

John Howie Music Tours and Travelrite International invite you to join them on the 2026

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Blues Music, Wine
& Murray River Cruise/Tour**

with Jules Boulton

2 to 11 December 2026



**Visiting Adelaide, McLaren Vale, Victor Harbor, Goolwa, Hahndorf,
Barossa Valley, Mannum, and cruising the mighty Murray River**



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Adelaide sightseeing capped by a special welcome concert with Chris Finnen and Jules Boulton
- Ride the Glenelg tram, taste McLaren Vale wines, and enjoy blues music in Goolwa.
- Scenic Cockle Train journey, to Goolwa, and horse-drawn tram ride to Granite Island (Victor Harbor).
- Premium Barossa wine tastings at Chateau Tanunda, historic Seppeltsfield Winery, and Maggie Beer's.
- 4 night/5 day Murray Princess cruise, on the spectacular lower reaches of the Murray River.



Embark on an unforgettable South Australian music, wine and river adventure, beginning with sightseeing in elegant Adelaide and a special welcome blues concert, by the Chris Finnen Band. Ride the historic Glenelg tram, sample world-class wines in McLaren Vale, explore the striking d'Arenberg Cube, and enjoy a blues performance at the Murray Delta Blues Club before settling into the coastal charm of Victor Harbor. Journey along the scenic Cockle Train railway, to the historic port of Goolwa; in Victor Harbor, cross to Granite Island by horse-drawn tram; stroll through the heritage village of Hahndorf, and taste your way through the Barossa, with premium wine experiences at Chateau Tanunda, Seppeltsfield, & Maggie Beer's. Then board the iconic PS Murray Princess for a leisurely 4 night cruise on the lower reaches of the mighty Murray River, featuring spectacular orange cliffs, wildlife spotting, boutique wine tastings, a lively woolshed show, and an Aussie bush barbecue. With music woven throughout the journey – including special performances by Jules Boulton – the tour is a perfect blend of culture, scenery, history and relaxation.

DAY 1 Wednesday 2 December, 2026

Adelaide

Our adventure begins as tour members meet at Adelaide airport at 1.30pm and Adelaide downtown or North Adelaide at 2pm. Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Adelaide – known as the 'City of Churches', due to its founding principles of religious freedom & tolerance. We will see the Art Gallery, Museum, State Library, University and Adelaide Cricket Ground. We will visit the Adelaide Central Market (for afternoon tea) and the Adelaide Botanic Garden. Evening: Enjoy a Welcome Dinner and special blues concert, featuring Chris Finnen and Jules Boulton. Overnight: Comfort Inn Regal Park, North Adelaide. (D)

DAY 2 Thursday 3 December, 2026 McLaren Vale / Victor Harbor

Morning: We ride the historic Glenelg tram (the only tram line to survive, in Adelaide), to the beachside suburb of Glenelg. You will have time to explore Glenelg and have morning tea. Then, continue on to McLaren Vale, one of Australia's premier wine regions. Afternoon: 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. On arrival in Victor Harbor, we will ride the historic Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram across the Causeway to Granite Island. Evening: Free time for you to explore Victor Harbor at your leisure. Overnight: Hotel Victor. (B;WineTasting).

DAY 3 Friday 4 December, 2026

Victor Harbor

This morning board the Cockle Train as it travels along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia, dating back to 1887 when it was constructed to provide a link between the Murray River (at Goolwa) and the ocean wharfs at Port Elliot (and later, Victor Harbor). In early days of settlement the local residents would take a horse drawn train



to Goolwa to collect cockles from the sandy beaches near the Murray mouth. It was a great day's outing and thus gained its name. This train trip provides some of the most picturesque coastal scenery on the Fleurieu Peninsula. On arrival in Goolwa you will have time to explore this historic port town. We will also travel across to Hindmarsh Island, where we will visit a lookout that provides a view of the Murray Mouth (i.e., where the Murray flows into the sea). Finally, we will visit one of the Goolwa barrages (constructed in the 1930s, chiefly to separate the fresh waters of the Murray River, and Lake Alexandrina, from the salt waters of the ocean). We then return to Victor Harbor, where you will have free time for the remainder of the afternoon. Evening: Travel to the 'Murray Delta Blues Club', in Goolwa, for a special concert and 'juke joint' experience with Jules Boulton & The South Coast Redeemers. (B)

