

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RIVERLAND 7 DAY COACH TOUR

This tour to the South Australian Riverland includes a multiple night stay at the Comfort Inn Riverland which is totally surrounded the Barmera Golf Course. Explore the Riverland region of South Australia where glorious sunsets beckon, the Murray River welcomes and the food and wine celebrates local freshness. Local touring includes a Lake Bonney, the Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery, Renmark, Olivewood & Angroves Winery, lunch at the Historic Overland Corner Hotel, morning tea at the award winning Banrock Station and the Loxton Historic Village.



TOUR COST Subject to numbers and date of departure



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Day 1: ECHUCA-MOAMA

Welcome aboard Potter Travel's South Australian Riverland tour. Relax and unwind as we enjoy the tranquillity of the Murray River. Indulge in delicious home-grown produce, watch a magnificent sun set over Lake Bonney and have a yarn with a local character. After a stop for lunch in Holbrook we make our way to the charming twin towns of Echuca Moama for our first night on tour together.

Day 2: SA RIVERLAND

Travelling via Kerang to Swan Hill our route then takes us across the top of Lake Tyrell. The lake became a tourist mecca during winters in the mid 2010s as a great spot for reflective photography. Images on social media of mirror-like surfaces fascinated many visitors, mostly from overseas who came to see this wonderful phenomenon. Breaking for lunch at the beautifully preserved Victoria Hotel in Ouyen, we stretch our legs prior to travelling through the South Australian Riverland to Barmera, set on the banks of Lake Bonney. Warmly welcomed at our hotel, we'll enjoy a pre-dinner drink at the bar before our evening meal.

Day 3: BARMERA & RENMARK

We have a local guide join us this morning to show us around this popular holiday resort town. Lake Bonney has long drawn water adventurers to the area including Sir Donald Campbell who attempted to break the Australian water speed record in the 1960s. We'll visit the monument dedicated to him on its shores. We also drop by Rockys SA Country Music Hall of Fame. Rocky has a South Australian history on Adelaide radio and TV, even travelling with Slim Dusty for a while. Travelling to Renmark our lunch today overlooks the mighty Murray River. The Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery, also known as a "Brew with a View", is a 100-year-old shearing shed providing a unique cellar door experience. From here we visit Olivewood. The homestead and museum trace the story of the Chaffey Brothers who were instrumental in introducing irrigation to the region. Nearby is Angoves Winery, the largest privately-owned winery in Australia where the fifth generation of the winemaking family is carrying on the incredible wines. We enjoy a talk and a taste before making our way back to Barmera.

Day 4: LOXTON

This morning we head to Loxton, first settled by people of (predominately) German origin escaping religious persecution. Much of the town's fascinating history is on display at the Loxton Historical Village where we'll spend some time. Our lunch venue is the charming Pines Historical Home and Gardens, gifted to the people of Loxton by its last resident. We will wander through this stately home and discover the hidden delights, including the gardens which have been lovingly restored to their former beauty. In Berri we stop to meet the property owners of Bella Lavender Estate and hear about their journey into lavender. There will be time to take a walk in the garden and check out their range of products for sale such as homemade soap, shampoo lip balm and arthritis cream. After an interesting day, we return to Barmera.

Day 5: LOCAL WINE & FOOD

Today is about connecting with locals, hearing and tasting their stories! Just downstream, at the junction of the Banrock Creek and the Murray River, is the award-winning Banrock Station. Lying within 12 kilometres of river frontage is the Banrock Lagoon and wetlands where we take a short walk. A delightful morning tea and a wine tasting follow. Lunch is the historic Overland Corner Hotel, a charming rest spot for drovers moving stock between NSW and South Australia last century. Built from sandstone cut from a nearby quarry, the hotel houses memorabilia taking the reader on a journey back in time. Making our way to Cobdogla, the Irrigation Museum is full of interesting exhibits, engines and pumps especially the museum's special feature - the world's only Humphrey Pump in working order. Returning to Barmera, we discover Flavours of the Riverland, a rustic venue keen to impress. Provided with a tour and tasting of their extensive range of local produce, our visit highlights the diverse flavours of the Riverland.

Day 6: HAY

Travelling via Mildura to Robinvale, we arrive at the 1926-built Robinswood Historic Homestead. Presented with a wonderful light lunch, take a look at the displays showcasing this once very-modern family home. We then head across the Hay Plains to our last overnight stop in Hay.

Day 7: HOME

We have a travel day ahead as we make our way back to Canberra.