

SUNRAYSIA TO THE MALLEE

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated in the Itinerary)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as indicated in the Itinerary)

On this 6 Day Tour, we follow the mighty Murray River from Mildura in the Sunraysia to Swan Hill in the heart of the Mallee.

Mildura sits on the banks of the vast Murray River, with its paddle steamers and houseboats and is located within a major citrus and grape growing district. We spend a few days exploring Mildura and its surrounds, including a paddle steamer ride through Lock 11 before we depart for Swan Hill

Swan Hill also sits on the banks of the Murray River. During our stay, we visit the Pioneer Settlement and learn about the history of this once major inland trading port. We visit the Flying Boat Museum in Lake Boga, where during World War II, Catalina flying boats landed on the lake for repairs and servicing.

DAY 1:-

L/D

Board your Coach to begin your **6 Day Sunraysia to Mallee Tour**.

This morning as we travel through regional Victoria, we visit three silo art sites, with our first being **Rupanyup**, where artist Julia Volchkova turned her attention to the towns youth and their great love of team sport.

The **Sheep Hills** silo's were painted by artist Adnate, who used his art to tell the stories of Indigenous people and their land.

Brim silo art is our last for the morning. The first silo art in Victoria, Artist Guido van Helten depicts anonymous generational male and female farmers.

We make a stop in the country town of **Sea Lake** for lunch at the Royal Hotel.

DAY 1:- continued

L/D

Before continuing our travels to Mildura, we visit the Sea Lake silo art. Artists Drapl & the Zookeeper 's artwork is a celebration of the still and silence found in outback Victoria and the associated feelings of wholeness and freedom.

Tonight we enjoy a 2-course dinner in the accommodation dining room.

Overnight:- Mildura Inlander Resort



DAY 2:-**B/L/D**

After a delicious breakfast we travel to **Wentworth**, located approximately 40 minutes from Mildura on the NSW side of the Murray River.

Wentworth lies at the confluence of Australia's two most important rivers, the Darling and the Murray and has a small population of 8000 people approximately.

Today we visit the **Old Wentworth Gaol**. Completed in 1881, this single storey building was utilised as a gaol until 1927. After its closure, the building was utilised as extra classrooms for the Wentworth Central School until 1963 when, because of its remarkable condition, today is a major tourist attraction for the area.

We continue our Wentworth history lesson with a visit to the **Wentworth Pioneer Museum**. Journey through time with a walk through the extensive Pioneer and Folk collection. Including Indigenous artefacts and a Mega Fauna Display based on fossil remains discovered in the Wentworth region and Mungo National Park.

Our lunch today will be enjoyed at the Crown Hotel in Wentworth.

As we make our way back to Mildura, we visit the **Australian Inland Botanic Garden**, Buronga NSW.

The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens is the first semi-arid botanic garden in the Southern Hemisphere. Set on 152 hectares of premium Sunraysia land, the gardens play host to many flowers, plants and trees from all over the world. Located some 400km inland of any ocean waters, the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens is a rare oasis of design and beauty, surviving on the natural yet limited rainfall that occurs many kilometres away from Australia's coast.



After returning to our accommodation, there will be time to freshen up before we once again enjoy dinner in the accommodation dining room.

Overnight:- Mildura Inlander Resort

DAY 3:-**B/L/D**

After breakfast we board our coach once again, this time for the **Mungo National Park**, where at the Visitor Centre we meet our Ranger, who will take us on an Aboriginal Discovery Tour.

Your Ranger will be from one of the three tribal groups of the Willandra Lakes region. Learn about 50,000+ years of Aboriginal cultural history of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area and discover the compelling story of survival associated with the rise and fall of the lake, all interpreted by your Aboriginal Discovery Ranger.

There will be time allocated to look around the Mungo National Park Visitor Centre before we head to the **Mungo Lodge** for lunch.



This afternoon we visit the cellar door of one of the many vineyards in the Mildura area, **Trentham Estate**, Trentham Falls. Sample their wines whilst enjoying views of the mighty Murray River.

Dinner tonight will once again be in the dining room of the Mildura Inlander Resort.

