

# EXCLUSIVE TRAVELLING LADIES CLUB GUIDED TOUR ADELAIDE, THE BAROSSA AND THE MIGHTY MURRAY RIVER

# Embark on an exclusive Travelling Ladies Club guided tour ex Hobart 9 DAYS: 10TH TO 18TH JUNE 2025

Embark on an unforgettable trip soaking up the mighty Murray River aboard an iconic paddle-wheeler!

Uncover the sights of Adelaide, including a High Tea Cruise on the Torrens River.

Sip wine in the Barossa, and explore the Barossa Chateau, surrounded by 30,000 roses and filled with one of the world's great collections of Meissen porcelain, antique furniture, tapestries, and paintings. Enjoy a guided tour around the gallery followed by an elegant High Tea at the Chateau.

Board the PS Murray Princess for a relaxing 3 night Murray River cruise, including a special **A** Christmas in Winter themed lunch, with all the Christmas trimmings before heading to the Adelaide Hills where we'll explore South Australia's oldest German settlement and visit McLaren Vale, the birthplace of the South Australia's wine industry. This tour has something for everyone!





Book and Pay in Full by 31st December 2024\* for Early Payment Discount





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## ADELAIDE, THE BAROSSA AND THE MIGHTY MURRAY RIVER PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Return Airfares ex Hobart
- 3 night cruise aboard PS Murray Princess including:
  - Free time to explore the township of Murray Bridge or tour the historic Roundhouse
  - Guided nature walk at Salt Bush Flat
  - Riverland food & wine tasting
  - Special Christmas in Winter themed lunch and Christmas Bingo
  - Get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottomed boat
  - Spectacular Captain's Dinner and Dance
  - All meals (table d'hote and a la carte menus)
  - Onboard presentations and live entertainment on board
- Welcome Dinner at The Kitchen in Adelaide, one of Adelaide's finest dining experiences
- Wine tastings at Seppeltsfield Winery, Jacobs Creek Visitor Centre and Wirra Wirra Vineyards

- Enjoy at Torrens River High Tea Cruise aboard the Popeye
- Guided gallery tour followed by an elegant High Tea at the Barossa Chateau including time to explore The Queen's Rose Garden
- Cheese tasting at Woodside Cheese Wrights
- Cooking demonstration and tasting at Maggie Beer's Farm Shop
- 8 Breakfasts, 2 High Tea lunches, 3 Lunches and 6 Dinners
- All Transfers
- 1 night in Adelaide at the Pullman Adelaide including breakfast, and 1 night at the Adelaide Rockford including breakfast and dinner
- 1 night at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort including breakfast
- 1 night at the Manna of Hahndorf including breakfast and dinner



## DAY 1: TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025 - HOBART TO ADELAIDE

Welcome to our 10 day Christmas in Winter tour to South Australia! On arrival to Adelaide Airport, we meet with our new friends and friendly travel crew. Tonight, we enjoy a **welcome dinner** at **The Kitchen**, one of Adelaide's finest dining experiences. Amplifying local suppliers and South Australian produce, The Kitchen keeps it simple in the name of flavour. Serving rustically familiar dining experiences that verge on nostalgic, The Kitchen balances elevated classics with hot new takes to deliver dependable simplicity that hits the spot every time. **D** 

Accommodation: Pullman Adelaide (2 nights).

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE – EXPLORING THE CITY OF ADELAIDE

This morning, we are joined by a **local guide** and will introduce us to the beautiful city of Adelaide. The city's Central Business District is surrounded by Park Lands (then a world-first), or the "Green Belt" as it's known. For an excellent overview of the city and its Park Lands we make a stop at Montefiore Hill. It was from this spot that Colonel Light planned a great city of the future in the sweeping valley below. Easily seen from the hill is Adelaide Oval, one of the most beautiful cricket ovals in the world. Another landmark close by is St Peters Cathedral, which overlooks the city from North Adelaide. Next, we head to the banks of the Torrens River and board the **Popeye** for a High Tea Cruise whilst we take in the iconic sights of Adelaide. We then venture to the Migration Museum where we discover stories of South Australia's diverse

people, cultures, and communities. Opened in 1986 and housed within a historic building, it was the first museum dedicated to the social history of migration in Australia. Dinner at your own expense. **B**, **HT** 

