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PS AUSTRALIAN STAR & RIVERLAND TRAIL OF LIGHTS

10 Day | Murray River region by coach and paddle-steamer

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST – TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2027

10 Days

Echuca, Murray River, Riverina

$7870 pp Twin/Double Share
$12,530 Sole Occupancy

Wake to river mist. Fall asleep under a blanket of stars. Somewhere in between, discover a Murray you didn't know existed.

Travel by luxury coach to the historic twin towns of Echuca-Moama, then step aboard the PS Australian Star, Australia's newest luxury wood-fired paddlesteamer. Experience four unforgettable nights cruising the Murray River in your own private stateroom, drifting past heritage stations, riverside wineries, and starlit campfire moorings. Rejoin your coach at Torrumbarry for Mildura's spellbinding Trail of Lights and the extraordinary Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra at Wentworth, before touring the Riverina's hidden gems on the way to Yarrawonga and home.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights aboard PS Australian Star in a private stateroom
- 5 nights motel accommodation
- All coach touring, entry fees and GST
- All meals aboard PS Australian Star, plus 5 motel breakfasts, 4 motel dinners and 5 included lunches
- Entry to Trail of Lights and Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)
- Entry to Bullanginya Dreaming

Full inclusions listed overleaf.

PICK UP TIMES

6:30 am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

7:00 am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange

7:25 am Canberra Theatre Centre, Bus Stop

7:45 am Riggall Place, Lyneham

***Land Sole/Cruise Twin Option $8590 pp**

Further details on page 2

INCLUSIONS

PS AUSTRALIAN STAR — 4 NIGHTS ABOARD

- 4 nights aboard PS Australian Star in a private stateroom
- All meals aboard PS Australian Star as per the itinerary
- Devonshire tea, sunset drinks and the Captain's farewell dinner
- Guided shore experiences at Murray Gums Estate, Perricoota Station and Torrumbarry Weir

COACH TOURING

- 5 nights motel accommodation
- 5 motel cooked breakfasts
- 4 motel two course dinners
- 1 additional included dinner – see below
- 5 included lunches – see below
- All coach touring, entry fees and GST

INCLUDED LUNCHES, DINNER & ENTRIES

- Lunch at Soden's Hotel
- Guided tour of Port of Echuca and entry to Port of Echuca Discovery Centre
- 1 hour Paddlesteamer cruise
- Entry to Trail of Lights
- Entry to Woodsies Gem Shop
- Tour, tasting and lunch at Varapodio Estate
- Entry to Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)
- Entry and lunch at The Depot
- Entry and guided tour at Tocumwal Aviation Museum
- Lunch, tour and tastings at Byramine Homestead and Brewery
- Dinner at Barooga Sports Club
- Entry to Bullanginya Dreaming
- Lunch at Cootamundra Ex Servicemen's Memorial Club

Sole Traveller Pricing

PS Australian Star

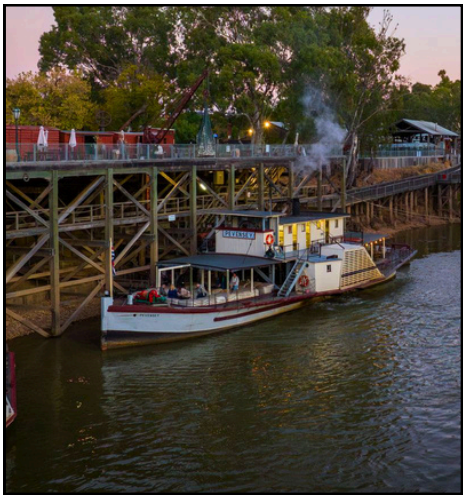
PS Australian Star cabins are priced per cabin, not per person, so there's no single supplement on the cruise itself; a solo traveller and two share-travellers pay the same cabin price.

For solo guests, we offer a Sole Occupancy Land / Twin Share Cruise package: a private hotel room for all land-based touring nights, paired with a Twin Share rate cabin aboard PS Australian Star. The cost for the Sole/Twin combination is **$8,590 per person.**

Conditions apply:

These conditions are in addition to Potter Travel's standard cancellation fees:

- If one guest in a twin-share cabin cancels prior to the final payment date, their deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards the remaining guest's sole occupancy fare. The remaining guest's fare will revert to the sole occupancy rate.
- If one guest cancels after the final payment date, their fare is non-refundable and will be applied towards the remaining guest's sole occupancy supplement and associated administrative costs.



