

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RIVERLAND



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

7 DAY COACH TOUR



Day 1 (D): Home Port to Narrandera

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 produce. So once we have completed our passenger pick up service and the coach is loaded we are ready to go. Our destination today is **Narrandera** which, like Barmera, is a river town – located on the **Murrumbidgee River**. We make several stops during the day including a lunch stop (own expense) before our mid afternoon arrival. We take a look around town and then settle into our overnight accommodation. **Newell Motor Inn, Narrandera 02 6959 2877**

Day 2 (BD): Narrandera to Barmera

We head to **Hay** this morning for our morning tea stop at **Shear Australia** (The National Shearers Hall of Fame) before crossing the Hay Plain on our way to Mildura with a stop at **Balranald** for lunch (own expense). 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 afternoon tea stop at Lock 5. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs dating back to the 1920s and 1930s. Fourteen locks are still in use today. Lock 5, just downstream from Renmark, is a great example of one of these locks. We will enjoy afternoon tea from the coach with some fantastic views of the river. We then cross the **Paringa Suspension Bridge** which was opened in 1927 and drive into **Renmark**. From here 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.

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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. Here we have arranged to join "**Missy**" – a 48 seat flat cruising boat for a one hour river cruise on this wide section of the 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.

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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 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 8588 2888**

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. 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**. From here we travel to **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** where you are able to purchase some lunch (own expense). This afternoon we return to Barmera for some free time. The golf course is right next door to the motel if anyone feels like a round. The motel has electric Golf Buggies available for hire (additional expense). **Barmera Country Club Motor Inn 08 8588 2888**

Day 6 (BD): Barmera to Griffith

We farewell our hosts at Barmera this morning and begin the drive home. Our destination today is **Griffith**. We travel back to **Mildura** and then once again cross the **Hay Plain**. Late afternoon we arrive in **Griffith** for our final night on tour. Like Barmera, **Griffith** is located in a magnificent food and wine producing area - the **Riverina** (as opposed to the Riverland). It is also heartland for one of the world's most successful rice industries. Developed as a model settlement, the town was planned by Walter Burley Griffin who also designed Canberra. On arrival we check into our motel and enjoy dinner. **Econolodge Motor Inn Griffith 02 6962 1800**

Day 7 (B): Griffith to Home

After breakfast we continue our journey travelling back to join the Hume Highway with a morning tea and lunch stop (own expense) along the way. This afternoon we set our sights on home after a memorable 7 day tour to **South Australia's Riverland**.

PRICE

\$995 per person twin share

\$260 single supplement

DEPARTURE DATES

Sunday 26 May 2013

Sunday 10 November 2013



PICK UPS

5.30am: Albion Park Rail (McDonalds BS northbound). **5.50am:** Wollongong Railway Station (east side)

6.45am: Sutherland Railway Station (Old Princes Hwy). **8.00am:** Central Railway Station (Eddy Ave Bay 4)

8.50am: Campbelltown Railway Station (western side). **9.45am:** Mittagong Church Lane Park

12.30pm: Yass Junction Service Centre, Hume Hwy

Conditions apply—see over

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