

## 27 JULY- 5 AUGUST

# PROUD MARY & ADELALDE

# 2024



#### Day 1: Saturday 27 July 2024 Dubbo ~ Adelaide

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Today is a travel day as Langley's Coaches deliver you to Dubbo Airport early afternoon to set off on your journey. Departing Dubbo by air and flying into Sydney you will transfer onto your Adelaide flights. Enjoy the views flying over New South Wales and into South Australia. You will arrive in Adelaide later this afternoon to be met by a local coach ready to transfer you to your accommodation. There will be some time to relax before enjoying dinner together at your accommodation.

#### Day 2: Sunday 28 July 2024 BS Adelaide ~ Proud Mary

After breakfast a local coach company will pick you up, with your luggage for a delightful day of touring. First will be a quick Adelaide sights tour before travelling to Mt Lofty for the amazing views over the city and beyond. Next stop will be the National Motor Museum in Birdwood. The Museum features over 300 vehicles spanning over 100 years of Australian motoring history, from a steam carriage built in 1899 to modern hybrid cars. A diverse collection including motorcycles, cars, commercial vehicles, motoring curios and even a road train. Just down the road is the Big Rocking Horse and a chance to get some lunch at the café there while marvelling at the size of this South Australian icon. No trip to Adelaide is complete with out indulging in some chocolate and we will visit Melba's Chocolate Factory where you can see some of the production happening and stock up for the rest of your trip. Next is the stop at Hahndorf which is known for it's German-style architecture and artisanal food. There will be plenty of time to browse the quaint shops and make sure to have something to eat, maybe a German pretzel or schnitzel, as supper on board will be later tonight. After a very full day, you will be dropped off at Murray Bridge, from where your five-night cruise departs. You will be welcomed aboard by the friendly Proud Mary crew. Having settled into your comfortable, river-view cabin, you may like to join fellow passengers in the dining room & enjoy a drink before a delicious hot supper is served. Proud Mary will cruise to its overnight mooring point and your Captain will introduce the crew. Cruising the river at night is a magical experience and the



Proud Mary's powerful floodlights illuminate the graceful willows and dark waters as you glide past. This is an excellent opportunity to see the river environment from a completely different perspective and may allow you to view some of the nocturnal wildlife, especially birds such as night herons, owls, and coots.



#### Day 3: Monday 29 July 2024 Proud Mary

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Your cruise continues upstream as you partake from 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 history tour of Mannum. Your guide will provide you with lots of information. Lunch will be served aboard the Proud Mary as you cruise upstream to Walkers Flat. This evening is "Australiana Night" featuring typically Australian dishes. Followed by a guided Nocturnal Discovery Tour, an insight into the abundant wildlife including the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat.

#### Day 4: Tuesday 30 July 2024 Proud Marv

Another hearty breakfast is served while cruising through Wongulla where, some fifty years ago, men found the fossil of a 20 million year old shark. Nildottie and Big Bend townships to follow. There's something very satisfying about enjoying a good breakfast while you glide by magnificent scenery and Big Bend is famous for its soaring ochre cliffs. Today visit the Swan Reach Museum which is housed in the original school building that was built in 1917. The afternoon includes a tour to Costa Brothers Almond Farm. Discover how this state of the art almond farm uses water-recycling technology to limit its direct impact on the river system and help secure the diverse ecosystem of the river. From here your guide will take you to Blanchetown, site of the Lock and Weir No 1. The river is dammed by 13 locks built to facilitate the early riverboat trade. Your cruise this evening takes you to your mooring at Sugar Shack. Sugar Shack is part of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve which is an astronomer's paradise. The unpolluted skies and isolation from artificial light sources make the park one of the best places on earth to gaze at the stars.



#### Day 5: Wednesday 31 July 2024 Proud Mary

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You will wake this morning in one of the most unspoilt and picturesque areas of the River Murray. Enjoy another hearty breakfast and then undertake a very unique experience with an absorbing ecological walk around Sugar Shack. After a brief stop at Swan Reach to visit to the Arts and Craft shop along with the motor museum it will be time for lunch. This afternoon the vessel ties up alongside the towering cliffs of Big Bend, the tallest anywhere along the River. This is a truly majestic landscape providing definite photo opportunities. A highlight of your expedition is a small boat cruise through the lagoons and inlets, led by our expert ecologist. Catch the sunset as the evening rays glisten and glow on the limestone walls of the Big Bend Cliffs. This evening delivers another rewarding experience... a traditional Aussie barbeque prepared and eaten under a canopy of stars amidst the restful sounds of the nearby river. Afterwards, enjoy an evening's entertainment around a blazing campfire. Request a song and sing along into the night as the stars of the Australian sky hover above, almost close enough to touch.

