



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RIVERLAND

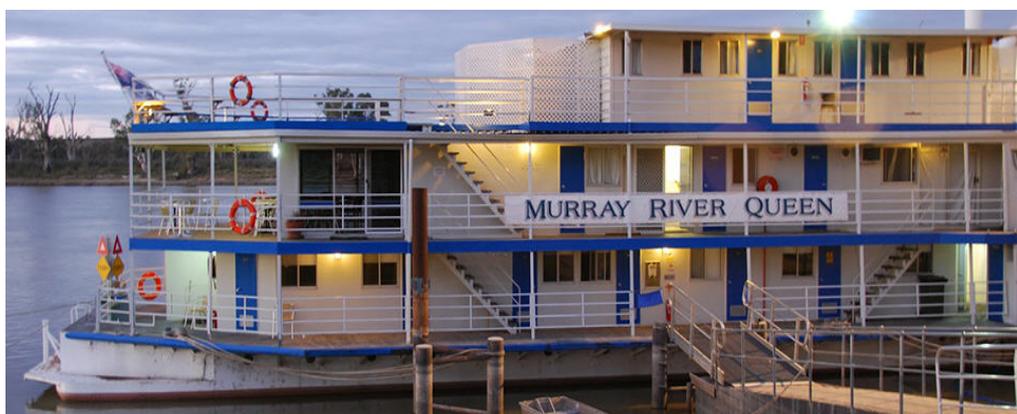
8 - 13 NOVEMBER 2021

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Ease into a slower pace – “river time” as it’s called – and explore the main centres of Loxton, Berri, Renmark and Barmera. See Australia’s largest rose garden and sample delicious fruits, chocolates, nuts, lavender and wines. Take a cruise downstream with some local characters from Berri and take a look at Lake Bonney, which was the venue for Sir Donald Campbell’s world water speed record attempt in the 1960’s. Secure your place now or please call us for more information.

\$2,999*
per person twin share
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Single Supplement



INCLUSIONS

Return economy airfares with Qantas inc taxes
5 nights' accommodation
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All meals as per itinerary
All entries/activities as per itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS

Riverland town of Barmera
Lake Bonney
Overland Corner Hotel
Rockys SA Country Music Hall of Fame
Riverland town of Berri
Fay River Cruise
Accolade's Berri Estate Winery
Olivewood Homestead
Murray River Queen Cruise



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: *All prices quoted are per person twin share. **Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure tour. This tour will be escorted subject to minimum numbers. Prices may fluctuate if fees, surcharges or taxes change. Itinerary is subject to change. Prices are correct as at 22 June 2020. Final payment is due 1 September 2021. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Norfolk Select T/A Uplift Tours and Travel ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619

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Day 1 (LD): To Barmera**Monday 8 November 2021**

All aboard the **Riverland Express!** On arrival at Adelaide Airport our local touring company will be waiting to greet us. After our first group lunch, we are off to the beautiful Riverland town of **Barmera**, located on South Australia's Lake Bonney. During our stay, you will meet some passionate local characters, sample some delicious Riverland produce and enjoy the relaxed river lifestyle. On arrival at our motel, unpack as we are here for 6 nights. Happy hour will be offered each night from 5pm.

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn: 08 85882888

Day 2 (BLD): Exploring the Riverland**Tuesday 9 November 2021**

Barmera is a popular holiday resort town however it has a lot more to offer. This morning our guide, born and bred in the Riverland, will introduce us to Barmera and its surrounding areas. We will see the monument dedicated to **Sir Donald Campbell** who attempted to break the Australian water speed record on Lake Bonney in the 1960's as well learn about the **Loveday Internment Camp**. The stories shared with you today will give you a new appreciation of the area and its people. We make our way to Cobdogla for an interesting visit to the local **Irrigation Museum** and view the **Humphrey Pump**. Our lunch stop is the historic **Overland Corner Hotel**. This was a common rest spot last century for drovers moving stock between NSW and South Australia. The hotel was built from sandstone cut from a nearby quarry and in the 1870's it was not unusual for sheep and several mobs of cattle to be camped here overnight. Our day ends at the **Rockys SA Country Music Hall of Fame**. Rocky has a South Australian history on Adelaide radio and TV and he even travelled with Slim Dusty for a period of time. After an interesting day we return to the Country Club for Happy Hour.

