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# MURRAY RIVER

## & SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### MUSIC TOUR WITH JOHN HOWIE

Adelaide, Hahndorf, Mannum, Blanchetown, Swan Reach, Sunnydale,  
Younghusband, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor, Goolwa, Kangaroo Island, McLaren Vale

28 September to 7 October 2025

Featuring music  
performances by

**Graeme Hugo, John Howie,  
The Accordion Aces,  
Kangaroo Island guest artist,  
& Murray Princess  
on-board entertainer**



*Includes a 5 day/4 night Murray River  
cruise, on the PS Murray Princess*

*Please book early, as there are a limited number of cabins on the  
Murray Princess. Once all the cabins on the Murray Princess sell out,  
we are limited in the number of people we can take on this tour.*



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Discover the delights of the Murray River, from Mannum to Blanchetown, South Australia. Featuring spectacular orange cliffs, the lower reaches of the Murray offer some of Australia's most beautiful & iconic scenery. Another highlight is the abundance of wildlife, with 350 bird species inhabiting the lower Murray region, including an amazing number of pelicans. The cruise includes visits to historic towns, a cellar door wine tasting, an Aussie barbecue beside the river, an entertaining sheep-shearing demonstration, and a visit to one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites. Also, the cruise includes fabulous on-board dining. Our coach tour includes Adelaide, Victor Harbor, Goolwa, Hahndorf and Kangaroo Island. Enjoy a feast of great music, with Graeme Hugo, John Howie, an Italian duo *The Accordion Aces*, & the Murray Princess on-board entertainer.

#### DAY 1 Sunday 28 September, 2025

#### Adelaide

Morning: Depart North Adelaide at 10am. Do a pick-up at Adelaide airport at 10.30am (please organise flights arriving in Adelaide no later than 9.30am). Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Adelaide, including Port Adelaide, Semaphore, West Lakes & Glenelg. Afternoon: Visit the outstanding South Australian Museum & the Art Gallery of South Australia. The museum has the most comprehensive collection of Australian aboriginal cultural material in the world, and a wonderful Biological Sciences collection (diverse range of fauna, from parasites to whales), and Palaeontology (fossils) collection. Then see Adelaide Oval, St. Peter's Cathedral, and Colonel Light's statue, as we make our way to our accommodation, in North Adelaide. Remainder of afternoon: Free time. Evening: Commencement of Tour Dinner, including entertainment by well-known South Australian country music performer, Graeme Hugo. Overnight: Comfort Inn Regal Park Motor Inn, North Adelaide. (D)

#### DAY 2 Monday 29 September, 2025

#### Mannum/Embarkation

Morning: We will spend some time in Hahndorf, on the outskirts of Adelaide. Hahndorf was established in 1839, by German immigrants, and the village still has a distinctly German flavour. Continue on to Mannum, arriving mid-afternoon. We board the PS Murray Princess and head upriver. Evening: Enjoy a Welcome Aboard dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Curnamont, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and other species. The resident on-board entertainer will provide entertainment. (B,D)

#### DAY 3 Tuesday 30 September, 2025

#### Blanchetown

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch as we cruise upriver to Blanchetown. We will travel through one of 13 locks that maintain the flow and levels of water in the lower reaches of the Murray River. Afternoon: We moor opposite the town of Blanchetown (our overnight anchorage). As the last rays of the sun fade, we visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery, for wine tasting. Evening: Back on board the PS Murray Princess, enjoy a lovely dinner (B,L,WineTasting,D)



#### DAY 4 Wednesday 1 October, 2025

#### Swan Reach/Sunnydale

After breakfast cruise to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850s and was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel, where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River. Visit the excellent Swan Reach Museum (optional...gold coin donation at entry), which includes singer Julie Anthony's debutante dress (she grew up near Swan Reach). Back on board, enjoy the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. When we arrive at Sunnydale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show, where we enjoy an entertaining sheep shearing demonstration. After the demonstration visit the Woolshed's Native Wildlife Shelter, where some of South Australia's native animals are cared for. Evening: For dinner, enjoy a great Aussie Barbecue – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River. After dinner there are two optional onshore tours to choose from (additional cost): (1) a Nocturnal Tour in a comfortable purpose-built cart, where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats and owls, & (2) the Dark Sky Night Tour, where you are taken to an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve to observe the stars of the Milky Way. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 5 Thursday 2 October, 2025

