John Howie Music Tours and Travelrite International
invite you to join them on the 2027

MURRAY RIVER
AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Music & Wine Tour
with Luke O'Shea

5 to 14 September 2027



Includes a 5 day/4 night Murray River cruise on the PS Murray Princess

Featuring music performances by Luke O'Shea, The Accordion Aces, Dave Prior, Über Oompah, and the Murray Princess on-board entertainer

Please book early, as there are a limited number of cabins on the Murray Princess. Once all cabins sell out, we are limited in the number of people we can take on this tour.

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Discover the very best of South Australia on this unforgettable 10-day journey, featuring a 4-night cruise aboard the majestic PS Murray Princess, visits to the renowned wine regions of McLaren Vale, the Barossa Valley and Clare Valley, and scenic touring through Adelaide, Hahndorf, Victor Harbor and the Murray Mouth. Enjoy exclusive performances by acclaimed Australian singer-songwriter Luke O'Shea, premium wine tastings, historic rail and tram journeys, fascinating cultural attractions and spectacular river and coastal scenery, making this a truly memorable South Australian adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the Murray River aboard the PS Murray Princess and experience the beauty of the lower reaches of the Murray, including spectacular orange cliffs, while visiting historic river towns, an Aboriginal heritage site, a boutique winery and unique wildlife habitats.
- Travel with acclaimed Australian singer-songwriter Luke O'Shea, enjoying exclusive performances, singalongs and special entertainment throughout the tour.
- Discover the Fleurieu Peninsula's coastal treasures, featuring a journey on the historic Cockle Train, a ride on the iconic horse-drawn tram to Granite Island, and time in charming Victor Harbor and the historic port town of Goolwa.
- Indulge in South Australia's renowned food and wine regions, with tastings in McLaren Vale, the Barossa Valley and the Clare Valley.

DAY 1 Sunday 5 September 2027 — Adelaide

Morning: Depart North Adelaide at 10am. Do a pick-up at Adelaide Airport at 10.30am (please organise flights arriving in Adelaide no later than 9.30am). Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Adelaide, including Port Adelaide, Semaphore, West Lakes & Glenelg. *Afternoon:* Visit the outstanding South Australian Museum & Art Gallery of South Australia. The museum has the most comprehensive collection of Australian Aboriginal cultural material in the world, and a wonderful Biological Sciences collection (diverse range of fauna, from parasites to whales), and palaeontology (fossils) collection. Then see Adelaide Oval, St. Peter's Cathedral, and Colonel Light's statue as we make our way to our accommodation, in North Adelaide. *Remainder of afternoon:* Free time. *Evening:* Commencement of Tour Dinner, including a few songs from Luke O'Shea. *Overnight:* Comfort Inn Regal Park Motor Inn, North Adelaide. (D)

DAY 2 Monday 6 September 2027 — Hahndorf/Mannum/Embarkation

Morning: We will spend some time in Hahndorf, on the outskirts of Adelaide. Hahndorf was established in 1839, by German immigrants, and the village still has a distinctly German flavour. Continue to Mannum, arriving mid-afternoon. Board the PS Murray Princess and cruise upriver. *Evening:* 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 other species. The resident on-board entertainer will provide entertainment. (B,D)

DAY 3 Tuesday 7 September 2027 — Blanchetown

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch as we cruise upriver to Blanchetown. We will travel through one of 13 locks that maintain the flow and levels of water in the lower reaches of the Murray River. *Afternoon:* We moor opposite the town of Blanchetown (our overnight anchorage). As the last rays of the sun fade, we will visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery, for wine tasting. *Evening:* Back on board the PS Murray Princess, enjoy a lovely dinner (B,L,Wine Tasting,D)



DAY 4 Wednesday 8 September 2027 — 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. 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). Back on board, enjoy the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. When we arrive at Sunnydale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show, where we enjoy an entertaining sheep shearing demonstration. After the demonstration visit the Woolshed's Native Wildlife Shelter, where some of South Australia's native animals are cared for. *Evening:* For dinner, enjoy a 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) the Dark Sky Night Tour, where you are taken to an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve to observe the stars of the Milky Way. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 Thursday 9 September 2027 — Younghusband

After breakfast we slowly cruise downriver, past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. Visit Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites. Step back in time, tens of thousands of years – as you enjoy a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and learn about the area's Aboriginal history. Return to the vessel and cruise downriver to Younghusband. *Evening:* Enjoy a delicious dinner including fun-filled entertainment by the onboard entertainer and the ship's crew. *Note:* Sometime on the cruise, enjoy a performance by Luke O'Shea, followed by a fun-filled music/singalong session. Please bring your instruments & voices and join in! (B,L,D)

The Entertainers...



Luke O'Shea

Singer/songwriter, Luke O'Shea, is a 17 times Golden Guitar winner whose songs carry on the proud and ancient tradition of singing up this remarkable country of ours. Drawing inspiration from history, the humorous and the heartbreaking, O'Shea crafts and delivers his songs to connect with his audiences on a surprisingly deep level. Twice named Australian Independent Artist of the Year, with 9 studio albums, and recently inducted into the Galaxy of Stars, Luke's larrikin sense of humour and powerful performances make him one of country music's most decorated figures.



The Accordion Aces

The Accordion Aces is an Adelaide-based duo of accordion entertainers, specializing and performing a wide range of music. Lino and Carlo play traditional, international, modern and classical numbers. They enjoy entertaining and connecting with people through music that brings joy, happiness, memories, & laughter. They get everybody singing along and dancing. They play for weddings, private functions, corporate events, cocktail parties, special occasions, etc. Some of the catchy tunes they play are: Quando, Quando, Quando; O Sole Mio; Delilah; O-La-Di, Ob-La-Da.



