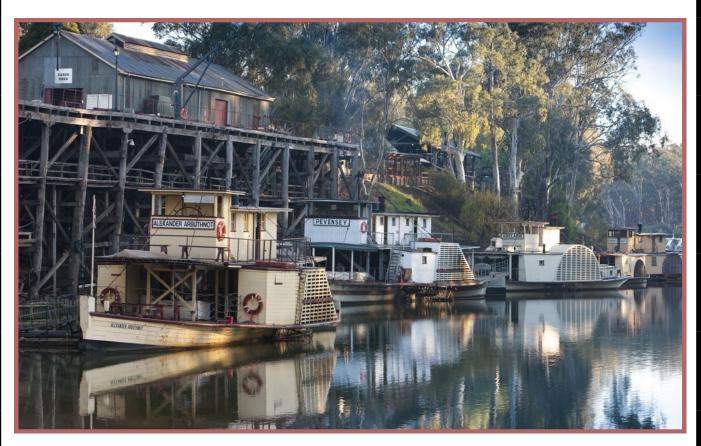
# **pottertravel MURRAY RIVER**

**10 DAY TOUR** 

## Departing: Saturday 17 September 2022 Returning: Monday 26 September 2022



TOUR COST: \$3475.00 per person Twin/Double Share \$4125.00 Sole Occupancy

#### PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan7.30am Bay 1, Woden Bus Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

The Mighty Murray River—Historic ports and charming towns. Uncover the largest river in Australia, the Murray River which provides a spectacular backdrop to a number of Australian towns. Soak up the rich river heritage, hop aboard an iconic paddle wheeler, sample each regions gourmet treats and cruise the Coorong, where the river meets the sea.

#### DAY 1: (LD) HOME TO TUMBARUMBA: SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to our brilliant tour connecting the Murray River towns of Echuca, Mildura, Barmera and Goolwa. We travel to Tumut, where we visit Tumut Valley Violets. We'll be delighted with the venue, an old school house. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch and a venture through the farm. Next, we make our way to Tumbarumba where we visit one of the most unusual small museums, The Pioneer Women's Hut. The cleverly themed museum reflects the ingenuity of women in finding solutions to challenges of looking after a family in early rural Australia. The museum features an excellent collection of domestic artefacts, agricultural machinery and local crafts. We have time to freshen up in our motel before our welcome dinner.

#### Tumbarumba Motel | (Ph: 02 6948 2494)

#### DAY 2: (BLD) TUMBARUMBA TO ECHUCA-MOAMA: SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

We continue south to Tintaldra to meet the Murray River as it commences its journey from the High Country of NSW and Victoria to the Southern Ocean in South Australia. From here we follow the Murray River west past the vast Lake Hume (six times larger than Sydney Harbour) to Albury. We enjoy lunch here before continuing to the twin towns of Echuca Moama, recognised as one of Australia's finest heritage icons and home to the largest paddlesteamer fleet in the world.

#### Meninya Palms Moama | (Ph: 03 5482 3311)

#### DAY 3: (BLD) DISCOVER ECHUCA: MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2022

This morning we are introduced to the story of Echuca with a local guide, who will point out the areas of interest and share tales of the colourful characters that crewed the old river boats. At the Port of Echuca Discovery Centre, walk the path of the town's founders. Explore the legend of the pioneering spirit with true tales and learn how the bustling river trade changed the face of the town. We board the elegant Pride of the Murray for a cruise along the river where banks are filled with swaying red gum trees. Our fabulous journey along the mighty Murray River will include a delicious lunch, fascinating commentary and time to take photos of the amazing landscape that surrounds up. This afternoon we visit one of the most unique and entertaining attractions in this region, the Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Museum. Take a stroll down memory lane with an unbelievable display of iconic paraphernalia including 17,000 beer cans from Australia and around the world. Don't be fooled by the name, the shed also houses other interesting items such as old petrol bowsers, a Coca Cola collection and even a partially restored WWI canon.

Meninya Palms Moama | (Ph: 03 5482 3311)

#### DAY 4: (BLD) ECHUCA TO MILDURA: TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

Our morning stop is at Lake Boga, home to the famous Catalina Flying Boat A24-30 – one of only 4 in Australia. The museum here holds a number of artefacts relating to Lake Boga's proud history associated with WWII. We head to Swan Hill where our lunch at Spoons Riverside Café, has incredible views of the Murray. We continue to our destination, Mildura.

