



BARMERA COUNTRY CLUB
MOTOR INN



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RIVERLAND 5 DAY/4 NIGHT STAYPUT ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

4 NIGHTS "STAYPUT" ACCOMMODATION AT THE BARMERA COUNTRY CLUB MOTOR INN

HAPPY HOUR EACH AFTERNOON IN THE BARMERA COUNTRY CLUB MOTOR INN

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT (1 NIGHT)

CRUISE ON THE MURRAY RIVER

BANROCK STATION & THE HISTORIC OVERLAND CORNER HOTEL

REMARK – OLIVEWOOD HOUSE AND ANGOVE WINES

LOXTON HISTORIC VILLAGE

Day 1 (D): Arrive Barmera

Welcome to the **South Australian Riverland** town of **Barmera** – located half way between **Mildura** and **Adelaide** on **Lake Bonney**. Our accommodation for the next 4 nights is at the **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn**. The complex is surrounded by the **Barmera Golf Club** with every room enjoying a view over the course. It is a very quiet location well away from the town centre and the Highway. All the rooms are at ground floor level with walk in showers. Dinner will be in the motel restaurant each night and entertainment will be provided on one night during our stay. Happy hour will be offered each night from 5pm. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost*). **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 85882888**

Day 2 (BD): Exploring the Riverland

Barmera is a popular holiday resort town situated on the shores of **Lake Bonney**. This morning we will see the monument dedicated to Sir Donald Campbell who attempted to break the Australian water speed record on Lake Bonney in the 1960's. We also call at the **Country Music Hall of Fame** before the short drive to **Berri** - another of the four major Riverland towns. Here we have arranged to join "Missy" – a 48 seat flat cruising boat for a two hour river cruise on this wide section of the Murray River. Back in Berri we have some free time to purchase lunch (the Berri Hotel is a good option) before heading to nearby Glossop and a visit to **Bella Lavender Estate**. We have arranged afternoon tea with time to take a walk in the garden and check out their range of products for sale such as homemade soap, shampoo lip balm and arthritis cream. After an interesting day we return to the **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn**. Happy Hour in the restaurant is from 5pm again tonight and there will be an entertainer "in house" tonight after dinner. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost*)

Day 3 (BLD) The Historic Riverland

Today we have planned a visit to the award winning **Banrock Station** near Kingston on Murray. **Banrock Station** lies at the junction of the Banrock Creek and the Murray River. The property was purchased by BRL Hardy in 1994. The 1650 hectare property has just 250 hectares devoted to premium grape varieties such as Semillon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The remaining land, including 12.5 kilometres of river frontage, adjacent to the Banrock Lagoon and wetlands, is being returned to its native state. We have arranged morning tea here overlooking the wetlands. Our drive from Banrock takes us over the Napper Bridge which crosses Chambers Creek (the link from the Murray River to Lake Bonney) and onto the historic **Overland Corner Hotel** - a popular rest spot last century for drovers moving stock between NSW and South Australia. The hotel was built from sandstone cut from a nearby quarry and in the 1870's it was not unusual for as many as 30,000 sheep and several mobs of cattle to be camped here overnight. We enjoy lunch here before the drive back to **Barmera** via Monash. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch at the Overland Corner Hotel*)

Day 4 (BD): Loxton & Renmark

One of the other major riverland towns is **Loxton** - and that is where we are heading this morning. **Loxton on the Murray**, was first settled by people of (predominantly) German origin, who were escaping religious persecution. This proud German heritage is still evident today. Much of the town's fascinating history is on display at the **Loxton Historical Village**. The town was not settled until Cobdogla Station was established in the 1850's. A William Loxton was a stockman on the Station who lived, with his wife Mary, in a slab hut on the riverbank. A replica of this hut was built in 1970 on its original site and this was the beginnings of the **Loxton Historical Village**. We then travel to **Renmark** and park at the **Renmark Paringa Visitors Centre** and visit **Paddle Steamer Industry**, which is moored here. Commissioned in 1911, the industry once worked for South Australian Water, keeping the Murray River open to traffic. Following a hectic work life the steamer was retired in 1969. There is a delightful short "river bank walk" to the **Renmark Club** which is a good option for lunch – or the main shops are opposite. Have some free time then to buy some lunch before the drive to **Renmark**. Our afternoon touring takes us to **Olivewood**, a homestead and museum containing relics from 1887 and traces the story of the Caffey Brothers who were instrumental in introducing irrigation to the area. Next we head to **Angoves Winery**, the largest privately owned winery in Australia. Established in 1886 and commencing operation in 1910, it is noted for a large variety of premium wines and brandy. Today, the fifth generation of the winemaking family carries on the business. We then return to **Barmera** for our final night in the Riverland. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost*)

Day 5 (B): Heading Home

After breakfast this morning we farewell our hosts and prepare for the trip home. (*Breakfast in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost*)

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc