



PROUD MARY AND ADELAIDE

JULY 26TH - AUG 7TH

TOUR PRICE

\$4700 Per Person Twin Share
\$5900 Single Traveller

Deposit: \$100 per person required on booking
Final Payment: Wednesday 26th June 2019

DAY 1 - Friday 26th July D Dubbo - Balranald

This morning we board our Langley's Coach and depart Dubbo. Travelling via the Newell, Midwestern and Sturt Highways, we make a stop along the way for some free time for lunch before arriving in Balranald late afternoon. Dinner tonight will be next door to our accommodation.

DAY 2 - Saturday 27th July BD Balranald - Murray Bridge

This morning we enjoy breakfast at our accommodation, before making our way onto the Mallee Highway. We visit the Mallee Tourist and Heritage Centre in Pinaroo which has a variety of displays that provide an educational and historical picture of life in a rural community. Continuing on, we venture to Murray Bridge, the "crown" of the Murray, the town was established when a road bridge over the Murray River (which is how the city got its name) was completed in 1879. It was followed in 1886 by the Adelaide-Melbourne railway line which guaranteed the city's importance as a vital link across the river. Dinner tonight will be at your accommodation.

DAY 3 - Sunday 28th July BD Murray Bridge - Hahndorf - Proud Mary - Sunnyside

After breakfast this morning, we head off for a visit to the German-Style town of Hahndorf. Settled by 19th century Lutheran migrants, Hahndorf is known for its German-Style architecture and artisanal food. Hahndorf Academy is home to the German Migration Museum, tracing local history. After some time in Hahndorf to wander the streets, we head to the National Motor Museum in Birdwood. Here, discover how motor vehicles have opened up our country, linking some of the most isolated communities to the world. From the stately to the absurd, from the hand-built to the mass-produced, see the vehicles people loved and loathed, thrashed and pampered at this international centre for the collection, research, preservation, education and display of the Australian road transport history. We have a late lunch today before making our way back to Murray Bridge, where you will have some free time before your five night cruise departs.

You will be welcomed aboard by the friendly Proud Mary crew. Enjoy a buffet supper at approximately 8:30pm as you cruise this evening and the Proud Mary's powerful floodlights illuminate the shore. It is a perfect opportunity to view the nocturnal animals of Australia in their natural habitat. Later the Proud Mary ties up for the night at Sunnyside.

DAY 4 - Monday 29th July BLD Sunnyside - Mannum - Walkers Flat

Your cruise continues upstream as you breakfast on a delicious buffet before a mid-morning Proud Mary arrival in picturesque Mannum, the birthplace of the river boat trade. Here you may board the waiting coach for an interesting tour of Historic Mannum. Your guide will provide you with information. Lunch will be served aboard the Proud Mary as you cruise upstream to Walkers Flat. This evening is "Australia Night" featuring typically Australian dishes. Followed by a guided Nocturnal Discover Tour, an insight into abundant wildlife including the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat.

DAY 5 - Tuesday 30th July BLD Walkers Flat - Swan Reach - Moorundie Creek

After breakfast the Proud Mary cruises further upstream. In the afternoon arrive Swan Reach and board your waiting coach for a tour to visit Murray Aquaculture, one of the most ambitious Aquaculture projects undertaken in Australia. The fresh water crustacean is uniquely Australian and is only one of many species of crayfish found in Australia. With a local guide passengers are taken through the complex covering 10,000 sq metres of ponds. Your cruise this evening takes you to Moorundie Creek, named after the Aboriginal tribe that lived there. The Proud Mary moors overnight on a beautiful beach amongst towering River Red Gums.

DAY 6 - Wednesday 31st July BLD Moorundie Creek

You will wake this morning in one of the most unspoilt and picturesque areas of the River Murray. You will be taken on an environmental discovery walk of Moorundie Creek, even today you will see evidence of an ancient Aboriginal civilisation - a huge canoe tree still stands. A highlight of your cruise is a guided cruise lead by an ecologist aboard a small boat through the lagoons and inlets of Big Bend. This evening there is a traditional Australian barbecue on shore followed by live Aussie entertainment around a blazing campfire.