CANBERRA TO ECHUCA

DAY 1 | Sunday 29 August 2027 (LD)

Today marks the start of your journey to the PS Australian Star, where you'll spend four nights cruising the Murray River in a private stateroom before the tour's grand finale at Mildura's Trail of Lights and Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra. With our fellow travellers on board the coach, we begin our journey, stopping for lunch in Albury before arriving in the twin towns of Echuca-Moama — home to the historic Port of Echuca and Wharf, recognised as one of Australia's finest heritage icons, and tomorrow's departure point for embarkation.

Mercure Port of Echuca | 1 night

Lunch at Soden's Hotel | Dinner at hotel

ECHUCA & EMBARKATION

DAY 2 | Monday 30 August 2027 (BD)

This morning, a local guide introduces you to the story of Echuca, pointing out the areas of interest along the port and sharing tales of the colourful characters who crewed the old river boats. At the Port of Echuca Discovery Centre, walk the path of the town's river pioneering spirit, learning how the bustling river trade shaped the town. Then board the PS Pevensey for a short cruise along the majestic Murray River.

This afternoon, your coach carries you from Echuca to Torrumbarry, where the PS Australian Star waits at her mooring. Step aboard into a world of timeless river charm, settle into your private stateroom, and mark the occasion with a traditional afternoon Devonshire tea as she gets underway, your first taste of life on the Murray.

Get acquainted with your fellow travellers on deck, or drop by the wheelhouse for a chat with the skipper about the vessel’s authentic wood-fired steam engine and her place in paddle steamer history, or simply retreat to your stateroom and let the river ease you into holiday mode.

As the sun dips low, drinks begin in the saloon, local wine or craft beer in hand while the bushland stirs with birdsong and kangaroos emerge from the shadows. Dinner is a highlight: a chef-prepared welcome feast of fresh, locally sourced ingredients. We moor for the night at Norris Bend, where, weather permitting, a crackling riverside campfire awaits under a blanket of stars, new friends and stories close at hand.

Breakfast at the hotel | Dinner aboard PS Australian Star
(lunch at own expense)

FLAVOUR & RIVERSIDE STORIES

DAY 3 | Tuesday 31 August 2027 (BLD)

After a hearty breakfast, PS Australian Star cruises to the storied Perricoota Station — first settled by James Maiden in 1843, and familiar to television audiences as a filming location for All the Rivers Run, where the paddlesteamer PS Emmylou once played the fictional PS Providence.

From here, a short excursion takes you to Murray Gums Estate, a boutique producer of premium wines and award-winning olive oils — exclusive to PS Australian Star guests. Meet the passionate owners, wander the estate, and enjoy a gourmet lunch paired with estate-grown wine and olive oil tastings.

Back at Perricoota Station, your Captain leads a further leisurely walk through the beautifully restored buildings and manicured riverside gardens as the afternoon turns to evening. Happy Hour begins on board with golden light bathing the river, followed by dinner served alfresco on deck, overlooking the grandeur of the station. As night falls, settle in under the stars for Movie Night, featuring Riverboats Remembered — a historical documentary tracing the paddle steamer era through rare archival footage from the early 1900s to the mid-1970s.

All meals aboard PS Australian Star

RIVER REFLECTIONS

DAY 4 | Wednesday 1 September 2027 (BLD)

For early risers and photography enthusiasts, morning mist over Perricoota Station makes for a magical start — watch for native wildlife stirring along the banks, best enjoyed with a warm cup in hand.

After breakfast, PS Australian Star steams onward toward tonight's mooring at the tranquil Layfield Lane — a day made for pure relaxation. Lounge on the sun deck with a book, watch the ever-changing scenery drift by, or simply savour the gentle rhythm of the river.

As evening falls, the day builds to a signature riverside moment — our much-loved Australian BBQ dinner* under the stars. Soft candlelight and a crackling nearby campfire set a warm, welcoming scene, with live entertainment to enjoy as you share stories and laughter with fellow guests beneath the southern sky. Retire to your stateroom with the sounds of the bush all around.

