

A fabulous Murray River Quilting Cruise

with Natalie Bird

26 April to 6 May, 2025

Visiting Adelaide, Victor Harbor and the Barossa Valley



Discover the delights of the Murray from Mannum to Blanchetown plus Victor Harbor and Adelaide. Highlights include a visit to well-known Burk Salter Boutique Winery, guided walks around historic towns, an Aussie barbecue beside the river; a visit to a wildlife shelter, sheep shearing demonstration and a guided walk through one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites at Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. The tour is fully escorted and includes Murray River cruise and coach travel, sightseeing tours in each region and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us for eleven days of fun.



Natalie is an accomplished Australian designer with over 20 years' experience in the Patchwork and Quilting industry, as a quilt and small project designer, shop owner, fabric designer and teacher. Natalie's designs are featured in books, patterns, and fabric. Her style is uncomplicated, fun and heartfelt, with her own hand-drawn images used for stitchery and appliqué designs, as well as in her fabrics. "I'm inspired by my garden and nature's beauty around me, also my family and friends. My designs often feature sentimental sayings and cute critters, and I love to use multiple hand-stitching techniques together in projects." Her designs have been published in many Australian and International magazines, with Owl & Hare Hollow featuring in Homespun Magazine this year and A Letter To My Daughter in 2021. Natalie enjoys sharing her knowledge and love for handwork techniques in particular, through teaching workshops. She has taught in Europe and around Australia and led Quilting tours to New Zealand and Europe.

DAY 1 26 April, 2025

Victor Harbor

Tour members will depart from Adelaide airport at 1.30 pm to travel to the coastal holiday town, Victor Harbor. After time to settle into our hotel we will set up our project under Natalie's instruction. This evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner to meet Natalie and other tour members.

DAY 2 27 April, 2025

Victor Harbor

This morning, we will visit Penny Lane Patchwork shop. They stock a large range of kits and fabrics including some fabulous children's fabrics. Early afternoon we catch the Cockle Train to Goolwa, a gorgeous riverside town at the mouth of the Murray. In the early days of settlement locals would take the horse drawn train to Goolwa to collect cockles for bait.

DAY 3 28 April, 2025

Embarkation

Today we travel to Mannum arriving at lunch time. We have free time before boarding the PS Murray Princess mid-afternoon and sailing upriver while we 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 many other species.



DAY 4 29 April, 2025

Blanchetown

Enjoy a leisurely morning, with time to work on our projects, then enjoy lunch while cruising upriver to Blanchetown through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of water. This afternoon we moor opposite the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of the sun fade, we visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door, which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup" – the local version of the Melbourne Cup.

DAY 5 30 April, 2025

Swan Reach/Sunnydale

After breakfast cruise to picturesque Swan Reach. We will have time to individually work on our projects. The town was first settled in the 1850s and was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area and is now home to native flower and fruit growers. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River. Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum. After lunch as we cruise downriver, we can take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by or work on your project. When we arrive at Sunnydale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show where we take in

some typical Australian woolshed history. Later we visit the Native Wildlife Shelter where some of South Australia's most interesting native animals are cared for. And then of course, there is the 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). A Nocturnal Tour in a comfortable purpose-built cart where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats and owls and the Dark Sky Night Tour where you will be taken to an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve to observe the stars of the Milky Way.

DAY 6 1 May, 2025

Younghusband

After breakfast, we slowly cruise downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. Tour members will have time to work on their projects. We reach Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites, for a step back in time – tens of thousands of years – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to learn about aboriginal history in the area. We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to Younghusband.

DAY 7 2 May, 2025

Disembarkation/Barossa Valley

We leave Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we reluctantly say farewell to the PS Murray Princess as we arrive at



the Mannum Wharf. We board our coach to travel to the Barossa Reservoir to see the Whispering Wall, so called because group members can stand at one end of the wall and be heard by others 144 metres away. We travel on to Barossa Chateau in Lyndon for Glorious High Tea. We will first enjoy a tour of the Arts and Antiques Gallery at the Chateau, before High Tea. We will have free time to wander the beautiful 22 acres of roses in the glorious garden and visit the shop. Natalie will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

DAY 8 3 May, 2025

Barossa Valley

This morning, we will have a workshop taught by Natalie. We travel to Maggie Beer's Farm shop for four course delicious lunch made with homemade



products. We will have free time to explore the shop, in which artisan jams, made from the farm orchard, are for sale. We will visit Seppeltsfield winery, where we will enjoy a wine tasting, visit the Jam factory, a not-for-profit organisation housed in an historic 1850's stable building. They sell local crafts and designed objects. We also visit Vasse-Virgin, which sells all-natural hand-made skin and body care products.

DAY 9 4 May, 2025

Barossa Valley

Today we travel to Tanunda, where we have time to wander the main street to visit shops and galleries and enjoy a guided visit to the Barossa Museum, which will give us a fascinating glimpse into the culture, lives and discoveries of the early Prussian arrivals to the area. We travel through Bethany to Angaston, where we have time for lunch, to visit shops and Jenny's sewing centre. We continue our journey to Light Pass named after William Light, where we will have time to see two historic churches and old houses.

DAY 10 5 May, 2025

Adelaide

This morning, we travel to the quaint town of Hahndorf – "Australia's Oldest German Town", settled in 1839 by Lutherans fleeing religious



persecution in Prussia. Hahndorf was named after the ship's captain Hahn, whilst dorf is German for village. We continue to Riverlea Cottage Quilts. With 4,000 bolts of fabric this shop can cater to many different tastes from traditional to contemporary. In the afternoon we travel to Adelaide. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner to say goodbye to Natalie and tour members.

DAY 11 6 May, 2025

Departure

In the morning we travel to Hattie's Patch fabric store which stocks a huge range of beautifully chosen fabric, patterns and wadding. We continue to the airport for flights back home. We plan to arrive at the airport at 1.00pm.

Price per person twin-share \$5390
Single supplement \$1990
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- Leadership and workshops by Natalie Bird
- Sightseeing tours in the Victor Harbor and Barossa Valley areas and while on the Murray Princess, all entrances listed in the brochure.
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