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MURRAY PRINCESS & SILO ART TRAIL

with Ezi Drive Coaches



9 Days / 8 Nights - with Mary and Brian

Tour Departs: Wednesday 20 May - Thursday 28 May 2020

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport and return to South Australia
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- 8 Nights Quality Accommodation
- 8 Three Course Dinners with Choices & All Fully Cooked Breakfasts
- Lunches on days 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8!
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted Tour

Tour Highlights:

Highlights of Wagga Wagga; Hay Gaol; Olivewood Historic Homestead; Blanchetown Hotel; PS Murray Princess 3 Night Cruise - guided nature walks, wildlife tours, photo opportunities; Wimmera Silo Art Trail - Patchewollock, Lascelles, Rosebery, Brim, Sheep Hills & Rupanyup; Sea Lake; Skymirror Photo Gallery; Mitchelton Wines & much more!

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$3,768.00 per person, twin share
	Non Members	\$3,798.00 per person, twin share
	Single Supplement	\$702.00

\$250.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid by Thursday 9th January 2020

Balance by Thursday 20th February 2020

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

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Day 1. Wed 20 May: Home Port - Wagga Wagga

Dinner

This morning we pick you up from home and begin our trek across to South Australia. We enjoy a comfort stop for lunch before arriving into Wagga. We call into the **Uneke Lounge for afternoon tea** before meeting our **local guide** for a **highlights tour of Wagga**. Later this afternoon we arrive at our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Wagga Wagga: Quality Hotel Rules Club

Day 2. Thu 21 May: Hay - Mildura

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we make our way across to Hay and visit the **Hay Gaol**. Opened in 1880, the state heritage listed Hay Gaol has an intriguing history - over the last century it has operated as a gaol, maternity hospital, a locked hospital for the insane, a prisoner of war detention centre for Japanese and Italian prisoners, an institute for girls and now a museum! After our guided tour we stop by **Robertson's Hot Bread Kitchen** in Hay for a chance to purchase lunch. We continue across to Mildura, enjoying a comfort stop before arriving at our accommodation to check-in and rest before dinner.

Overnight Mildura: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn

Day 3. Fri 22 May: Mildura - Mannum

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after a leisurely breakfast we depart Mildura and make our way across the **Riverland of South Australia into Renmark**. We call in at the **historic Olivewood Estate** situated on the outskirts of town. A grove of old olive trees and date palms planted in 1890 by Charles Chaffey. Charles was the man behind Olivewood Estate, beginning the story of Renmark's transformation and that of the entire Riverland regions irrigation and settlements. We enjoy morning tea and a guided tour of the Estate before making our way to Blanchetown, home of Lock No. 1. Travelling through **Waikerie** we stop to view the unique silo art by two artists, local Garry Duncan and Melbourne artist Jimmy Dvate. Duncan's work features various cartoonish animals on abstract backgrounds, while Dvates' realistic art features a Cherax Destructor aka Yabby, a Murray Hardyhead fish and a beautiful Regent Parrot. We enjoy **lunch at the historic Blanchetown Hotel**, which has been trading on its current site for 117 years and is a gem of pioneer construction, the rafters were shaped with a broad axe! After lunch we continue into the Murray River Port of Mannum, the birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication. Here we board the delightful PS Murray Princess and travel downriver while we enjoy pre-dinner drinks and a welcome dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Mundarra, we may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank as well as grey kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, Murray long necked turtles spoon-beaked egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls amongst us!

Overnight: PS Murray Princess

Day 4. Sat 23 May: Murray Princess

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at **Edwards Crossing**, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, we join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions. This afternoon we begin our journey upriver. Tonight **we moor at Craignook**, where after dinner we are entertained by the talented crew of the Murray Princess.