Overnight:- Mildura Inlander Resort

DAY 4:-**B/L/D**

Before loading our luggage, we enjoy our final breakfast in Mildura.

This morning we are joined on the coach by a Step-on-Guide who will take us on a 1-hour tour around the Mildura area.

No visit to Mildura would be complete without a ride aboard one of their paddle steamers.

DAY 4:- continued

B/L/D

We finish our visit to Mildura with a relaxing two hour cruise down through Mildura's Lock 11 (and return) on board the majestic steam driven, Paddle Steamer Melbourne. A comprehensive live commentary is provided, with an educational insight on the Murray Darling River system and their environs, and the history of the paddle boats.



A light lunch - sandwiches, cakes, tea/coffee and cool drinks will be provided on board (and the vessel is fully licensed—to be purchased at own expense).

We board our coach once again and begin our journey to Swan Hill, passing towns like Robinvale, Boundary Bend, Piangil, Wood Wood and Nyah along the way.

On arrival at our accommodation, we check-in to our rooms and freshen before we take a very short walk to our dinner venue for the night, the **Swan Hill RSL Club**.

Overnight:- Jane Eliza Motor Inn, Swan Hill

DAY 5:-

B/L/D

After breakfast this morning we take a step back in time as we visit the **Pioneer Settlement**.

Your visit includes a variety of working displays, buildings, restorations and exhibits to explore at your own leisure. From horse and carriage rides to restored vintage car rides, the Pioneer Settlement showcases Australian history with a hands-on journey. Watch as their blacksmith forges steel and metals, printers at the Echo Print Shop work on 19th century wanted posters, music demonstrations and an opportunity to capture your visit in period costume.

Take a relaxing one hour river cruise along the Murray River aboard the PS Pyap paddle-boat. The scenic natural environment and views of the historic Murray Downs Homestead are guaranteed to create a truly unique and memorable experience.

DAY 3:- continued

B/L/D

Lunch today is at **Boo's Place**, Lake Boga. Located under the same roof line as the Flying Boat Museum, we enjoy views of the Lake Boga whilst eating our meal.

The **Flying Boat Museum**, is a memorial to service men and women who had been stationed at the No. 1 Flying Boat Repair Depot at Lake Boga during World War II. Their modern hangar houses a restored Catalina and other exhibits. The aircraft on display is a Catalina PB5. It depicts the type and size of aircraft that were used as patrol bombers during World War II. One of their many volunteers will take you on a guided tour of this unique facility.

We return to our accommodation to freshen up before once again walking to the RSL for dinner.

Tonight we make our way back to the Pioneer Settlement, to watch the **Heart Beat on the Murray Laser Spectacular**.

Set on the banks of the Little Murray River, the world-class Heartbeat of the Murray is a 360-degree multi-media spectacular unlike anything ever seen in Australia. Using water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you'll be transported back 30 million years, before travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background.

Overnight:- Jane Eliza Motor Inn, Swan Hill

DAY 6:-

B

We load our luggage for the last time on this tour and farewell our hosts for the past two nights, as we start to make our way back to Melbourne.

We travel to **Koondrook** for a unique and peaceful 1.5 hour breakfast cruise aboard the **Wetlander**. Relax as you cruise the Gunbower Creek, a remarkable environment of diverse water birds, wildlife and aquatic plants.



DAY 6:- continued

B

Our next stop is **Echuca**, where we visit the **Port of Echuca Discovery Centre**.

Built in 1865 by the Victorian Railways, the Port of Echuca Wharf was crucial to Echuca's development. For many years, Echuca was the main shipbuilding centre for the river transport industry. Some of the boats built in Echuca, such as the PS Adelaide, still operate on the Murray River today. At its peak, Echuca supported 8 sawmills and turned over up to 240 paddle steamers a year.

Visit their Interpretive Centre, Evans Bro's Sawmill, Steam Display, the Echuca Wharf and Paddlesteamers.

For anyone wanting to purchase lunch (at own expense), there are a number of cafés in walking distance of the Port of Echuca.

Meeting back at the coach, we board for the last time today and we continue our travels home, returning at 5.00pm approx.

LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner (will be at accommodation unless otherwise specified)



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