

RIVER CRUISE

MURRAY RIVER EXPLORER

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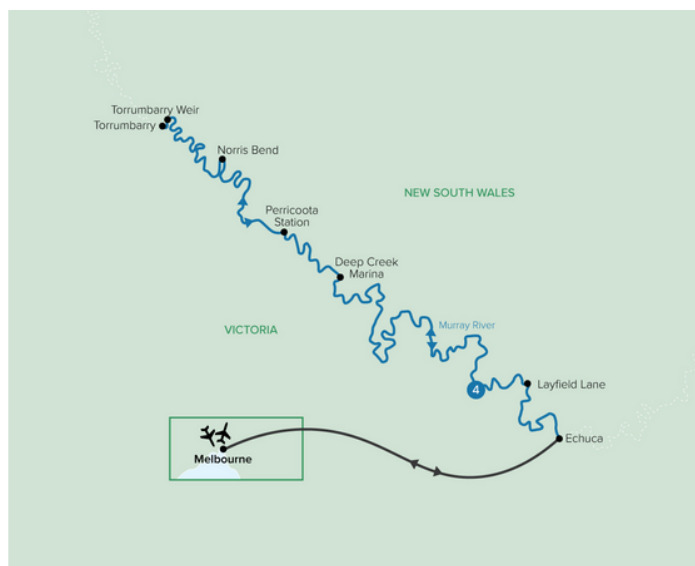
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 5 day / 4 night tour

 Echuca to Echuca

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary's day-by-day details, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list. Discover daily activities, special experiences and insider local tips that make your journey a memorable one.



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DAY 1

Arrive Melbourne, Echuca, Embark PS Emmylou

Arrive in Melbourne and travel by train from Southern Cross Station to the rural town of Echuca in northern Victoria. Here you will board the PS Emmylou, your floating home for the next four nights. The moment you arrive, be transported to the golden age of paddle steamer travel, where life moved at a slower pace and travel wasn't simply about the destination, but the journey itself. Tonight, you'll enjoy a special Insider Experience.

A perfect replica of a vintage paddle steamer, PS Emmylou is powered by its original 1906 Marshall, Sons and Co steam engine. Its gleaming timber cladding and authentic wheelhouse evoke a bygone era, and guests are welcome to step inside and chat with the skipper. The eight elegant onboard cabins feature fine linens, private ensuite bathrooms, and direct deck access, perfect for pausing to watch serene river scenes drift by. Set off in the afternoon for Layfield Lane, where you'll spend your time on board unwinding with a good book or simply soaking in the ever-changing scenery of the Upper Murray River. At Layfield Lane, enjoy a gourmet Australian barbecue under the stars, followed by a live music performance.

Insider Experience – Riverside Barbecue Experience

Dine under the stars and enjoy a riverside barbecue showcasing fresh local produce, with your gourmet feast prepared and cooked before your eyes. As the evening unfolds, relax over casual conversation and live entertainment beside a crackling campfire (weather dependent).

Insider Experiences:

These are carefully crafted experiences designed to take your holiday from amazing to extraordinary.

Stay: Four Nights, PS Emmylou

Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

River Cruising, Perricoota Station

Start your morning with a delicious breakfast on the deck of PS Emmylou, then hop aboard our coach for the Henry Hopwood Town Tour. This engaging guided experience leads you through the historic centre of Echuca, where you'll uncover the fascinating stories behind local landmarks, explore the differences between the steam era and modern times, and gain a deeper appreciation for the unique character that defines this river town today.

Following the tour, you will enjoy some free time to explore Echuca before returning to the PS Emmylou for a day of cruising to your next stop, the historic Perricoota Station. Enjoy lunch on board as the Murray's ever-changing scenery unfolds before you — majestic river red gums, sunlight dancing across the water, and perhaps even a kangaroo hopping beyond the tree line. Listen out for the laugh of a kookaburra over the rhythmic splashing of the paddle steamer.

Dock at Perricoota Station, where you'll enjoy happy hour aboard PS Emmylou before savouring a gourmet dinner with your fellow travellers, prepared by your onboard chef.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 3

Deep Creek

Start your day with a hearty breakfast aboard PS Emmylou before stepping ashore for a truly memorable half-day land and river tour. Your first stop is the uniquely Australian Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum — a quirky and fascinating collection showcasing over 20,000 pieces of memorabilia, from vintage beer cans and iconic advertising to historic farming equipment. It's a lively, nostalgic look at Australian culture and ingenuity.

We then head to the award-winning St Anne's Winery for a tasting of their exceptional table and fortified wines. Afterwards, enjoy a delightful charcuterie board featuring a selection of regional produce.

Upon returning to Perricoota Station, your Captain will guide you on a leisurely walk through the manicured riverside gardens, taking in the beautifully restored historic building. As evening approaches, enjoy happy hour aboard before dinner is served, as PS Emmylou cruises in the twilight toward Deep Creek Marina.

Insider Experience – St Anne's Winery

Experience the best of St Anne's Winery with a guided tasting of their handpicked collection of signature wines. Afterwards, unwind with a delicious grazing spread thoughtfully curated for guests to enjoy.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner • Lunch

DAY 4

River Cruising, Echuca

By this stage of your journey, you'll have fully embraced the unhurried rhythm of life on the Murray River.

As your paddle steamer makes its gentle way upriver toward Echuca, savour your final full day on board exactly as you please. Settle into a quiet nook with a good book, sip a barista-made coffee on deck, swap stories with fellow travellers, or take the opportunity to chat with the engineer and discover the fascinating workings of the magnificent 1907 steam engine that powers your journey.

As evening falls, celebrate your final night on board with a beautifully prepared dinner showcasing the finest local flavours and regional produce, before PS Emmylou gracefully returns to her berth in Echuca.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 5

Echuca, Depart Melbourne

As the sun rises on your final morning aboard PS Emmylou, early risers are invited to take a peaceful stroll along the riverbank, soaking in the serenity and birdlife one last time. After a final breakfast onboard, it's time to say goodbye to the crew and fellow guests, taking with you unforgettable memories of your Murray River adventure.

A complimentary coach transfer will return you to Echuca's car parking facilities or train station, ensuring a smooth and comfortable onward journey.

Daily: • Breakfast
