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# MURRAY RIVER

## & SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### MUSIC TOUR WITH JOHN HOWIE

Adelaide, McLaren Vale, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor, Goolwa,  
Kangaroo Island, Mannum, Blanchetown, Swan Reach, Sunnydale,  
Younghusband & Hahndorf

15 to 24 May 2024

Featuring music  
performances by

**John Howie**

**Gill Delaney**

**The Borderers**

**Italian Accordion Duo**

**Kangaroo Island guest artist**

**Murray Princess**  
on-board entertainer



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



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Discover the delights of the Murray from Mannum to Blanchetown plus Victor Harbor and Adelaide. Highlights include cellar door tastings at d'Arenberg and Burk Salter wineries, guided walks around historic towns, an Aussie barbecue beside the river; a visit to a wildlife shelter, sheep shearing demonstration and a guided walk through one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites at Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. The tour is fully escorted and includes Murray River cruise and coach travel, sightseeing tours in each region and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us for ten fun days.

### DAY 1 Wednesday 15 May, 2024

#### 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. We then visit colourful Adelaide Central Market, for lunch. *Afternoon:* Visit the outstanding South Australian Museum & the 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 entertainment by outstanding Adelaide Celtic/country band, The Borderers. *Overnight:* Comfort Inn Regal Park Motor Inn. (D)

### DAY 2 Thursday 16 May, 2024

#### Victor Harbor

Today we make our way to the coastal town of Victor Harbor, on S.A.'s beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula. On the way visit McLaren Vale, one of Australia's premier wine regions. 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. 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 we will ride the historic Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram, across the Causeway to Granite Island. *Evening:* A free evening for you to explore Victor Harbor. *Overnight:* Hotel Victor. (B)



### DAY 3 Friday 17 May, 2024

#### Victor Harbor

*Morning:* Enjoy a journey on the historic Cockle Train, which travels between Victor Harbor and Goolwa. 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 this historic and picturesque river port town. We then travel across a bridge to Hindmarsh Island, where we see the Murray Mouth (where the Murray flows into the ocean). *Late afternoon:* Free time in Victor Harbor. *Evening:* Enjoy a pizza/pasta dinner at one of Victor Harbor's outstanding Italian restaurants. We will be entertained by excellent Italian piano accordion duo, The Accordion Aces. (B,D)



### DAY 4 Saturday 18 May, 2024

#### Kangaroo Island

This morning we catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island, the third-largest island off the coast of mainland Australia. Kangaroo Island is a haven for wildlife and features magnificent scenery, including sweeping white-sand beaches and giant wind-sculpted boulders. On arrival visit the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery & Café. Then enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of the island, including the Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch, in Flinders Chase National Park. Near the Arch, at Cape du Couedic, we will see where thousands of New Zealand fur seals congregate on the beach, entertaining everybody with their antics on land and in the water. We then travel to Kingscote, the main town on the island and the first white settlement in South Australia. (B,L)

### DAY 5 Sunday 19 May, 2024

#### Kangaroo Island

*Morning:* Visit the Seal Bay Sea Lion Colony, on the south coast of Kangaroo Island. Seal Bay has been home to an Australian sea lion population for





**Pre-Tour Day:** You may wish to consider travelling to Adelaide the Pre-Tour Day, Tuesday 14th May 2024 (optional). We recommend staying at the Comfort Inn Regal Park Motor Inn, North Adelaide (where we'll all be staying on Wed. 15th May). Gill Delaney will organise an informal get-together, for dinner, on Tues. evening 14th May, at nearby Café Palazzo (optional).

thousands of years, and offers one of the most exceptional nature-based experiences in the world. Enjoy a guided walk along the beach, to get a close-up view of the sea lions. We will also visit nearby Vivonne Bay, famous for its sugary white sand beaches. *Afternoon:* Return to Kingscote, where we visit the excellent Hope Cottage Museum and Reeves Point Historical Site. Then travel along the north coast of K.I., visiting Emu Bay, Stokes Bay Beach (voted best beach in Australia, in 2023) and Emu Bay Lavender Farm. *Evening:* Dinner at our accommodation, including an informal performance by John Howie, Gill Delaney, & a local guest artist. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6 Monday 20 May, 2024

#### Mannum/Embarkation

*Morning:* Travel back to the mainland by ferry. Continue on to Mannum, arriving mid-afternoon. We board the PS Murray Princess and head upriver. *Evening:* Enjoy a Welcome Aboard dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Curnamont, 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 7 Tuesday 21 May, 2024

#### 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 visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery, for wine tasting. *Evening:* Back on board the PS Murray Princess, enjoy a lovely dinner (B,L,WineTasting,D)

#### DAY 8 Wednesday 22 May, 2024

#### 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 9 Thursday 23 May, 2024

#### 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 ship's crew. *Note:* Sometime on the cruise, enjoy an informal music/singalong session led by John Howie & Gill Delaney. All guests are encouraged to join in. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10 Friday 24 May, 2024

#### Departure

Depart Younghusband and head back to Mannum. After breakfast we say farewell to the PS Murray Princess, and board our coach. 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. We are then transferred to Adelaide Airport for flights back home. Tour members should organise flights home from 2.30pm. (B)





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#### Tour Price:

Per person twin-share	\$ 5,275
Single supplement	\$ 1,295

#### Included in the tour price:

- 5 day/4 night cruise on the PS Murray Princess in an Outside Cabin, twin-share, including all meals.
- Twin-share accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels in Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island and Adelaide with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- John Howie will accompany the tour group on the whole tour.
- Musical Performances as per the itinerary.
- Meals: Whilst on the cruise: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are 'included'. Remainder of tour: Breakfast daily (except for Day 1); 3 Dinners... Commencement of Tour Dinner in Adelaide (Day 1), Italian pizza/pasta dinner in Victor Harbor (Day 3), & dinner in Kingscote, Kangaroo Island (Day 5); 2 lunches. Also, 2 wine tastings 'included'... the d'Arenberg Cube, McLaren Vale (Day 2), & Burk Salter Winery (Day 7)
- 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.
- Ride on the Cockle Train, between Victor Harbor and Goolwa.
- Ride on the Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram, across the Causeway, to Granite Island.
- Return ferry to Kangaroo Island.
- '(1) Sightseeing coach tour of Kangaroo Island, to western end of K.I., including Flinders Chase National Park, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch, & NZ fur seals at Cape du Couedic. (2) Sightseeing coach tour of Kangaroo Island's south & north coasts, including Seal Bay Sea Lion Colony, Vivonne Bay, Reeves Point Historical Site, Emu Bay, & Stokes Bay Beach. National Park entrance fees are included.
- Lots of fun-filled, informal music/singalong sessions, with John Howie and Gill Delaney.

## 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 \$500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the Murray River Cruise tour. Cancellation over 120 days before tour departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellation under 120 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 90 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 of 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.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the

tour organizer. Travelrite acts only as an agent in the making of arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants or any other service and does not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in the tour, or by act of God. Further no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the cruise passage contract with SeaLink, detailed on their website.

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#### 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.

All cabins are subject to availability. There are two cabins available for single occupancy.



#### John Howie – tour manager

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours & music cruises for 25 years.



#### Gill Delaney – assistant tour manager

Gill Delaney (accordion/ukulele/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will be coming on the tour as a musician and assistant tour manager, as long as we get sufficient bookings. She will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with the tour group.

#### 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.
- Cost of optional on-shore evening tours (Nocturnal Tour and Dark Sky Night Tour), Day 8.
- 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.



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