## DAY 3: THURSDAY 12 JUNE – BAROSSA VALLEY

Our touring today takes us to the renowned wineproducing region, the Barossa Valley. We make our way to the iconic Seppeltsfield Winery, established in 1851. The history of this winery and its owners is truly fascinating, which we will hear about on our tour after which we enjoy a tasting. Onsite also is the beautiful JamFactory at Seppeltsfield with artisans' workshops and bespoke retail outlets, and Vasse Virgin, producers of all-natural handmade skin and body care products. Our next stop is the Barossa Chateau. This is a baroque style chateau surrounded by 30,000 roses and filled with one of the world's great collections of Meissen porcelain, antique furniture, tapestries, and paintings. We enjoy a guided tour around the gallery followed by an elegant High Tea at the Chateau. There will also be time for a wander around the rose garden and look around the great gift shop. Next, we enjoy a wine tasting at Jacobs Creek Visitor Centre, where back in 1847, a young Bavarian immigrant, Johann Gramp, planted the valley's first commercial vineyard on the banks of Jacobs Creek. After a great day exploring the Barossa, we arrive at our hotel where dinner tonight will be at our own expense. B, HT

**Accommodation:** Novotel Barossa Valley Resort (1 night).



## PS MURRAY PRINCESS FACILITIES INCLUDE:

A gym, sun deck, bar, two lounges, single-sitting dining room, tender boat, gift shop, café, library, lift (Randell, Cadell and Sturt Decks only) and passenger laundry. Complimentary coffee and tea is available in the Paddlewheel Lounge.



## DAY 4: FRIDAY 13 JUNE – MAGGIE BEERS, WHISPERING WALL, MURRAY PRINCESS

Not only is the Barossa Valley only famous for its wines but also as a centre for gourmet food and produce so it is appropriate that we stop at Maggie Beer's Farm Shop. A brief talk on the history of the property and Maggie's career followed by a cooking demonstration and tasting. Some time for questions and take-home recipes. Our journey continues as we drive to the Whispering Wall which is locally known as the "acoustic miracle". It is the huge, curved retaining wall of the Barossa Reservoir and is about 140 metres long. The acoustics are such that you can speak in a normal voice and people at the other end of the wall can hear you clearly. The effect is remarkable. You can speak in a normal voice and be heard quite clearly at the other side. It is one of those strange effects which are produced by a delightful accident! Lunch at your own expense.

Finally, we arrive at Mannum to board the **PS Murray Princess** cruise and settle into our cabins, with dinner soon following. With a character and charm of yesteryear, the *PS Murray Princess* is an authentic paddle wheeler built for the Murray River. As the largest inland paddle wheeler in the southern hemisphere, it is propelled by its massive stern wheel which you can see in action through the two-storey viewing window in the lounge. Passengers can relax and enjoy the on board atmosphere, bringing the unique advantages of small ship cruising to the remarkable setting of Australia's outback. **B**, **D** 

Accommodation: PS Murray Princess (3 nights).

### DAY 5: SATURDAY 14 JUNE – MURRAY PRINCESS

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of **Murray Bridge.** After a hearty breakfast, choose to explore the town's historic landmarks and local attractions, such as the Roundhouse. Returning to the *PS Murray Princess* we find our dining room has been transformed for the special **Christmas in Winter themed lunch** with all the Christmas trimmings! After a very festive lunch, partake in Christmas Bingo and carol-themed music as we continue cruising upriver to our overnight mooring at **Salt Bush Flat**; here you may like to inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain before dinner. This evening, we enjoy being entertained by the talented crew before returning to our cabins. **B**, **L**, **D** 

## DAY 6: SUNDAY 15 JUNE – MURRAY PRINCESS

All ashore for the guided nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the PS Murray Princess departs for the big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river. Mid-morning, we join in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. We now turn and head downriver to River View Lodge, where our discovery vessel awaits. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and its amazing local birdlife. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before joining the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the Captain's Dinner and Dance. Dress up and dance the night away! B, L, D