DAY 7 - Thursday 1st Aug BLD Moorundie Creek - Ngaut Ngaut - Mannum

This morning there will be time for further exploration of the tranquil Australian bush. The Proud Mary continues downstream through some of the most spectacular scenery on the entire River Murray system. We arrive at Ngaut Ngaut - a historical Aboriginal site. Here with your Aboriginal tour guide you will discover carvings and paintings on cliff faces made 3,000 to 20,000 years ago. Late afternoon arrive in Mannum for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a formal Captain's Dinner.

DAY 8 - Friday 2nd Aug BLD Moorundie Creek - Reedy Creek - Murrumbidgee - Adelaide

Following breakfast the Proud Mary departs once more. Mid morning arrive Woodlane and board the waiting coach for a tour to the Reedy Creek Environment Centre. You will be joined by your guide for a tour of this fascinating area. Discover this permanent watercourse from waterfalls, through swamps and wetlands. Reedy Creek and the waterfalls played a significant part in the lives of the ancient Nganguruku and Ngaralta Aboriginal Tribes. Today, lunch is a superb buffet prepared with fresh local produce. This afternoon there will be more spectacular scenery before the vessel ties up once more in Murray Bridge, the Captain and crew bid farewell to guests and new-found friends before disembarkation. After reboarding Langley's Coach, we travel along the Princes Highway and on into Adelaide where we will stay for the next 3 nights. Dinner tonight will be at your accommodation.

DAY 9 - Saturday 3rd Aug BD Adelaide

Enjoy breakfast this morning before venturing off to famous Haigh's Chocolate, where you will be greeted with the delicious sights and smells, and where your sweet tooth will be in for a treat. We then embark on a city sights tour of Adelaide the "City of Churches", seeing sights such as the Adelaide Oval, St Peter's Cathedral, Henley Beach and so much more. Dinner tonight will again be at your accommodation.

DAY 10 - Sunday 4th Aug B Adelaide (Free Day)

Today after breakfast, the day is yours to do as you please, with a free day to explore Adelaide. We hope you enjoy your day! We have also left dinner out tonight, so you can find a nice

restaurant, have fish and chips on the wharf, or just have a light snack see enjoy a movie. The night is yours so spend it as you wish.

DAY 11 - Monday 5th Aug BD Adelaide - Renmark

This morning, we have breakfast at our accommodation, before starting our journey through the Barossa Valley. We make a stop at the Pheasant Farm, owned by Maggie Beer, and best known as the home of Maggie Beer's Farm Shop. But beyond that is a working farm, with olive groves, quince orchard and vineyards. We enjoy a tour here, and then have some free time for you to taste, see and buy all the goodies you wish for. Continuing on we visit the famous Penfolds Wine, built in 1911, this site became the focal point of Penfolds winemaking in the 1970's as more fruit was sourced from the Barossa Valley and its surrounds, here you will discover the philosophy and spirit behind Australia's greatest wines. You have the chance to have a wine tasting, before continuing on to Renmark and to our accommodation for the evening. Dinner tonight will be at your accommodation.

DAY 12 - Tuesday 6th Aug BD Renmark - Hay

After breakfast this morning, we hit the road again heading through Mildura and back into Balranald. Here you have some free time for lunch before we continue on to Shear Outback, the Shearer's Hall of Fame in Hay, where shearers whose skill, character and contribution to the shearing industry has been exceptional, are honoured. The concept of the Australian Shearer's Hall of Fame was conceived in 1997 by a committed group of individuals from Hay, who believed that the contribution of Australia's Shearing Industry to the country's folklore, culture and economy should be recognised. This evening's accommodation is in Hay, where we will also enjoy dinner.

DAY 13 - Wednesday 7th Aug B Hay - Dubbo

This morning after our last breakfast together, we depart Hay and travel via Weethalle where we will view one of the silo's that is a part of the Silo Art Trail. The Trail is Australia's largest outdoor gallery which stretches over 200 km's. The project which was conceived in 2016 saw a team of renowned artists from Australia and across the world visit the region, meet the locals and transform each grain silo into an epic work of art; each one telling a unique story about the host town. After some time for lunch, we continue on towards home before reaching Dubbo mid-late afternoon.