

5 night indulgence cruise



Departs Sunday - Returns Friday

Passengers travelling by coach:

The 'Proud Mary' Coach departs from the Adelaide Central Bus Station at 85 Franklin Street at 6.00pm sharp (please check-in by 5.30pm at Bay 2), arriving at Clark Street Car Park, Murray Bridge at 7.00pm. Please note due to new coach terminal regulations the coach must leave on time. Should you be unable to make the departure time, alternative arrangements to get to Murray Bridge will have to be made. On the completion of your cruise, you will be collected from Clark Street Car Park, Murray Bridge by the 'Proud Mary' coach at approximately 4.00pm for your transfer to Adelaide Central Bus Station where you will arrive at approximately 5.30pm.

Passengers garaging your car:

Please make your own way to Clark Street Car Park, Murray Bridge at 7:00pm. Upon arrival the **Proud Mary** Crew will advise as to the garaging of your vehicle.

DAY 1 – Sunday (S)

Your five night cruise departs from Murray Bridge just 1 hour from Adelaide, where you will be welcomed aboard by the friendly **Proud Mary** crew. Enjoy a delicious supper at approximately 8:00pm as you cruise this evening and the **Proud Mary's** powerful floodlights illuminate the shore. It is a perfect opportunity to view the nocturnal animals of Australia in their natural habitat. Later the **Proud Mary** ties up for the night at Woodlane.

DAY 2 - Monday (B,L,D)

Your cruise continues upstream as you enjoy a delicious breakfast before a mid-morning **Proud Mary** arrival in picturesque Mannum, the birthplace of the river boat trade. Here you may board the waiting coach for an interesting tour of the Historic Mannum. Your guide will provide you with information. Lunch will be served aboard the **Proud Mary** as you cruise upstream to Walkers Flat. This evening is "Australiana Night" featuring typically Australian dishes. Followed by a guided Nocturnal Discover Tour, an insight into abundant wildlife including the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat.

DAY 3 - Tuesday (B,L,D)

After breakfast the **Proud Mary** cruises further upstream where you can join the captain in the dining room for an eco-talk and history lesson about the Murray River system. Mid-morning you will arrive at Swan Reach and board your waiting coach for a tour to Costa Brothers Almond Farm and Swan Reach Museum, which is housed in the original school building that was built in 1917. Re-join Proud Mary for lunch where you will cruise through the shallows up to lock 1 at Blanchetown. Your cruise this evening takes you to Sugar Shack. Sugar Shack is part of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve which is an astronomer's paradise. The unpolluted skies and isolation from artificial light sources make the park one of the best places on earth to gaze at the stars. Trivia night tonight, let the games begin!

DAY 4 - Wednesday (B,L,D)

You will wake this morning in one of the most unspoilt and picturesque areas of the River Murray. You will be taken on an environmental discovery walk of Sugar Shack to discover the importance of the flood plains to the river system. Re-join Proud Mary and cruise downstream to Swan Reach where you will visit the town and craft shop. After re-joining Proud Mary for lunch you will cruise to Big Bend. A highlight of your cruise is a guided cruise lead by an ecologist aboard a small boat through the lagoons and inlets of Big Bend. Catch the sunset as the evening rays glisten and glow on the limestone walls of the Big Bend Cliffs. This evening there is a traditional Australian barbeque on shore followed by live Aussie entertainment around a blazing campfire.

DAY 5 - Thursday (B,L,D)

You can see the sunrise over the towering cliffs this morning with an early departure to the **Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal conservation area** where you will be met by our local aboriginal guide and shown over Australia's first Aboriginal Archaeological digs. It contains galleries of Cave Art, smoke stains from ancient fires and an excavated campsite of a civilisation over 8,000 years old. From here Proud Mary will be serving lunch while cruising downstream through Bowhill to Mannum. Late afternoon arrival in Mannum for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a formal Captain's Dinner.

DAY 6 - Friday (B,L)

Following breakfast, the **Proud Mary** departs once more. Mid-morning you arrive at Woodlane and board the waiting coach for a tour of Aussie Apricots and Revolution Motor Museum. This Museum is home to many fascinating and historical cars including South Australia's first registered Taxi! You will also visit the very unique Mypolonga school. Today, lunch is superbly prepared using fresh local produce. This afternoon there will be more spectacular scenery before the vessel ties up once more in Murray Bridge, the Captain and crew bid farewell to guests and new-found friends before disembarkation at 4.00pm.

All river view rooms have a private ensuite, double or twin beds, air-conditioning / heating and tea and coffee facilities.

*All itineraries are subject to weather conditions.

Daily itineraries will be provided on board. For more information regarding coach transfers, garaging, dress suggestions, embarkation times etc. please refer to the embarkation information leaflet provided.

On behalf of everyone at Proud Mary, enjoy your trip. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on (08) 8406 4444