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HISTORIC RIVERPORT ECHUCA—MOAMA

5 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 06 September 2021

Returning: Friday 10 September 2021



TOUR COST:

\$1,165 per person Twin/Double Share

\$1,395 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7.30am Bay 1, Woden Bus Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City
8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Uncover the largest river in Australia, the Murray River and her willow-lined river banks. Explore Echuca and be enchanted by the Paddlesteamers who brought trade and prosperity to many of the regional towns in the district. We'll visit many enterprises each of whom rely on the river that begins life as a small stream in the Australian Alps.

Day 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO ECHUCA: Monday 06 September 2021

Greeting our fellow travellers, it's all aboard our Echuca and Historic Riverports tour. Our first stop is in Holbrook where we pause for lunch before making tracks to Corowa. Sitting on the banks of the Murray River, the town - at the turn of the 20th century, played host to a conference to settle the irrigation and navigational rights of the Murray. We follow the river along to our destination of Echuca Moama where we'll be warmly welcomed into our hotel.

Meninya Palms Echuca (03 5482 3311)

Day 2: (BLD): EXPLORING ECHUCA: Tuesday 07 September 2021

Today we discover the story of Echuca and how the Murray River played a huge part in giving Echuca-Moama its importance. We'll be captivated by the story of the Port of Echuca hearing of the early history and growth and how it was linked to the river, becoming Australia's largest inland port. As we pass the many river boats moored at the banks, we'll be transported back in time where Paddlesteamers churned these waters, taking goods downstream as well as bringing in doctors, school teachers and tailors, all enhancing the development of town. Echuca's location as the closest riverport to Melbourne and her railway cemented the town's importance. It is fitting we join a luncheon cruise on one of the Paddlesteamers for a tranquil cruise along the beautiful Murray River. Be accompanied by the towering river red gums on the banks and imagine the bustling port ensuring the success of the river trade. From one method of transportation to another, the National Holden Museum is well worth a visit. Be reminded how our nation was put on wheels and turn the key of recognition as we take a walk down memory lane through the history of the Holden car. We can all certainly relate to the popularity of the Holden, recalling during the late 50s, early 60s, how every second family owned a Holden vehicle!

Day 3: (BLD): KOONDROOK & BARHAM: Wednesday 08 September 2021

This morning we follow the river to Koondrook for a visit to the only working sawmill in the region. Since 1889 the Arbuthnot Sawmill has played a major role in the social and economic viability of Koondrook and surrounding area. The modern timber processing plant we see today is a far cry from the days of steam power and heavy manual work. As we safely access the viewing walkways, we can witness the Redgum logs going on to become magnificent pieces of furniture. Whilst in Koondrook we look at the Red Gum Statue River Walk that has been created by a local chainsaw carver. Lunch today is at an

interesting venue, the Border Flywheelers Museum. Established in 1995 its aim is to collect, restore and exhibit tractors, machinery, engines and other artefacts used by the farming community along the Murray Darling Basin. In addition there is a collection of household items and country publications on display. After lunch we return to Echuca.

Day 4: (BLD): UNIQUE COLLECTABLES: Thursday 09 September 2021

Today we travel through Rochester, home to one of Australia's finest cyclists, Sir Hubert Opperman on our way to a small town with a big heart. **Elmore** is home to the **Rural Discovery Centre** showcasing the unique Sunshine Harvester, the first commercially viable combine harvester that revolutionised the farming industry. The interactive agricultural museum will be presented to us by a **guide**, taking us on a walk back in time. Morning tea is included. Next up we meet a local character who brings his passion of Australian paraphernalia to life. **The Great Aussie Beer Shed** is where we'll meet Neil who has set up an impressive display. Be entertained as we are shown through the premises housing a Carlton United Clydesdale wagon, a car and farm equipment collection and a huge volume of iconic Aussie products. Neil's enthusiasm is contagious, so we'll stay on for **lunch** giving us time to take it all in. Our final visit for the day is to **Pacdon Park** specializing in British-style range of products. Started by English friends who couldn't find a 'decent pork pie anywhere' embarked on making it themselves instead. So, the business was born. At the factory we hear what they make and try some pork products for ourselves.

Day 5: (BLD): ECHUCA TO CANBERRA: Friday 10 September 2021

Checking out of our accommodation, we hit the road. Arriving at our visit to **Cactus Country** we'll see that this family run business has been a labour of love for many years. Meeting our **guide** be taken on a journey of the many different species of Cacti from Africa, North America, Mexico and South America. You will be surprised by this visit including our morning tea of cactus cake (it's delicious!). We continue through to **Albury** where we break for lunch at the local hotel. Our afternoon's drive is back to Canberra completing our short tour to Echuca and surrounds.



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