Overnight: PS Murray Princess

Day 5. Sun 24 May: Murray Princess

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, it's all ashore for the **guided nature walk** where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before Murray Princess departs for the **big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river**. Mid-morning, we gather in the Sturt Dining room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverlands. At the 205km mark, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge, where our discovery vessel awaits for a **backwater wildlife tour**. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of backwaters, creeks and lagoons. The birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. Late afternoon, photography enthusiasts have a great opportunity to **capture a spectacular cliff-top river sunset**, before joining the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the finale Captain's Dinner and Dance.

Overnight: PS Murray Princess

Day 6. Mon 25 May: Murray Princess - Sea Lake

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, the **PS Murray Princess arrive in Mannum**, where we reluctantly say farewell to the crew of the Princess and head across through Taillem Bend to **Pinnaroo**. Once in Pinnaroo we enjoy **lunch at the Bakery** before continuing through to Murrayville, Underbool and Patchewollock, where we view one of the silo arts on the 200km Wimmera Silo Art Trail. Completed in 2016, Brisbane Artist, Fintan Magee, booked a room at the local pub to immerse himself in the community and get to know its people. When he met local sheep and grain farmer, Nick "Noodle" Hulland, Magee knew he had found his muse. The artist's depiction of the famously reserved Hulland portrays an image of the archetypal Aussie farmer, dressed in his faded blue "flanny" and all. Hulland's solemn expression, sun-bleached hair and squinting gaze speak to the harshness of the environment and the challenges of life in the Wimmera Mallee. We continue into Sea Lake where we check into the **new unique Lake Tyrrell Accommodation**. We are joined by our **Lake Tyrrell guide Julie** before travelling out to the lake platform to view the **spectacular colours of a Lake Tyrrell sunset**. Those wishing are able to hop into their **"Gum Boots"**, which are supplied, allowing us to take a walk on the lake. Following we travel back to our accommodation for dinner.

Overnight Sea Lake: Lake Tyrrell Accommodation

Day 7. Tue 26 May: Sea Lake - Silo Art Trail - Stawell

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

For those wishing we will be returning to the lake to **capture the colours of sunrise over the lake** before returning for breakfast. Following check out we take a look through the **Sky Mirror Gallery** which showcases the images of Lake Tyrrell's ever changing colours. We travel across to **Lascelles**, the fifth silo mural to be completed. In order to capture the true essence of Lascelles, Melbourne-based artist, Rone knew that he had to learn about the town from those who were deeply connected to it. Here, he depicts local farming couple Geoff and Marilyn Horman, part of a family that has lived and farmed in the area for four generations. We enjoy **lunch at the Minapre Hotel** before continuing down to **Rosebery** where we view the most recently finished artwork by Kaff-eine. Completed in late 2017, Kaff-eine's artwork depicts themes that she says embody the region's past, present and future. Our next stop, **Brim**, was the first silo completed. The small farming town captured the world's attention in January 2016 after Brisbane street artist Guido van Helten painted a giant mural on the town's unused grain silos depicting an anonymous, multi-generational quartet of female and male farmers. At **Sheep Hills**, artist Matt Adnate has created a monster 30m high x 40m wide piece of art dedicated to Aboriginal Wergaia Elder, Uncle Ron Marks, and Wotjobaluk Elder, Auntie Regina Hood, alongside two young children, Savannah Marks and Curtly McDonald which celebrates the richness of the area's Indigenous culture. The **Rupanyup Silo**, created by Russian street artist Julia Volchkova and dedicated to local netball and football players, will be our final of six we will view along the **200km "Wimmera Silo Art" Trail**. We continue into Stawell, checking in to our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Stawell: Magdala Motor Lodge

Day 8. Wed 27 May: Stawell - Albury

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we depart for Albury, calling into **Mitchelton Wines** for lunch in the Muse Restaurant followed by wine and cheese tasting. After a relaxing afternoon we continue into Albury and check in to our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight Albury: Quality Resort Siesta

Day 9. Thu 28 May: Albury - Home

Breakfast

Today after breakfast, we check out and depart for home, enjoying several comfort stops along the way to stretch our legs, as well as a chance to purchase lunch. This afternoon we arrive home to drop you at your doorstep after a memorable time on-board the PS Murray Princess with Mary and Brian.



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