All meals aboard PS Australian Star

HISTORY & HERITAGE

DAY 5 | Thursday 2 September 2027 (BLD)

Breakfast aboard fuels a fascinating half-day exploring Echuca's rich history. Disembark for the Henry Hopwood Town Tour, a guided journey through the town's historic heart that uncovers the stories behind landmarks such as Hopwood's Punt and the innovative pontoon bridge—the original Murray River crossing devised by Echuca's founder, Henry Hopwood.

Then step aboard the lovingly restored PS Canberra, a 115-year-old paddlesteamer built in 1912 from sturdy red gum timber, and cruise the river as she once did at the height of the paddle steamer era. Afterwards, enjoy free time for a self-guided walk through the Port of Echuca precinct ,museums, heritage buildings, artisan shops, and cafes at your own pace.

Return to PS Australian Star for lunch as the journey continues, cruising past the imposing Port of Echuca Wharf, once home to more than 100 paddle steamers during its 19th-century heyday. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner aboard, cruising near Echuca — a chance to reflect on the journey, share stories with fellow guests, and toast to the Murray one last time.

All meals aboard PS Australian Star

* Weather Permitting

DISEMBARKATION & TRAIL OF LIGHTS

DAY 6 | Friday 3 September 2027 (BD)

As the sun rises on your final morning aboard, early risers can take a peaceful stroll along the riverbank, soaking in the serenity and birdlife one last time. After a final breakfast on board, it's time to farewell the crew and your fellow guests, taking with you unforgettable memories of your Murray River adventure.

Disembark at Echuca, where your coach and driver will be waiting to carry you onward to Mildura, with stops along the way, arriving in time for dinner and this evening's 'light' treat! The Trail of Lights is a transcendent experience, allowing you to connect with both the artwork and the natural environment. Through the interplay of 12,500 firefly lights, Gone Fishing sculptures, and the natural landscape, Munro invites contemplation and reflection, creating a space for introspection and wonder. As night falls, this spectacle will turn Lock Island into a must-visit destination

Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn, Mildura | 2 nights

Breakfast aboard PS Australian Star | Dinner at the hotel | Lunch at own expense

MILDURA AND WENTWORTH

DAY 7 | Saturday 4 September 2027 (BLD)

We start our day with a visit to Woodsies Gem Shop, Australia's largest gemstone-cutting and jewellery-manufacturing complex. It's a fascinating place where we can browse through collections of fossils, jewellery, and crystals. Next, we head to Varapodio Estate, a family-owned and operated olive grove. Enjoy a talk on their farm as well as tastings of their award-winning oils before lunch here.

This afternoon you have time at leisure to unwind before we travel to Wentworth to experience the awe-inspiring Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) installation, set against the Perry Sandhills. The setup features 80 Hills Hoist clotheslines arranged like an orchestra pit, complete with a dazzling display of colours and sounds. Each clothesline is lit with fibre optic lights representing different musical instruments, creating a symphonic visual and audio feast you won't want to miss. After a fun-filled evening, we return to our accommodation.