#### Day 6: Thursday 1 August 2024 Proud Mary

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Enjoy your breakfast as you watch the sun climb over the towering cliffs, creating marvellous changes of colour in the sandstone and ochre hues. Disembark at Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal conservation site for a tour of one of the oldest archaeological digs in Australia. This is one of the definite highlights of your cruise. Take the boardwalk to the site of ancient aboriginal rock art where your local indigenous guide will explain their meaning and significance. The view from the top of the cliffs is astonishing with vistas that stretch for miles in every direction. Late afternoon arrive in Mannum. Take the opportunity to enjoy some free time in this delightful town or rest up ahead of the Captain's Dinner this evening. It's a chance to dress up a little and enjoy a gorgeous formal dinner.

#### Day 7: Friday 2 August 2024

#### Proud Mary ~ Adelaide

Enjoy another magnificent cooked breakfast this morning as you prepare to visit the Mypolonga region, consisting of Aussie Apricots, Revolution Motor Museum and the historic Mypolonga area school. Return to Proud Mary and enjoy another delicious lunch as you depart Woodlane and cruise through Mypolonga, Sunnyside, Mundurra and Willowbanks. Tie up at Murray Bridge where the Captain and crew bid farewell to all their guests and new-found friends before disembarkation at 4.00pm. You will be transferred by coach to your hotel in Adelaide for your next 3 nights' accommodation. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at our accommodation.

#### Day 8: Saturday 3 August 2024 Adelaide

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After breakfast we are off exploring again. Travelling out of Adelaide our first stop will be historic Strathalbyn where you can purchase some morning tea and have a wander around town, but not for too long as we need to hit the road again and travel south to Goolwa. Goolwa is a historic river port on the Murray River near the Murray Mouth in South Australia, and joined by a bridge to Hindmarsh Island. The name "Goolwa" means "elbow" in Ngarrindjeri, the local Aboriginal language, and the area was known as "The Elbow" to the early settlers. After a look along the Murray River we will travel over to the coast and through Port Elliot and into Victor Harbor. This will be our lunch stop (own expense) and we have organised tickets for the Granite Island Tram and the SA Whale Centre so you can really enjoy all that Victor Harbor has to offer. After our leisurely stop it is time to head back to Adelaide with one more experience on the way. We will make a stop at D'Arenberg to explore their Alternate Realities Museum and also enjoy a wine tasting on the top floor of the iconic "Cube". Dinner tonight will be at your accommodation.



#### Day 9: Sunday 4 August 2024

Adelaide

Today is your own to spend as you please. Breakfast is included for the group then you can enjoy as much or as little of Adelaide as you please. Visit the Botanic Gardens, the Adelaide Zoo or the Adelaide Art Gallery. All are in close proximity to your accommodation. You may choose to catch a tram to Glenelg and enjoy the beach if it is a nice day. Or enjoy the short walk to Rundle Mall for some retail therapy. Tonight is free for you to enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants (own expense).

#### Day 10: Monday 5 August 2024 Adelaide ~ Dubbo

This morning after a relaxing breakfast, we have arranged your transfer to Adelaide Airport for your return journey. Leaving Adelaide mid-morning you will arrive in Sydney and transfer onto your Dubbo flight. You should arrive in Dubbo by late afternoon and we will collect you from the airport to speed you on your way home.

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### INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions and limitation of liability under which all tours that are organised and/or operated by Langley's Coaches in conjunction with Orana Coaches Pty Ltd hereinafter called " the Company" are detailed hereunder and the payment of the tour deposit or tour price represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

#### Your Coach

Experience the superb luxury and the safety of our Denning & Scania coaches which have the following features: rest room, air-conditioning, reclining fabric seats, large panoramic windows, DVD & CD, air Suspension

#### Luggage Limits and Clothing

Only one medium suitcase 65cm (26 inch) long x 45cm (18 inch) wide x 25cm (10 inch) deep and 15 kgs (33 lbs) in weight per person with a small bag to take on the coach. Luggage limit for some tours is available on request, phone Langley's. EXCESS LUGGAGE CANNOT BE CARRIED Our coaches are fitted with overhead racks for your personal effects. Clothing should be casual, with lighter clothing necessary for the tropics and warmer clothes for the southern areas, especially for some nights. Bring swimmers, towel, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, sensible walking shoes, warm jacket and an extra supply of all camera needs.

