

Wellington to Border Cliffs

5 Days & 4 Nights • Cruise may operate in reverse direction

This section of river was the scene of the first paddle steamers. The river here offers the greatest range of scenic variety, flowing through dairy farmland, willow lined river banks, spectacular high golden cliffs, station country, river flats and irrigated orchards. The cruise passes through a number of major towns, under bridges and through 6 locks. Birdlife abounds and this section is rich in aboriginal and european history. The cruise covers 550 river kilometres.

Day 1. Depart Wellington 08.30 aboard "Spirit of the Murray" and cruise upstream past willow lined river banks and farmland, past the town of Tailem Bend and City of Murray Bridge, with lunch on board, to historic Mannum, birthplace of paddle-steamer history. Here we have time to explore the town or visit the fully restored "PS Marion". Cruise on past spectacular golden cliffs, Bow Hill and Walkers Flat, stopping at Ngaut Ngaut for an Aboriginal Heritage tour before transferring by coach to Mannum for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Day 2. After breakfast return by coach to the boat at Nildottie and cruise on past Swan Reach and through lock 1 at Blanchetown. Enjoy a light lunch in the old railway station at Morgan and hear from members of the local historical society about the history of the area. After lunch re-board the boat to continue upstream past Cadell and through lock 2 before stopping at Waikerie for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Day 3. Board the boat after breakfast and cruise the varied river bank scenery past Overland Corner and through Lock 3 to Kingston-on-Murray for coach transfer to Banrock Station overlooking their acclaimed wetland development. A video presentation, talk and wine tasting here is followed by lunch before returning to the boat and cruising on past Cobdogla and Moorook to Loxton for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Day 4. After breakfast board the boat and cruise by Kamikaze Flats, past Media Island and Katarapko Game Reserve and through lock 4 to stop at Berri for a free hour to explore the town. Lunch is served after reboarding the boat cruising on by Lyrup, through lock 5, under the 'lift' bridge at Paringa and on to Renmark for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Day 5. Cruise through spectacular redgum forests to famous Chowilla Station for morning tea before travelling on past colourful cliffs to the Old Customs House at

Border Cliffs on the Victoria/South Australia border. Your cruise ends here after a BBQ lunch. After lunch board the coach for your return to Wellington.

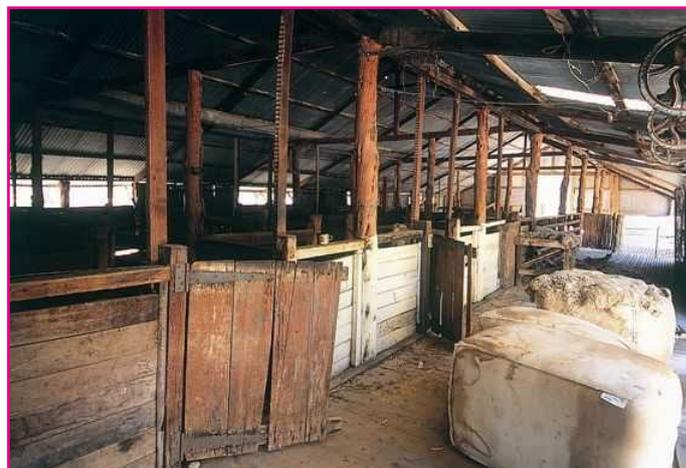
River distance travelled is 558 kilometres

Return coach transfers are available as an optional extra.

Includes:

- All cruising as per itinerary
- Expert & informative commentary
- Riverside town hotel/motel ensuite accommodation
- Full breakfast, lunch and 2 course dinner, morning & afternoon teas
- On shore excursions as specified
- All coach transfers as specified in the itinerary

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