Commodore Motor Inn | (Ph: 03 5023 0241)

#### DAY 5: (BLD) MILDURA TO BARMERA: WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

We are introduced to Mildura with a local expert for a morning of sightseeing. At Woodsies Gem Shop, we take a look through this vast gemstone cutting and jewellery manufacturing complex where we might like to purchase something special from the exquisite showroom. Next, we head to a lovely oil farm, Varapodio Estate, where we enjoy a tour and tasting of their award-winning oils. We also have a lovely lunch arranged here. This afternoon we head across to Renmark to visit Paddlesteamer Industry which in moored here. Commissioned in 1911, PS Industry once worked for South Australian Water, keeping the Murray River open to traffic. Following a hectic work life, the steamer was retired in 1969. From here we head to nearby Barmera, located on banks of Lake Bonney. Warmly welcomed by the motel managers, you may like to enjoy a pre-dinner drink at the bar before our evening meal.

Comfort Inn & Suites Riverland | (Ph: 08 8588 2888)

#### DAY 6: (BLD) BARMERA: THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

This morning we see the monument dedicated to Sir Donald Campbell who attempted to break the Australian water speed record on Lake Bonney in the 1960's. We also drop by Rocky's SA Country Museum Hall of Fame before a visit to nearby Cobdogla and the Irrigation Museum which is full of interesting exhibits, engines and pumps especially the museum's special feature - the world's only Humphrey Pump in working order. From here we make our way to the historic Overland Corner Hotel for lunch. It was 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. 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. We complete our day with a delightful afternoon tea and a wine tasting before heading back to Barmera and the motel for dinner.

Comfort Inn & Suites Riverland | (Ph: 08 8588 2888)

#### DAY 7: (BLD) BARMERA TO GOOLWA: FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

This morning we follow the river to Waikerie and Blanchetown then onto Mannum, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication. We have lunch here before continuing to Goolwa, once a thriving river port – the last on the Murray River before it reached the Southern Ocean.

Motel Goolwa | (Ph: 08 8555 1155)

#### DAY 8: (BLD) SPIRIT AUSTRALIA CRUISE: SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

We board the "Spirit of the Coorong" for a delightful and relaxing luncheon cruise across the spectacular Coorong National Park. Derived from an Aboriginal word 'karangk' meaning narrow neck, it is one of the most breathtaking national parks in Australia. We cruise downstream from the port of Goolwa taking in the sights of the historic wharf, lock chamber and waterways of the Coorong. We follow the last kilometres of the mighty Murray River to the Murray Mouth and to its opening to the Southern Ocean. We then enter Storm Boy country, passing by the quaint finish village of the Coorong Shacks. Be amazed by the towering dunes, bird life and beautiful scenery before returning to Goolwa.

Motel Goolwa | (Ph: 08 8555 1155)

#### DAY 9: (BD) LOCAL TOURING: SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Cockle Train is one of the regions hidden gems as it travels across farmlands and coastal dunes from Goolwa to Victor Harbor. The heritage train windows frame the sparkling Southern Ocean and coastal cliffs as we travel along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia. Our train arrives in Victor Harbor, the area is known for its surf breaches, fishing and winter sightings of the Southern Right Whale. Here we take an incredible interactive journey at the SA Whale Centre. Our guide, with the help of audio-visual displays, artefacts and a 3D theatrette, will introduce us to these magnificent creatures. After some free time for lunch, we enjoy a ride on the historic Horse Drawn Tram across the Causeway to Granite Island. Feel the ocean breeze as the beautiful Clydesdale horses draw us along the jetty bridge. Mid afternoon we head north to Adelaide for our farewell dinner in our hotel.

Adelaide Rockford | (Ph: 08 8211 8255)

#### DAY 10: (B) ADELAIDE TO HOME: MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

Our fantastic tour following the mighty Murray has come to an end. We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Canberra (flight time to be advised). We arrive home with new friends and wonderful memories from our tour.



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Cancellation fees and charges will not exceed payments received by us at the time of cancellation. If after the application of these fees and charges there is a surplus of payments you have made to us, we will refund this to you within a reasonable time. You agree that these cancellation fees and charges are reasonable and required to protect our legitimate business interests. Any payments we have made to third parties will only be refunded to you once we have deducted the above cancellation fees and charges and once we have actually recovered the amounts from the third parties. We will use reasonable endeavours to recover third party payments, but we make no guarantee that we will be able to make recoveries.

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