Farm**. Later 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 at **McBeans Pound**. Tonight it's time to get your competitive juices flowing as its trivia night onboard!

DAY 4 Wednesday 30 December



Relax onboard then take in the **Captain's talk** on the **Murray River** as we cruise toward **Morgan** this morning. **Morgan** is located on the **great Elbow, North-west Bend** on the **River Murray**. 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 5 Thursday 31 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 **Swan Reach**. This evening we ring in 2021 with a **New Year's Eve celebration** featuring delicious food and live entertainment onboard!

DAY 6 Friday 1 January (B,L,D)



Wake this morning in one of the most unspoilt and picturesque areas of the river and take in a walk with the Cruise Director before we continue on downstream.

Mid afternoon we arrive at **Big Bend** where the cliffs are most spectacular. Here we embark on a **guided tour lead by an ecologist** aboard a small boat through the **lagoons and inlets** of **Big Bend**. This evening we enjoy **live entertainment** and a **campfire BBQ** on the banks of the river at **Big Bend**.

DAY 7 Saturday 2 January (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** for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a formal **Captain's Dinner**.

DAY 8 Sunday 3 January (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**, and bidding the **Proud Mary** goodbye. We then travel to the southern Fleurieu region of the peninsula and check-in for the night.

1 Night Stay: New Terry Hotel & Golf Resort, Wirrina Cove ★★★★★

DAY 9 Monday 4 January (B,L,D)



Today we head to **Cape Jervis** and board the ferry to the pristine wilderness of **Kangaroo Island**. At **Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery** we ignite our

senses and tour the facilities, then enjoy a hearty **BBQ lunch** before experiencing the **Birds of Prey** display at **Raptor Domain**, an in-flight presentation featuring Australian eagles and hawks. To finish off the day 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 head to **American River** and check-in at our hotel.

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

DAY 10 Tuesday 5 January (B,L,D)



This morning we hit the **wildlife trail** discovering **Flinders Chase National Park** and Kangaroo Island's iconic natural formations; **Remarkable Rocks** and **Admirals Arch**. Later we discover some icons of the island's legendary local producers. At **Emu Bay Lavender Farm** we take in the sight, smell and taste of this beautiful and useful herb. We see how the flowers are grown, harvested and then produced into a variety of products on this family-run farm. **Island Beehive** extracts around 100 tonnes of honey each year from its population of Ligurian bees and our tour here offers a sneak peek into the fascinating world of organic honey production.

DAY 11 Wednesday 6 January (B,MT)



Leaving **Kangaroo Island** we board the ferry to the mainland and break for a delectable Devonshire morning tea in **Victor Harbor**, before arriving at **Adelaide Airport** for our flights home.

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

27 December

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4895

Sole Use \$6285

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$1000pp 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.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast MT = Morning Tea L = Lunch

AT = Afternoon Tea D = Two Course Dinner



Kangaroo Island seals



PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page 3