

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RIVERLAND



**Mildura, Barmera, Berri, Cruise on the
Murray River, Banrock Station, The
Historic Overland Corner Hotel,
Renmark, Olivewood House, Angove
Wines, Loxton Historic Village, Halls
Gap, Grampians National Park, 4 nights
at the Barmera Country Club Motor Inn.**

7 DAY COACH TOUR

DEPARTING MELBOURNE, VICTORIA



Day 1 (D): Melbourne to Mildura

Welcome to our **7 Day Tour to the Riverland** region of South Australia. We will spend 4 nights at the **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn** so that we can enjoy some local touring, meet some local characters, and sample some local Riverland Produce. Our destination today is **Mildura** which, like Barmera, is located on the **Murray River**. We make some stops along the way including a lunch stop, before our mid afternoon arrival. We take a look around town and then settle into our overnight accommodation. **Best Western Boulevard, Mildura 03 50235023**.

Day 2 (BD): Mildura to Barmera

From Mildura we continue west along the Sturt Highway towards the South Australian Border. Its 140ks from Mildura to **Renmark** - just inside the border - and just a little closer is the tiny village of **Paringa** (Paringa is from an Aboriginal word meaning "big bend in the river"). Its here we have our morning tea stop at Lock 5. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs that were built back in the 1920s and 1930s. Fourteen locks are still in use today. Lock 5 here at Paringa - just downstream from Renmark - is a great example of one of these locks. We will enjoy a morning tea from the coach and enjoy some fantastic views of the river. We then cross the **Paringa Suspension Bridge** which was opened in 1927 and drive into **Renmark**. We 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. This afternoon we continue to **Barmera** – our base for the next 4 nights. Our accommodation, surrounded by the Barmera Golf Club, is all ground floor with walk in showers. Dinner will be in the motel restaurant each night and there will be **Happy Hour** in the bar each night from 5pm. **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 85882888**

Day 3 (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. **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 85882888**

Day 4 (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 here takes us over the Napper Bridge

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. **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 85882888**

Day 5 (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 have some free time then to buy some lunch before the drive to **Renmark**. Our afternoon touring takes us to **Olive-wood**, 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. **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 85882888**

Day 6 (BD): Barmera to the Grampians

This morning we farewell our hosts, load the coach and head off on our journey back to Victoria. This time we are going to travel south to **Pinnaroo** and **Bordertown** and then into the **Grampians** for our final night. From Horscham we enter the **Grampians** from the North West via Wartook on our way to the little village of **Halls Creek**. The best lookouts in the northern part of the National Park are **McKenzie Falls**, **Reids Lookout** and **Boroka Lookout** - all easily accessible and all with sensational views. The area is likened to a giant botanical garden, filled with one third of Victoria's fauna. In fact Major Thomas Mitchell, when he first visited the area in 1836 as the Surveyor General of New South Wales, was apparently speechless at the imposing sight that met his gaze from the top of what we now know as Mount William! We will arrive at **Halls Gap** late afternoon and check into our motel. **Grampians Motel 03 53564248**

Day 7 (B): Home

Our motel is just outside the township of **Halls Gap**. Nestled in a peaceful valley, the motel has views of natural bushland and is central to the spectacular **Grampians National Park**. Kangaroos and native wildlife are often seen in close proximity to the motel. We have breakfast and some free time around the motel before making our way to the nearby, award winning, **Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. This offers a great insight to the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and the exceptional environment and Aboriginal Culture here. We then head into **Halls Gap** and visit the **Grampians Visitors Centre** before some free time in the village to buy some lunch. We are then homeward bound, arriving home late afternoon after a memorable 7 day tour to **South Australia's Riverland**.

PRICE

\$995 per person twin share

\$260 single supplement

DEPARTURE DATES

Sunday 06 May 2013

Sunday 13 October 2013

PICK UPS

8.00am: Russell Court, Melbourne (beside Federation Square)

8.25 am: McDonalds, cnr Melton Hwy & Sunshine Ave, Taylors Lake

10.30am: Williamson St, Bendigo (near Rosalind Park)



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