DAY 4 Saturday 5 December, 2026

Barossa Valley

Depart Victor Harbor and travel to the Barossa Valley, via Strathalbyn and Hahndorf. 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. We will spend some time in Strathalbyn, including morning tea. We then continue on to Hahndorf. Hahndorf was established in 1839, by German immigrants, and the village still has a distinctly German flavour. After lunch, in Hahndorf, we will take a lovely 'back roads' route to the Barossa Valley. On arrival in the Barossa, enjoy Maggie Beer's Pheasant Farm Wine Tasting Experience. Evening: After checking into our hotel, you have a free evening to explore the Barossa Valley or wine and dine at a local restaurant. Overnight: Vine Inn Barossa Hotel, Nuriootpa. (B;WineTasting)

DAY 5 Sunday 6 December, 2026

Barossa Valley

Morning: Travel to Mengler's Hill Lookout, for panoramic views of the Barossa's vineyards and surrounding region. We will then spend some time in one of the





JULES BOULT

Jules Boulton is an award winning blues singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and recording artist. Jules' musical career has taken him across Australia, the United States and Europe. Since 2011 he has released five albums to critical acclaim and been awarded a coveted Australian Blues Music Award. From 2015 to 2019 Jules toured the US annually, from New Orleans to New York, via the Mississippi delta, performing and recording with various musicians, including Kermit Ruffins, Mississippi John Horton, and The Oak Ridge Boys.



CHRIS FINNEN

One of South Australia's gemstones of musicianship. Over four decades travelling as a troubadour journey man has seen Chris Finnen often referred to as the 'guitarist's guitarist'. Recognition for Finnen's work has brought him national and regional guitar awards and 1995 saw him inducted into the SAMIA Hall of Fame.



Barossa's largest towns...Tanunda. Afternoon: Enjoy a guided tour and wine tasting, at historic Chateau Tanunda, followed by the Luxury Collection Tasting Experience at Seppeltsfield Winery (established 1851). Evening: Enjoy a celebratory dinner at our hotel. After dinner Jules Boulton will host a fun-filled blues jam and singalong. (B;WineTastingx2;D)

DAY 6 Monday 7 December, 2026

Mannum / Embarkation

Morning: Travel to the Adelaide Hills town of Birdwood, where we visit the outstanding National Motor Museum. We continue on to Mannum arriving mid-afternoon and board the PS Murray Princess and head upriver while we enjoy a Welcome Aboard dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Caurnamont, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls. We'll organise for Jules to sing a few songs, and also host an informal blues jam session, during the cruise (if possible). (B,D)

DAY 7 Tuesday 8 December, 2026

Blanchetown

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch 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, participate in the ship's "Murray River Cup" game/competition (lots of fun!) (B,L,WineTasting,D)

DAY 8 Wednesday 9 December, 2026

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 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. 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). Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. When we arrive at Sunnysdale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show (very interesting & entertaining show, in a local woolshed). At the same location 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) – (1) a Nocturnal Tour in a comfortable purpose-built cart, where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats and owls, & (2) a Dark Sky Night Tour, where you will be taken to an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve to observe the stars of the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 Thursday 10 December, 2026

Younghusband

After breakfast, we slowly cruise downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. 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. Tonight, join tour members for a delicious dinner followed by music performance by our onboard entertainer. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 Friday 11 December, 2026

Departure

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. Transfer to our coach, which will take us to Adelaide Airport. We will stop in Hahndorf, for morning tea. If organising your own flights home, please don't organise flights that depart Adelaide before 2.30pm (Adelaide time). (B)



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Included in the tour price:

- 5 day/4 night cruise on the PS Murray Princess in an Outside Cabin, twin-share, per person, including all meals.
- Twin-share accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels in Adelaide, Victor Harbor, & Barossa Valley, with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals: Whilst on the cruise: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are 'included', each day. Remainder of tour: Breakfast daily (except for Day 1); 2 dinners (Welcome Dinner in Adelaide; Celebratory Dinner, 2nd night in Barossa Valley); 5 Wine Tasting experiences.
- 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.
- Musical performances as per the itinerary.
- Ride on the Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram, across the Causeway, to Granite Island (Victor Harbor).
- Ride on the Cockle Train, from Victor Harbor to Goolwa.
- Ride on the Glenelg Tram, in Adelaide.
- Fun-filled informal blues music/singalong jam sessions, with Jules Boulton. Please bring your instruments along, and join in!
- Sightseeing coach tour of Adelaide (Day 1).
- Visit to the National Motor Museum, in Birdwood (Adelaide Hills).

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.

TOUR PRICE:

Per person twin-share	\$ 5,670
Single supplement	\$ 1,790



Not included in the price:

- Flights are not included.
- Please contact one of our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- 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.

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 Captain Cook Cruises Australia, which is part of the Sealink Travel Group.

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 90 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the Murray River Cruise tour. Cancellation under 90 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 45 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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