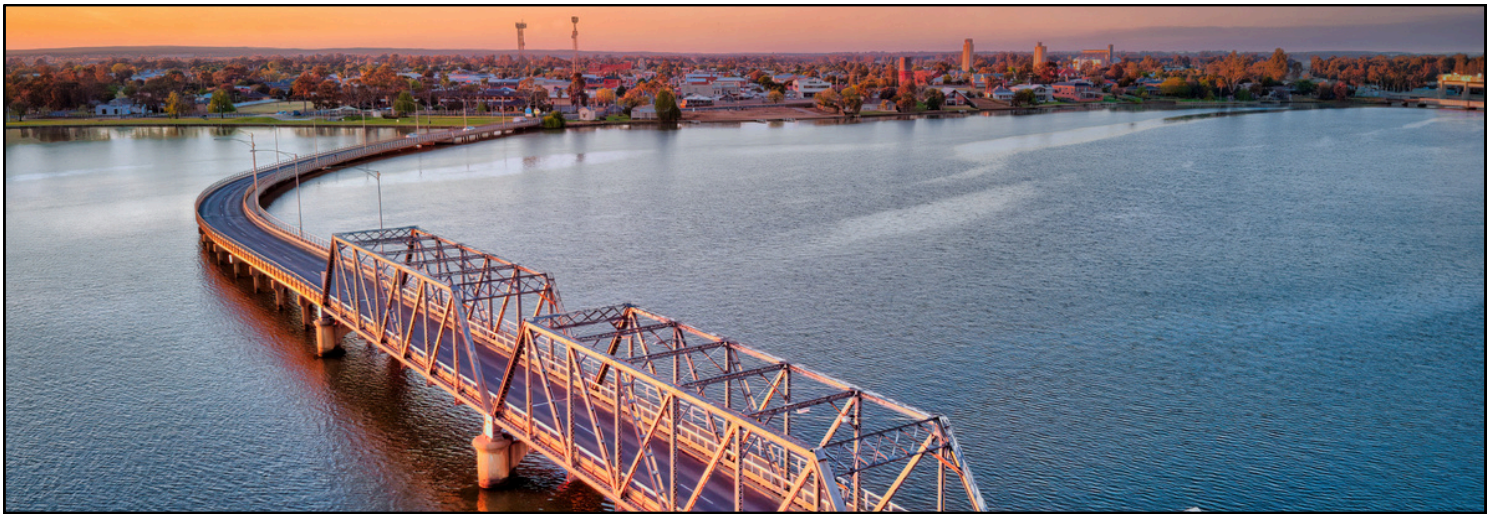
Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Varapodio Estate

MILDURA TO YARRAWONGA

DAY 8 | Sunday 5 September 2027 (BLD)

We have a travel day ahead as we depart Mildura and head through Balranald to Deniliquin. Lunch today is at a fantastic museum called, The Depot. It has grown around the historic vehicle and memorabilia collections of Neville and Debbie Purtill and the Purtill family. With touches of Hollywood, trucking and transport, Australian motoring, rescue vehicles and cars from around the world, The Depot is full of nostalgia and discovery. From here we continue to Yarrawonga for the next two nights. The award winning luxury hotel overlooks tranquil Lake Mulwala creating the perfect atmosphere to relax and unwind.

The Sebel Yarrawonga Silverwoods | 2 nights
Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at The Depot



LOCAL TOURING

DAY 9 | Monday 6 September 2027 (BLD)

This morning we make our way to Tocumwal. Here we learn about the significant, unique and secret part of Australia's civil aviation history at the Tocumwal Aviation Museum. The museum showcases the first aeroplane landing at Tocumwal in September 1919 through the barnstorming days of the 1920s and early regional airlines in the 1930s and more. Heading to Katamatite, we stop to visit the incredible silo painted by Tim Bowtell, which holds significant importance to the Lions Club and entire community. For lunch we visit a fascinating colonial house, Byramine Homestead. Built in 1842 by the famous explorer Hamilton Hume for his sister-in-law Elizabeth and her nine children after her husband was murdered by Bushrangers. The house was built in an octagonal shape to provide a clear view of all angles in case of an attack.

Tonight, travel out to the banks of Bullanginya Lagoon for Bullanginya Dreaming, combining an unforgettable journey through the Indigenous history of the region featuring a mesmerising laser light show. Bullanginya Dreaming features 12 unique activations, each telling its own district story. Through immersive art experiences and heritage celebration, it cultivates unity, respect and appreciation for the rich legacy of the Bangerang people. Dinner will be at Barooga Sports Club before returning to our accommodation.

Breakfast at the hotel | Lunch at Byramine Homestead | Dinner at The Barooga Sports Club

Bullanginya Dreaming is 1.8km track for approx. 60-90 minutes. Some areas can be dark as there is low or no light.

HOMEWARD BOUND

DAY 10 | Tuesday 7 September 2027 (BL)

With our bags packed full of memories, we checkout of our hotel and settle into the coach, enjoy the scenery as we travel home after a fantastic tour.

