



Silos and Paddle Wheelers



The Silo Art Trail is Australia's largest outdoor gallery. The trail stretches over 200 kilometres, linking Brim with neighbouring towns Lascelles, Patchewollock, Rosebery, Rupanyup and Sheep Hills. Discover the beautiful lower river lands, between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge aboard the paddle wheeler PS Murray Princess.

Departing Wednesday 10 June 2020

Day 1: Wed 10 June 2020

Home to Caroline Springs

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Welcome to our **8 Day Silos and Paddle wheelers tour**. From home we will be making our way to Melbourne's outer suburbs for the first night's accommodation in **Caroline Springs**. Today is a travel day, so sit back and relax. We stop for lunch and other comfort stops along the way. Late afternoon we arrive at our accommodation and check in, with some time to settle in before we meet again over dinner. *(Lunch in Lakes Entrance, Dinner in the motel)*

Day 2: Thurs 11 June 2020

The Silo Art Trail

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Following breakfast, we depart Caroline Springs and head north past Stawell to commence the **Silo Art Trail**. Our first stop is at **Rupanyup** to view the Grain Silo painted by Julia Volchkova. The giant silver-painted steel bin grain silos feature two local residents, both members of the local Rupanyup Football and Netball Club. Our next stop is Minyip, the town still remembered as **Coopers Crossing** in the long running television series **The Flying Doctors**. Lunch today is at Emma's Café, and then we head to **Sheep Hills** where International artist Adnate has painted Wimmera Elders Ron Marks and Regina Hood, along with a young boy and a young girl. The mural is about passing culture and knowledge from generation to generation, especially with Aboriginal culture. We spend time looking at the Mural



before heading to **Brim** where International street artist Guido van Helten has painted a 30m by 30m scene on a decommissioned GrainCorp silo. Van Helten, from Brisbane, used a cherrypicker for three weeks to create the mural with spray paint and acrylic house paints. Taubmans and Loop Paints donated the paint and the Brim caravan park and pub provided free accommodation and meals for Van Helten. From Brim we continue along the Silo Art trail to **Roseberry** and then see the most northern Silo at **Lascelles**, then we head to **Mildura** for tonight's accommodation. *(Breakfast and Dinner in the motel, lunch at Emmas Cafe)*

Day 3: Fri 12 June 2020

Mildura to Mannum

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Leaving Mildura, we travel into the **South Australian Riverland** region and arrive at **Banrock Station** late morning. The visitor centre and cellar door offer panoramic views of the wetlands to enjoy an outstanding food, wine and nature experience. We have plenty of time here to linger over lunch, try a tasting or take a stroll. Mid-afternoon it's time to check in to the **Murray Princess** and our cabins for the next three nights. Our cruise gets underway as we depart Mannum and cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra**, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls. *(Breakfast in the Hotel, Lunch at Banrock Station, dinner on-board Murray Princess)*



Day 4: Sat 13 June 2020

Murray River Cruising

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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, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at **Monarto Zoo** (additional cost). We will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for our Special Christmas in Winter themed lunch. This afternoon, as we continue cruising upriver to our overnight mooring at Salt Bush Flat; you will have the opportunity to inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner on-board Murray Princess)*



Day 5: Sun 14 June 2020

Murray River Cruising

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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 the PS Murray Princess departs for the big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river. Mid-morning, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the riverlands. Just after Fromms Landing, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha) where our discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before joining the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the **Captain's Dinner and Dance** *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner on-board Murray Princess)*

Day 6: Mon 15 June 2020

Mannum to Swan Hill

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This morning after breakfast, we arrive back at Mannum where we reluctantly say farewell to the Murray Princess. Our travels this morning take us to Pinnaroo for our lunch stop at the local bakery, and then this afternoon we head to Swan Hill for our overnight stay. Following dinner, we will be heading to the **Pioneer Settlement** for the **Heartbeat of the Murray** sound and laser show. This wonderful sound and light show is the first of its kind and utilizes water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the fascinating story of the Murray – from 30 million years ago to today! The set features 20 water fountains, each of which can spray water up to 40 metres high and is fitted with individually coloured LED light. The show will face the Little Murray River making it the first show of its kind to use a natural river environment and setting as the background. *(Breakfast on Murray Princess, Lunch at*