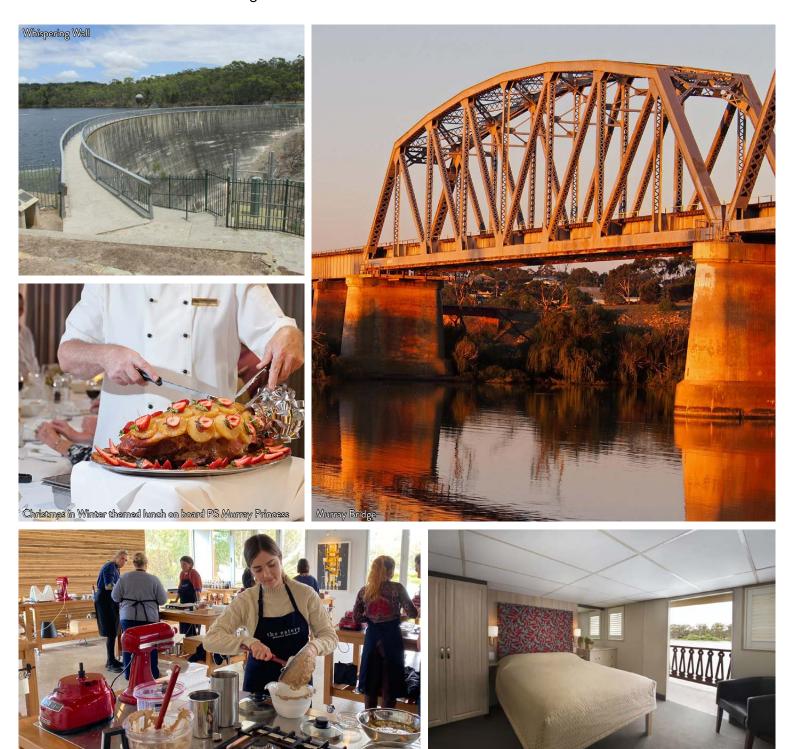
## DAY 7: MONDAY 16 JUNE – STRAWBERRIES, CHEESE AND CHOCOLATES

After breakfast, our river journey ends as we arrive at **Mannum** where we reluctantly say farewell to the *PS Murray Princess*. After boarding our coach our journey leads us to the **Adelaide Hills**, and venture to **Woodside Cheese Wrights**, where we are treated to a tasting of their original range of cheeses, all crafted by hand. Now, you can't have something savory without something sweet! Our visit next door to **Melba's Chocolate and Confectionery Factory** is a great chance to do so! The Factory produces old Australian favorites using 1940's era chocolate and confectionery making equipment. Next, we'll explore the charming historical German village of **Hahndorf**. Welcomed by a local expert, we embark on a unique walking tour, delving into the hidden gems and rich history of the town. Our adventure continues with a visit to **Beerenberg Strawberry Farm**, fully Australian owned and all products are made at this farm. We will have the opportunity to purchase from their gift range and the large range of delicious preserves. Afterwards we have time to take a stroll through the main street and enjoy lunch of our choosing (own expense). There are numerous cafes, bakeries, restaurants and pubs, with many small gift stores to look at. We check in our accommodation in this historical town for overnight. **B**, **D** 

Accommodation: Manna of Hahndorf (1 night).

### DAY 8: TUESDAY 17 JUNE - MCLAREN VALE

We travel to **McLaren Vale**, known as the birthplace of the South Australia's wine industry. One of the most unique experiences in this region is a visit to **Wirra Wirra** where the imposing ironstone buildings offers a warm welcome. The story of Wirra Wirra is a great one and this will be shared as we take a tour and tasting.



Stateroom (Double)



We have asked the Wirra Wirra kitchen to give us the "feed me" menu for today's lunch, which is bound to be scrumptious. Next, we travel back to Adelaide for our final night, with dinner at our hotel. **B**, **L**, **D** 

Accommodation: Adelaide Rockford (1 night).

## DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE – HOMEWARD BOUND

What a fantastic holiday we've had! Transferring to



the Adelaide Airport we prepare for our return flight home. As our aircraft wings its way steadily back to Tasmania, we have time to reflect on our incredible South Australian adventure to Adelaide, along the mighty Murray River and the Barossa, and the stories we have to share with family and friends. **B** 

Meal Key: B (Breakfast), L (Lunch), HT (High Tea lunch), D (Dinner)



## MEET YOUR TOUR ESCORT Belinda Moore

Places I have travelled: Canada and Alaska, America, Fiji & New Caledonia.