Breakfast at the hotel | Lunch at Cootamundra Ex Servicemen's Memorial Club

* Additional itinerary notes: All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. Meals are shown as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

🚶 **Activity Level: Moderate (Level 2)**

This 10-day tour combines relaxed river cruising with light-to-moderate walking at each stop (generally 1–3 km per day). Several heritage sites (Port of Echuca, Perricoota Station) involve uneven or cobbled surfaces, and two evening activities — the FOSO installation at Perry Sandhills and Bullanginya Dreaming — take place on uneven or sandy ground in low light. Enclosed, supportive footwear is essential, and a torch is recommended for evening activities. Guests who use a walking aid can join most activities; please contact us to discuss the Perry Sandhills and Bullanginya Dreaming stops specifically before booking.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT

$600 per person

Due within 7 days from booking.

FINAL PAYMENT

Due by

Monday, 24 May 2027.

97 days before departure.

It is important that you read these conditions carefully to ensure that You understand Your rights and obligations. Payment of deposit or other charges constitutes acceptance of these terms. This applies equally to all persons included in the reservation.

Payments: Online Direct Debit transactions must include your Booking Reference noted on your Booking Confirmation. There is a 1.99% service fee on all credit/debit card transactions, this covers the cost of using Stripe's reliable payment processing services. The charges will apply for partial or full payments by credit card and debit card. *Subject to change, in accordance with Stripe Gateway payment conditions.

Cancellation: You may cancel your booking by giving written notice to Potter Travel or calling our reservation team. Cancellation fees and charges will be levied as follows: any amounts we have paid or have contractually committed to pay to third parties to deliver your travel arrangements that we cannot reasonably recover; where we operate any of the services included in your travel arrangements, a reasonable amount attributable to such services which we determine we cannot resell; a fee which is the greater of the deposit and 20% of the booking value to compensate us for work performed up until the time of cancellation; a fee not greater than 5% of the booking value to compensate us for processing the cancellation and any associated refund. Cancellations received within 60 days before departure will incur a 100% cancellation fee. We recommend that you obtain an appropriate level of travel insurance at the time you pay your deposit to cover any applicable non-refundable or cancellation fees.

Itinerary: Potter Travel reserves the right to alter itineraries without notice due to weather, road conditions or any other reason which is seen to be in the best interest of passengers travelling. The operation and provision of services from other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Potter Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service. No guarantees will be given as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Potter Travel. Drop-offs may be in the opposite direction to the pickups depending on the touring route taken.

Tour Inclusions: Meals and accommodation at the hotels as mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches and morning or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, tickets to shows (if applicable), luxury coach travel and GST. Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

Not Included: Alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance: Potter Travel recommends purchasing Travel Insurance to protect against unforeseen circumstances. Potter Travel is accredited to provide you with insurance through CoverMore. Please contact us for a quote.

Special Dietary Requirements: Special meal requests/food allergies must be advised at the time of booking. All efforts are made to accommodate special dietary requirements, like vegetarian and coeliac meals however in some locations this cannot be guaranteed. If You have food allergies, Potter Travel is not responsible for ensuring that the special meals requested meet the needs of Your circumstances. It is the responsibility of You, the passenger, in this circumstance, to make it known at the time the meals are served.

Media Consent: Participation or inclusion in a photo taken by a Potter Travel staff member whilst on any of our tours indicates that you are giving us the right to publish any such photos on our website or Facebook page for promotional purposes

Health and Fitness: Our tours are designed for active retirees and, whilst we have passengers every day with varied mobility levels, it is an essential requirement that each passenger be able to negotiate coach steps without the aid of the coach driver or other non-related passengers. No passenger will be permitted to continue the tour while their mental or physical condition is such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves. As part of our ongoing commitment to delivering safe and enjoyable travel experiences, we encourage passengers to ensure they are fit to undertake the activities and travel outlined in our tour itineraries. It is important that all passengers are reasonably healthy and able to participate fully in our tours. Passengers must advise Potter Travel of pre-existing medical conditions at the time of booking that may affect their ability/mobility/health, or well-being whilst on tour. Passengers must provide Us with emergency contact information for a third party before embarking on a tour.

Accommodation: The accommodation listed in the package should be viewed as a guide only and, where not available, accommodation of a similar standard will be provided. All accommodation is on a twin share basis unless stated otherwise. Twin share prices are per person. Single rooms may be available for an additional fee, however Potter Travel makes no guarantee that sufficient single rooms will be available on any given tour. While all care is taken in selecting hotels of an appropriate standard, the day-to-day operations of each hotel remain beyond the control of Potter Travel.

