

5 night indulgence cruise



Departs Sunday Evenings

\$2100pp - \$3360 Single Cabin

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 5.45pm 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 buffet 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 breakfast on a delicious buffet 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. In the afternoon arrive Swan Reach and board your waiting coach for a tour to Costa Brothers Almond Farm. Discover how this state of the art almond farm uses water-recycling technology to limit its direct impact on the river system and help secure the diverse ecosystem of the river. Also visit the Swan Reach Museum which is housed in the original school building that was built in 1917. Your cruise this evening takes you to Moorundie Creek, named after the Aboriginal tribe that lived there. The **Proud Mary** moors overnight on a beautiful beach amongst towering River Red Gums.

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 Moorundie Creek, even today you will see evidence of an ancient Aboriginal civilisation - a huge canoe tree still stands. 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. 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)

This morning there will be time for further exploration of the tranquil Australian bush. The **Proud Mary** continues downstream through some of the most spectacular scenery on the entire River Murray system. We arrive at Ngaut Ngaut - a historical Aboriginal site. Here with your Aboriginal tour guide you will discover carvings and paintings on cliff faces made 3,000 to 20,000 years ago. Late afternoon arrive 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 arrive Woodlane and board the waiting coach for a tour to the Reedy Creek Environment tour. You will be joined by your guide for a tour of this fascinating area. Discover this permanent watercourse from waterfalls, through swamps and wetlands. Reedy Creek and the waterfalls played a significant part in the lives of the ancient Nganguruku and Ngaralta Aboriginal Tribes. Today, lunch is a superb buffet prepared with 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