What I enjoy most about travel: Seeing incredible scenery and wildlife, learning about different cultures and making new friends when on tour.

The Rocky Mountaineer (pictured above) was one of my favourite travelling experiences, it had been on my bucket list.

I was also fortunate to see a Black Bear in Whistler walking down the street, and to see whales and otters playing in the wild in Alaska.





## TOUR ITINERARY MAP



The Travelling Ladies Club formed in 2007 when Andrew Jones Travel hosted a Saturday afternoon tea for a group of friends and clients who had recently returned from their holidays. The group shared their travelling stories, both good and bad, and told of their amazing experiences over the course of the afternoon. It was agreed by all to meet again as the afternoon gathering was such a success.

From this humble beginning the Travelling Ladies Club now boasts a membership base in excess of 1,300 ladies. The Travelling Ladies Club is a division of Andrew Jones Travel, a multi award winning Tasmanian travel agency. The agency opened in 1993 and employs well-travelled, knowledgeable and passionate travel consultants with offices in Hobart and Launceston.

Our tours are designed especially for members, and are personally handcrafted by Tasmania's leading travel specialists.

The Travelling Ladies Club is free to join – all you require is a passion for travel!



#### **TOUR PAYMENTS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required within seven days of booking—final payment is required by 1st February 2025.

Early Payment Discount only applies when paid in full by 31st December 2024, and is subject to all other conditions.

#### CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees apply. Cancellation after full payment has been received is non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services reserved before, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel before the final payment is due. If flight changes, including cancellations, are requested, revision or airline cancellation fees will apply. Andrew Jones Travel Pty Ltd and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour departure.

#### **REVISION FEES**

Prices quoted are subject to change without notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as an increase in air or land costs. Airport taxes & levies are subject to alteration at any time and must be passed onto the consumer when advised by the airline, government or relevant authority.

#### PARTICIPATION

A doctor's certificate of fitness to travel is required from all passengers 80 years of age and over.

Double vaccination against COVID-19 is required, and proof of vaccination may be requested.

For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

## TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel when the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their suitcases. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

Most transportation services, including the touring

motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers needing such assistance and assume total responsibility for the disabled participant's well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking is not permitted on transportation or accommodations.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent to those shown.

Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels.

Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures one's own room, not necessarily a twin-bedded room.

#### **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions that do not exceed 76x53x28cm and a weight that does not exceed 23kg.

We regret we cannot accept a second suitcase or any luggage exceeding these limits. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers.

Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should be at most the dimensions of 30x28x14cm. For safety reasons, wheeled carryon bags are unsuitable for hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

No portage fees are included in the price. If clients wish to have this added, it is at their own expense. **NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** 

Any additional meals not mentioned in the itinerary; drinks, optional tours or additional services aboard PS Murray Princess; any Government requirements for travelling interstate; vaccinations, tips to local city guides or staff; laundry, telephone, mini-bar, alcohol, optional excursions; travel insurance, excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

#### SAFETY

Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control, including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities.

The Operators will not have liability regarding the provision of medical care, or the adequacy of any care rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use their best efforts to ensure adequate measures are taken.

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to, cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following the death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms).

Travel Insurance will cover some COVID-19-related scenarios – please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer of your choice from your consultant. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

#### \* CONDITIONS

The price is correct at the time of publication in September 2024 but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges, and currency. Airfare included is based on group airfare; all passengers must fly on these flights, dates and destinations only. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour experience. The tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. This tour must reach minimum numbers to be guaranteed to go. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather.



## **TOUR PRICE**\*

Twin Share: \$6,199pp or Solo: \$7,999

SAVE with our early payment discount when you book and pay in full by 31st December 2024: Twin Share: \$5,699pp or Solo: \$7,299pp (Single room availability is strictly limited)

\* Refer to the previous page for tour terms and conditions

# To secure your spot for this Exclusive Travelling Ladies Club Tour, please contact Belinda Moore at Hobart, or our team in Launceston:

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Contact us now to avoid disappointment: our tours tend to fill very quickly.

**Please note:** Andrew Jones Travel will offer this tour firstly to our Travelling Ladies Club members; if the tour is not filled by TLC members it will be offered to other Andrew Jones Travel clients and the wider public.