Day 3 (BLD): Meandering along the Mighty Murray**Wednesday 10 November 2021**

A short drive to **Berri** - another of the four major Riverland towns, will see us board the **"Fay River Cruising Boat"** - for an entertaining luncheon cruise, on this wide section of the Murray River. After some time for a wander along the riverbank we take a short drive to **Accolade's Berri Estate Winery**, the largest grape processor in the Southern Hemisphere. We will learn about the facility and have the chance to taste their showcase Accolade Wines and fortifieds. It is the perfect time for a wander through the garden at **Bella Lavender Estate** before a refreshing cuppa. Tonight, we are venturing out for dinner.

Day 4 (BLD): Renmark – The Past and the present**Thursday 11 November 2021**

South Australia's Riverland is the 'food bowl of SA'. What better way to spend a day but on a local food trail with our passionate tour guide. We will learn about, taste and purchase some of the amazing local Riverland Produce. Our first stop is at **Olivewood Homestead** a historic homestead and museum containing relics from 1887 and traces the story of the Chaffey Brothers, who were instrumental in introducing irrigation to the area. Our first tasting is at one of the most successful horticultural co-operatives in the nation – **Almondco**. We will hear the about the almond journey from farm to plate, taste some of the almond products and browse through their extensive range of almond products. Located on the banks of the River Murray, Wilkadene was a famous sheep and wheat station. The shearing shed, with its white ant resistant native pine posts, supplied paddle steamers with chaff, by way of a chute from the shed down the cliff to the river. Now it is home to the **Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery**. We will set up for morning tea on the deck, overlooking the tranquil river, before a tasting and tour of this boutique brewery. **Cammies Antiques and Collectables** will be a step back in time for some and a great stop before lunch. The early settlers in this area were dependent on the paddle steamers for everything from food and household goods to their religious requirements. The movement of all paddle steamers was noted in the daily diary, often four or five would pass in a day. To get a taste of what it was like on one of the majestic steamers we enjoy lunch aboard the **Murray River Queen**. She won't be sailing as she is permanently moored at Renmark Wharf. Our final "foodie" stop is at **Angoves** who last year celebrated their 90th anniversary of St Agnes Brandy. We will be shown how brandy is made, view the barrel room and end with a tasting of a 15-year-old brandy. What a perfect way to end our day.

Day 5 (BLD): Historic Loxton**Friday 12 November 2021**

Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs built back in the early 1900's. Fourteen locks are still in use today. We make a stop at one great example - Lock 4, before driving to **Loxton** on the Murray. Much of the town's fascinating history is on display at the **Loxton Historical Village**. You will step back in time to the 1850's as we wander the streets of the Village and experience the settler's lives, their churches, schools, homes and general. Not far away is the **Historic Pines Homestead**. Built in the early 1900's, this historic sandstone villa and its contents were bequeathed to the people of Loxton and the contents of the house have remained untouched and represent a snapshot of the grand lifestyle lived. Our final stop for the day is something truly unique. Several years ago, a number of pine trees lining the southern entrance to Loxton were lopped and freelance Riverland artist, Tim Baulderstone, was commissioned to carve sculptures. He shaped the trunks with a chainsaw, drew the design on the timber and used an angle grinder to carve the figures. It is only a short walk to see the 16 **Tree Carvings**, including a frill-necked lizard, sulphur-crested cockatoo, and even an eagle. Back at our motel, there is something a little special in store for us on our final night.

Day 6 (B): Homeward bound**Saturday 13 November 2021**

Sadly our touring has come to an end. We have a brief stop for morning tea on our way back to Adelaide. Our flight departs for Brisbane this afternoon. We will board with many delightful memories (and some Riverland produce in our bags) to remind us of our wonderful holiday.