Pinnaroo Bakery, dinner in hotel)

Day 7: Tues 16 June 2020

Swan Hill to Albury

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We farewell our hosts and travel to the historic river port of Echuca. At the **Port of Echuca Discovery Centre** we'll learn about these vessels and the Echuca wharf. Built in 1865 by the Victorian Railways, it was crucial to the town's development and became Australia's largest inland port in the late 1800s. We are now joined by a **guide** who will point out the areas of interest and share interesting tales of the colourful personalities that crewed the old river boats. We can enjoy lunch in Echuca, and then our next stop is near Cobram at **Byramine Homestead**. This fascinating colonial house was built in the early 1820s by Elizabeth Hume, sister in law of Hamilton Hume the explorer. Elizabeth Hume's husband had been murdered by bushrangers, so, to protect herself and her 9 children, the house was built in an octagonal shape to provide a clear view of all angles in the case of attack. Often the family had to hide in the cellar which we can see on our tour. We complete our day by arriving into Albury and enjoy our final night's dinner together. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel, lunch at Henry's Bridge Hotel)*



Day 8: Wed 17 June 2020

Heading Home

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We farewell our hosts and travel via Albury to Holbrook for our morning stop in Holbrook. From here we continue along the Highway to Yass where we stop for lunch at the **Yass Country Kitchen**. We re-board the coach for the last leg of our journey and set our sights on home. Late afternoon we arrive back after a wonderful time away with new found friends and fantastic memories *(Breakfast in the motel, lunch at Yass Country Kitchen)*

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc

<u>Cost Per Person</u>	Members:	\$3099.00 Twin Share
		\$3665.00 Sole Occupancy
	Non-members:	\$3252.00 Twin Share
		\$3818.00 Sole Occupancy
<u>Cost Includes:</u> 4 nights' accommodation, 3-night Murray River Discovery Cruise (outside twin cabin), 7 dinners, 8 lunches, 7 breakfasts, entrance fees, tours and attractions as per itinerary and luxury coach travel.		

Tour Bookings & Payments: \$1000.00 booking confirmation per person and balance required by 8 May 2020.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice Given	Reservation to 46 days	45-31 days	30-14 days	Under 14 days
Amount payable	\$1000.00	25%	50%	100%

Accommodation: Your comfort is important to us so our accommodation will be of a high standard, offering a reasonable range of room amenities all with private facilities and hotel services. Furnished to a comfortable standard. Facilities in some remote areas may be less elaborate.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch is supplied each day, and evening meal is supplied each night. All meals supplied will offer a wonderful diversity. An excellent standard of cuisines is an essential part of your holiday.

Meal codes as seen in itinerary: (B) = Full cooked breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Evening

What to Bring: Usually casual so bring comfortable casual clothing. Nights can be cooler, so bring some warm clothing to suit. Remember to bring sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a pair of sturdy walking shoes.

The Small Print: Bega Valley Coaches / Helloworld Travel Bega

- Advises the price is effective for the dates specified but maybe subject to change without notice.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided. We reserve the right to vary the itinerary in anyway at any time deemed necessary, by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alteration do not adversely effect the operation of the tour. All additional expenses incurred as a result of such delays, cancellation or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
- Accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggest that suitable insurance be affected for the protection of the same.
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport / touring companies used as part of this tour
- If a passenger is a Forced Single and there is no one to share with within the group, they will have to pay the sole use component.
- This tour may be cancelled if numbers are insufficient to warrant economic operation.
- Seat rotation will take place on tour. Passengers suffering from motion or travel sickness are advised to take necessary precautions.



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