#### Motels

Your comfort is important so we select the best motels available and all\*\* the rooms have private facilities. Most motels are licensed, centrally located with swimming pools and laundries. \*\*Facilities in remote areas may be less elaborate and may not have private facilities.

#### Meals

Every morning we start with a full Australian breakfast of fruit juice, cereal or fruit, a cooked dish, toast and coffee and tea. Except for special occasions, lunch is not included as individual preferences vary so much. Dinner is two or three course, some evenings free for dinner of own choice.

#### Smoking and Alcohol

Government regulations forbid smoking and alcohol consumption in and on tourist coaches, however frequent stops provide the opportunity for those who desire to smoke.

#### Fares

All coach tour fares in this brochure are guaranteed and not subject to increase, other than any new Government Taxes, air, sea or rail services, over which we have no control! Fares can be found in the fare box for each tour and include accommodation on a twin/double share basis, breakfast and most dinners and all sightseeing, cruises and inspection fees as per itinerary. Overseas departure taxes are included unless stated otherwise but may be subject to change.

#### Fares Do Not Include

Lunch, morning and afternoon teas and occasional dinners (except where indicated as included on itinerary) and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks and items of an emergency nature.

#### Single Supplement

A limited number of these are available on most tours.

#### Travelling Alone

Where a single passenger is willing to share accommodation with a fellow single passenger the company will endeavor to find another of the same gender, however if no suitable companion can be arranged, single supplement must be paid. The Company otherwise accepts no responsibility of the rooming partner and it is a condition of travel that the single passengers willing to share accommodation, accept the rooming partners allocated by the Company. If a passenger at any time during the tour considers the rooming partner to be unsuitable the Company will, subject to availability and at additional cost to the passenger, arrange single accommodation.

#### **Booking Procedure**

A deposit is required as indicated on booking. Final payment due one month prior to departure unless indicated on individual itineraries. Please contact us or your travel agent. Travel agents can forward deposits and other payments on your behalf, but are not the Company's agent purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposit and/or payment by the travel agent does not constitute receipt by the Company and the Company is not liable in respect of monies paid to your travel agent, until monies are received by the Company. It is a condition of carriage that a passenger has paid all tour monies prior to the departure date. The Company will not be bound by any representation reported to have been made on their behalf, unless the representation is confirmed by the Company.

#### Itinerary

The Company reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coaches at any time for any reason. It also has the right to cancel/ alter the itinerary and/or tour without notice as may be found necessary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to road, weather or traffic conditions, non performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger. Whilst the Company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, the Company accepts no liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experience by the passengers.

#### Minimum Numbers Policy

All tours are subject to minimum numbers for tour to operate.

#### Coach Seat Rotation

For the enjoyment of all travelers the Company operates a daily seat rotation system which all travelers must participate in as a condition of booking. (On selected tours)

#### **Cancellation Policy**

We strongly recommend you to take out travel insurance to protect your tour fare. Cancellation fees will be charged if you have to cancel your booking with us. The following fees below will apply, in addition to any monies already paid on your behalf to our suppliers.

#### Domestic Tours

60 days and over \$100 administration fee 44 to 31 days 15% of total fare 30 to 15 days 25% of total fare 14 to 1 day no refund If a tour has commenced, no refund of fare or unused portion of the tour will be refunded Special Cancellation Fees\*

#### International Tours

#### European River Cruises. Evergreen Tours\*

91 days and over Loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees 90 or less 100% of tour price Norfolk Island\*

65 days and over Loss of Deposit 65 days or less 100% of tour price. New Zealand\*

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#### Passengers Requirements and Conditions

No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable, objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

#### COVID-19

If you test positive for Covid while on board or become a close contact while on board our tour, vou will need to leave the tour and enter a 7-day isolation period. You are required to travel home in a private vehicle, and will be responsible for the payment of any additional expenses incurred outside of our planned itinerary. We will of course do everything in our power to help organise these arrangements for you, but Langley's Coaches will not be held responsible for any fees incurred outside of our planned itinerary. You may need to forfeit any money paid for the remainder of the coach tour.

\*Travel Insurance is not included but is HIGHLY recommended.



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