Dave Prior

Dave Prior is an outstanding Country singer, songwriter and comedian, from South Australia. He lives in the Clare Valley region of SA. For many years he worked in the commercial radio industry, as an announcer, program director and station manager. However, a mid-life career change saw him working as a singer/comedian, including touring with Adam Harvey, Doug Walters (cricketer), & Rodney Vincent. Dave has released many CDs, including an outstanding Merle Haggard tribute CD, Silver Wings and Haggard Things. Dave is looking forward to performing for us.



Über Oompah

Über Oompah is an outstanding German Oktoberfest-style band, from the Adelaide area. Many of Adelaide's early settlers were from the German region, in Europe, and places like Hahndorf and the Barossa Valley reflect this German heritage, with beautiful Lutheran churches and bands that include accordions and brass instruments. Über Oompah performs sometimes as a 3 or 4 piece band and sometimes just Heidi and Herman (a duo). They will be performing for us as a 3 or 4 piece band. They perform regularly in Hahndorf. They describe themselves as 'a bunch of fun German entertainers'.

DAY 6 Friday 10 September 2027 — Disembarkation/Victor Harbor

Depart Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we say farewell to the PS Murray Princess, and board our coach to travel to Victor Harbor. On the way we will stop in Murray Bridge and Strathalbyn. In Murray Bridge, visit the Round House. Built for Henry Parker, the superintendent overseeing construction of the first bridge to span the Murray River, the Round House has also served as the town's first school, post office, church and council chambers. Continue on to the historic town of Strathalbyn, where we stop for lunch. 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. On arrival in Victor Harbor ride the historic Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram across the Causeway to Granite Island. *Evening:* Enjoy an Italian dinner at one of Victor Harbor's outstanding Italian restaurants. We will be entertained by excellent Italian accordion duo, The Accordion Aces. (B)



DAY 7 Saturday 11 September 2027 — Goolwa/Victor Harbor

Morning: Enjoy a journey on the historic Cockle Train, which travels between Victor Harbor and Goolwa (a historic & picturesque river port town, about 18 kms from Victor Harbor). In early days of settlement, the local residents would take a horse-drawn train from the Victor Harbor/Port Elliot area to Goolwa to collect cockles from the sandy beaches near the Murray mouth. It was a great day's outing, and thus the name....Cockle Train. We will spend some time in Goolwa, so you can explore the town. We then travel to Hindmarsh Island, where we see the Murray Mouth (where the Murray flows into the ocean). We will also go for a walk along the Goolwa Barrage – one of 5 barrages built in the Goolwa region, to reduce salinity levels in the lower reaches of the River Murray, Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert, but also to stabilise the river level, for upstream irrigation and pumping. *Afternoon:* Return to Victor Harbor, where you will have free time for shopping. *Evening:* Enjoy an exclusive concert by our host, Luke O'Shea. (B)



DAY 8 Sunday 12 September 2027 — McLaren Vale/Barossa Valley

Today we travel to the beautiful Barossa Valley, one of Australia's most iconic wine regions. On the way, visit McLaren Vale – another outstanding wine region. Enjoy a guided tour & wine tasting at McLaren Vale's famous d'Arenberg Cube, an award-winning five 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 style artworks. *Afternoon:* Panoramic coach tour of the Barossa Valley, followed by a visit to one of the region's historic wineries, for guided tour & wine tasting. *Evening:* Enjoy an exclusive performance by outstanding German-flavoured band Über Oompah. *Overnight:* Vine Inn Barossa & Vine Court Apartments, Nuriootpa. (B,WineTasting,McLarenVale,WineTasting,BarossaValley)

DAY 9 Monday 13 September 2027 — Clare Valley/Barossa Valley

Today we travel to another iconic wine region, the Clare Valley. *Morning:* Visit Martindale Hall, a surprisingly grand & beautiful 19th-century mansion. *Afternoon:* Visit one of the Clare Valley's outstanding wineries, for wine tasting. We will be entertained by outstanding country singer, Dave Prior. *Evening:* Back in the Barossa Valley, enjoy a wonderful End of Tour Dinner, at our accommodation (the Vine Inn). Luke O'Shea will sing a few songs for us, to cap off a fabulous tour. (B,WineTasting,ClareValley,D)

DAY 10 Tuesday 14 September 2027 — Departure

Morning: Travel to Adelaide. Enjoy an outstanding guided tour of the Adelaide Oval, before we are transferred to Adelaide Airport, for flights back home. We should arrive at the airport about lunchtime. Tour group members should organise flights home no earlier than 1.30pm. (B)

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Included in the tour price:

- 4 night cruise on the PS Murray Princess in an Outside Cabin, including all meals and onshore excursions/visits
- Accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges
- Off the ship, breakfast daily except Day 1, and 3 dinners
- Luke O'Shea accompanies you on the whole cruise/tour.
- Outstanding live music entertainment, including Luke O'Shea, The Accordion Aces, Dave Prior, Über Oompah, & the onboard entertainer on the Murray Princess.
- Travel in a first-class coach
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary
- The services of a Travelrite Tour Manager

Not included in the price:

- Flights are not included.
  Please contact 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

Tour Price:

Per person twin-share	$ 6,795
Single supplement	$ 1,895

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.

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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 Sealink.

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.

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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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