#### Youngusband

After breakfast we slowly cruise downriver, past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. Visit Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites. Step back in time – tens of thousands of years – as you enjoy a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and learn about the area's aboriginal history. Return to the vessel and cruise downriver to Youngusband. Evening: Enjoy a delicious dinner including fun-filled entertainment by the ship's crew. Note: Sometime on the cruise, enjoy an informal music/singalong session led by John Howie. All guests are encouraged to join in. (B,L,D)



**DAY 6 Friday 3 October, 2025** **Disembarkation/Victor Harbor**

Depart Youngusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we say farewell to the PS Murray Princess, and board our coach. Today we make our way to the coastal town of Victor Harbor, on S.A.'s beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula. On the way we will stop in Murray Bridge and Strathalbyn. In Murray Bridge visit the Round House. Built for Henry Parker, the superintendent overseeing construction of the first bridge to span the Murray River, the Round House has also served as the town's first school, post office, church and council chambers. Continue on to the historic town of Strathalbyn, where we stop for lunch. Strathalbyn is known for its charming main street, filled with antique shops. In 1975 street scenes for the film Picnic at Hanging Rock were filmed in the town. On arrival in Victor Harbor we will ride the historic Victor Harbor horse drawn tram across the Causeway to Granite Island. Evening: Enjoy an Italian dinner at one of Victor Harbor's outstanding Italian restaurants. We will be entertained by excellent Italian accordion duo, The Accordion Aces. Overnight: Hotel Victor. (B,D)



**DAY 8 Sunday 5 October, 2025** **Kangaroo Island**

This morning, we catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island, the third-largest island off the coast of mainland Australia. Kangaroo Island is a haven for wildlife and features magnificent scenery, including sweeping white-sand beaches and giant wind-sculpted boulders. On arrival visit the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery & Café. Then enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of the island, including the Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch, in Flinders Chase National Park. Near the Arch, at Cape du Couedic, we will see where thousands of New Zealand fur seals congregate on the beach, entertaining everybody with their antics on land and in the water. We then travel to Kingscote, the main town on the island and the first white settlement in South Australia. (B,L)



**DAY 9 Monday 6 October, 2025** **Kangaroo Island**

Morning: Visit the Seal Bay Sea Lion Colony, on the south coast of Kangaroo Island. Seal Bay has been home to an Australian sea lion population for thousands of years and offers one of the most exceptional nature-based experiences in the world. Enjoy a guided walk along the beach, to get a close-up view of the sea lions. We will also visit nearby Vivonne Bay, famous for its sugary white sand beaches. Afternoon: Return to Kingscote, where we visit the excellent Hope Cottage Museum and Reeves Point Historical Site. Then travel along the north coast of K.I., visiting Emu Bay, Stokes Bay Beach (voted best beach in Australia, in 2023) and Emu Bay Lavender Farm. Evening: Enjoy included farewell dinner at our accommodation, including an informal performance by John Howie & a local guest artist. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 Saturday 4 October, 2025** **Victor Harbor**

Morning: Enjoy a journey on the historic Cockle Train, which travels between Victor Harbor and Goolwa. In early days of settlement, the local residents would take a horse drawn train from the Victor Harbor/Port Elliot area to Goolwa to collect cockles from the sandy beaches near the Murray mouth. It was a great day's outing, and thus the name...Cockle Train. We will spend some time in Goolwa, so you can explore this historic and picturesque river port town. We then travel across a bridge to Hindmarsh Island, where we see the Murray Mouth (where the Murray flows into the ocean). Late afternoon: Free time in Victor Harbor. Evening: A free evening for you to explore Victor Harbor. (B)

