

PS Australian Star

5 STAR MURRAY RIVER CRUISING



PRICING

Given the departure is not for quite some time we are still awaiting a final price – feel free to register your interest in this tour with our office and we will advise once confirmed.

9 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING
26 MARCH 2026

LOCAL DEPARTURE
FROM BAIRNSDALE

Embark on a journey into a new era of river cruising with the PS Australian Star – a vessel that not only bears a name steeped in heritage and pride but also represents the pinnacle of luxury on the iconic Murray River.

Experience the only accommodated wood-fire powered Paddlesteamer in the world and the first 5-Star river boat in the southern hemisphere!

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 5-Day cruise on PS Australian Star
- 5 Star cruising
- Luxury stateroom accommodation
- Fully hosted tour from Bairnsdale
- Extensive High Country, Goldfields and Ned Kelly Country touring
- Mount Hotham
- Sovereign Hill
- Maldon Tour

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DAY 1 (L,D)

Welcome to our fabulous 8 Day tour of Victoria including, Ned Kelly Country, 5 star cruising the Mighty Murray and visit Victoria's Historical Goldfields. Our tour today takes in the Great Alpine Road and Omeo's history before heading into the largest National Park in Victoria and Mount Hotham and on to Wangaratta for our overnight stay.

DAY 2 (B,D)

We commence our sightseeing today with a visit Benalla to the Costume and Pioneer Museum.

We are joined by our local guide for a tour of Benalla and its general history and street art, it is also the birthplace of surgeon and war hero Edward 'Weary' Dunlop. And we visit Rose Gardens where we can view his statue. Next, rediscover the legend of Ned Kelly like never as we travel to Glenrowan as we visit the Ned Kelly Discovery Hub. Our final visit is Kellyland where one of the highlights is the re-enactment of Ned Kelly's last stand.

DAY 3 (B,D)

Say goodbye to Wangaratta as we travel to Echuca. The Port of Echuca/Moama was the largest and most important port when the river trade was booming before the turn of the 20th Century and our local guide will bring it all back to life for us. Explore the escape tunnel from the illegal bar in the Star Hotel, see the magnificent redgum wharf and visit the old Echuca Customs House, which is now the Information Centre. We have time to visit The National Holden Motor Museum before heading to Torrumbarry Weir to board the PS Australian Star and start our 4 night, 5 star cruise.

DAY 4 (B,L,D)

Our cruise this morning leads us to the renowned Perricoota Station where we discover Restdown Winery for a tour and a gourmet lunch celebrating local flavours and a wine tastings. Later, as the night curtain falls, we take a cinematic journey with a fascinating documentary featuring archival footage of the paddlesteamers and the communities that flourished along these shores.

DAY 5 (B,L,D)

With the sun climbing up over the horizon, the early risers and enthusiastic photographers are treated to a spectacular

display of morning mist accompanied by the wildlife of the area. Embrace a full day of cruising whilst the gentle current propels us upstream towards Layfield Lane. Lunch is served on the deck or in the saloon tailored to the day's conditions. This evening's dining experience is set on the riverbank with our signature Australian BBQ taking centre stage. The night then comes alive with entertainment and casual conversation around the warmth of our campfire..

DAY 6 (B,L,D)

We start the day with a half day land and river tour, we step into a world of history and natural wonders. The magic of the Murray continues with our Eco Expedition tour after morning tea at the historic Wharf. Cruising upriver we dig deep into the history of the river, disembarking at a remote sandy beach where a delicious lunch has been laid out for us. St Anne's winery welcomes us to a tasting of their fabulous table wines before once more joining our vessel and heading for our overnight mooring at Moama Wharf.

DAY 7 (B,D)

Enjoy an early wander along the boardwalks of Horseshoe Lagoon, indulging in some wildlife spotting and learning about the importance of wetlands and floodplains. Cruising back to Echuca we disembark and reboard our coach, taking us to our next adventure, Castlemaine. We enjoy lunch at the Buda Historic Home and Gardens before arriving at the historic village of Maldon and a tour with our local guide. Enjoy some free time afterwards before arriving in Ballarat.

DAY 8 (B,D)

After breakfast we embark on a tour of this historic gold mining city with its outstanding heritage, architecture and gardens. Next is a visit to the Eureka Centre and our visit to Ballarat would not be complete without a look through Sovereign Hill. Tonight, we have arranged dinner and entry to the evening Sound & Light Show.

DAY 9 (B)

Leaving Ballarat, we travel homeward bound but not before making our way to the Olinda Tea House; what a lovely way to finish our fabulous tour, enjoying lunch in the midst of the Dandenongs! Later this afternoon, we arrive back in Bairnsdale with newfound friends and great memories.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather. Price quoted is subject to minimum group numbers and could change accordingly. For all other Terms & Conditions please refer to Coopers Travel.