Names on Bookings: You must provide your full legal name, exactly as it appears on the photo identification you will travel with, at the time of booking. Photo ID is required at check-in and must match the booking. Please check all names on your confirmation on receipt and advise us immediately of any error.

Limitation of Liability: Potter Travel products include and depend on the services provided by our suppliers, such as hoteliers, coach companies and other third-party operators who are not agents or employees of Potter Travel. Potter Travel reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary, accommodation or carriers at any time for any reason, and to substitute coaches at any time when circumstances may require, without prior notice.

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MURRAY RIVER CRUISE BOOKING CONDITIONS

*These conditions apply to the PS Australian Star cruise component of your tour, in addition to our Booking Terms & Conditions.**

What's Included / Excluded: Included: cabin accommodation, all meals (B/L/D), selected wine and beer at dinner, tea/coffee/soft drinks/bottled water, standard off-vessel excursions. Excluded: premium wines and spirits, gratuities, items of a personal nature. Solo travellers: no single-occupancy discount.

Baggage: 15kg per passenger. Must be clearly labelled with name, vessel name, cabin number (if known) and sailing date. No firearms, explosives, oxygen/combustible substances, alcohol, drugs or other dangerous goods — these will be confiscated at embarkation.

Boarding: Passengers must be at the embarkation point at least 1 hour before the scheduled departure (and before any revised departure time announced during the voyage). No liability/refund if a passenger misses the boat through their own delay.

Fitness to Travel & Health: Passengers must disclose any physical, emotional or mental condition needing special assistance, at time of booking (or as soon as it arises). Passengers aged 80+ must provide a doctor's certificate confirming fitness to travel. Anyone unable to care for themselves must travel with a companion able to assist them, on board and ashore. The Captain/Operator can refuse carriage or require disembarkation on health, safety or conduct grounds — no refund in these cases. Any on-board or shoreside medical treatment is at the passenger's own cost; the Operator has no liability for the standard of care received.

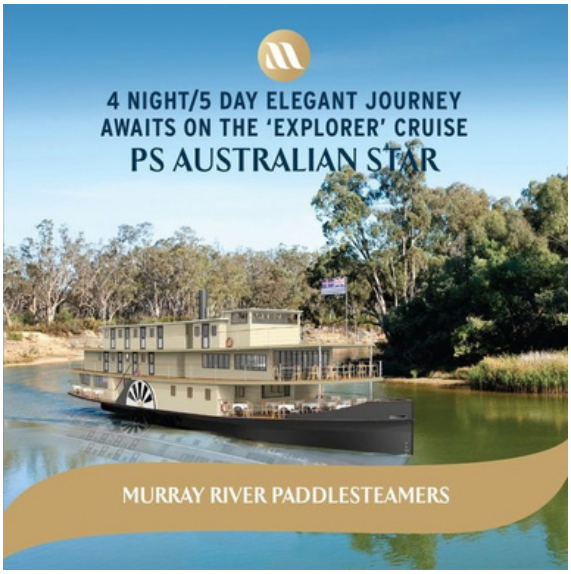
Valuables & Belongings: Safekeeping facilities are available in cabins — passengers are strongly encouraged to use them for jewellery/valuables. The Operator isn't liable for loss of money, jewellery or valuables unless caused by its gross negligence. No liability for belongings left unattended in public areas, or for normal wear and tear.

Itinerary Changes: The Operator/Captain may alter the itinerary, ports of call, timing, or substitute alternative transport (including by coach) for safety, nautical, or Force Majeure reasons. No compensation or refund applies for such changes.

Third-Party Excursions: Some off-vessel excursions are delivered by independent third-party suppliers; the Operator's responsibility is limited to arranging reputable suppliers, not their acts/omissions on the day.

Force Majeure: Standard exclusions apply (weather, water levels, pandemic, labour disputes, lock malfunctions, government restrictions etc.) — the Operator can cancel, delay or alter a departure with no liability beyond refunding costs it doesn't incur.

* These Murray River Cruise Booking Conditions apply in addition to, and do not replace, the Potter Travel Booking Terms & Conditions set out on the preceding pages.



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