**DAY 10 Tuesday 7 October, 2025** **McLaren Vale/Departure**

Morning: Travel back to the mainland by ferry. Afternoon: Visit McLaren Vale, one of Australia's premier wine regions. Enjoy a guided tour & wine tasting at McLaren Vale's famous d'Arenberg Cube, an award-winning 5 storey cellar door/art gallery building shaped like a Rubik's Cube. The interior design of the building is colourful & quirky, with lots of eclectic Salvador Dali type artworks. We are then transferred to Adelaide Airport for flights back home. We will plan to arrive at the airport by 4.15pm. Tour group members should organise flights home no earlier than 5.30pm. (B)

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#### Tour Price:

Per person twin-share	\$ 5,195
Single supplement	\$ 1,695

#### Included in the tour price:

- 5 day/4 night cruise on the PS Murray Princess in an Outside Cabin, twin-share, including all meals.
- Twin-share accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels in Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island and Adelaide with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- John Howie will accompany the tour group on the whole tour.
- Musical Performances as per the itinerary.
- Meals: Whilst on the cruise: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are 'included'. Remainder of tour: Breakfast daily (except for Day 1); 3 Dinners... Commencement of Tour Dinner in Adelaide (Day 1), Italian dinner in Victor Harbor (Day 6), & dinner in Kingscote, Kangaroo Island (Day 9); 2 lunches. Also, 2 wine tastings 'included', the d'Arenberg Cube, McLaren Vale (Day 10), & Burk Salter Winery (Day 3).
- Travel in a first-class coach.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional', 'own expense', or 'additional cost'. If the itinerary says 'see' a particular attraction, it means we simply see it, rather than paying for entry and 'visiting' it.
- Ride on the Cockle Train, between Victor Harbor and Goolwa.
- Ride on the Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram, across the Causeway, to Granite Island.
- Return ferry to Kangaroo Island.
- (1) Sightseeing coach tour of Kangaroo Island, to western end of K.I., including Flinders Chase National Park, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch, & NZ fur seals at Cape du Couedic. (2) Sightseeing coach tour of Kangaroo Island's south & north coasts, including Seal Bay Sea Lion Colony, Vivonne Bay, Reeves Point Historical Site, Emu Bay, & Stokes Bay Beach. National Park entrance fees are included.
- Lots of fun-filled, informal music/singalong sessions, with John Howie.

## General Information and Booking Conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator. The PS Murray Princess is operated by SeaLink.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on general transport, entry, and accommodation costs. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 95 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 95 days before departure for the Murray River Cruise tour. Cancellation over 95 days before tour departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellation under 95 days before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid. Payment may be made by cheque or cash. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit cards.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS:** The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 95 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost.

**TOUR ORGANISATION:** Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

**BAGGAGE:** Due to coach restrictions, tour members can only bring one large suitcase.

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#### Cabin Description:

Outside Cabins open onto the outside deck and have picture windows. Each cabin has a private ensuite, air-conditioning, electric blankets, soaps, shampoo and towels and are serviced daily.

Each cabin is approximately 12 sq metres. Most rooms have twin beds.

A \$60 per cabin per night surcharge applies for cabins with a double bed, subject to availability. Single/Sole Occupancy cabins may be smaller than standard twin rooms.

All cabins are subject to availability. There are two cabins available for single occupancy.

#### Not included in the price:

 Flights are not included. **Please contact our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343.**

- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Cost of optional on-shore evening tours (Nocturnal Tour and Dark Sky Night Tour), Day 4.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.

**Flights home, at end of tour.** We will plan to have tour group members at Adelaide Airport by 4.15pm, on Tuesday 7th October, 2025. Tour group members should organise flights departing Adelaide no earlier than 5.30pm that day.

**Pre-Tour Day:** You may wish to consider travelling to Adelaide the Pre-Tour Day, Saturday 27th September 2025 (optional). We recommend staying at the Comfort Inn Regal Park Motor Inn, North Adelaide (where we'll all be staying on Sun. 28th September). John Howie will organise an informal get-together, for dinner, on Sat. evening 27th September, at nearby Café Palazzo (optional).



#### John Howie – tour manager

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours & music cruises for 25 years.



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