

ADELAIDE AND THE MURRAY RIVER**Wednesday 27 March - Wednesday 3 April 2019****7 nights****TOUR OVERVIEW**

Adelaide is a city rich in arts, culture, history and architecture, delicious food and wine. It is easy to explore with its grid system CBD and yet still retains an element of small town charm. Foodies love the sights, tastes and smells of the Adelaide Central Market which we visit. A 20 minute tram ride takes us out to Glenelg to dip our toes in the ocean and sample some locally made chocolates. A leisurely three night trip on the PS Murray Princess takes us through gum forests, towering gorges, historic ports and on a guided nature walk. You may see kangaroos, hairy nosed wombats, tortoises and many other species, especially on the small flat bottomed boat tour exploring the backwaters of the river. The birdlife is amazing here too. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy shores. Our "Fork & Grape" tour will be a treat. There will be culinary highlights and visits to local producers in the McLaren Vale.

YOUR SHIP PS MURRAY PRINCESS

The PS Murray Princess is a true inland paddlewheeler built for the Murray River, with a character and charm of yesteryear. It is the largest inland paddlewheeler in the southern hemisphere. Catering for 120 passengers, she brings the unique advantages of small ship cruising to the remarkable setting of Australia's outback. The onboard atmosphere is relaxed and informal. The lounge features a majestic view of the paddlewheel in action through the two story viewing window. Upper and lower lounge areas are accessed by the classic brass and mahogany style spiral staircase. The PS Murray Princess cruises between Mannum, Murray Bridge and Salter's Station along the Murray River. The wetlands in this area provide essential breeding and feeding habitats for many species of waterbirds, fish, invertebrates and plants.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tram ride out to historic Glenelg on the coast.
- Visit Australia's oldest family run chocolate maker.
- Pedal driven tour of the city's history and architecture en route to the Adelaide Central Market for a guided tour.
- Three night paddle steamer cruise of the Murray River including a nature walk and flat bottomed boat river birdlife tour. Experience the food and wine of this famous and beautiful riverlands region.
- Follow the route less travelled on the "Fork & Grape" food safari; a fun way to experience the McLaren Vale wine region.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- The services of an experienced New Zealand based Calder & Lawson tour manager
- Economy class airfares
- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- 3 nights on board Murray Princess
- All meals on board the ship
- Other meals as specified in the itinerary
- All group transfers
- Admissions as detailed in the itinerary
- Pre-tour material

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Airline taxes
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Beverages during included meals, unless specified
- Hotel portage

TOUR PRICE *Ex Auckland*

Share twin per person NZD\$4,200
Single supplement (limited availability) NZD\$ 890

Please contact Calder & Lawson Tours if you are interested in a single occupancy place.

GROUP SIZE Minimum 10, Maximum 15

VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour, or book business class seats for the flights. Please contact us.

IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

This is a tour for people who are "foodies". While not exclusively for food and wine buffs, it is the focus of most excursions. Those who enjoy cruising also love this trip. This walk suits all abilities. A relatively leisurely short break with some free time, and a variety of experiences.

TOUR MANAGER

Penny Pickett took our first Short Break tour in 2018 to Melbourne and is excited to lead another Short Break tour to Australia in 2019. Penny has worked for many years in retail travel and has enjoyed the trips she has escorted. Having once lived on a vineyard and spending many hours enjoying food, Penny feels she is well qualified to lead this tour!



HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to secure your place on the tour. When minimum numbers are reached, the tour will become a 'confirmed departure'. At that point we will advise when the full tour payment will be due.

- [Click here](#) to complete the online registration form, pay the \$1,000 deposit and your spot on this tour is secured.
- Or you can complete a paper registration form. You can download one from the website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz, or give us a call and we will email or post one to you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Can be found on the website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz, on the back of the paper registration form or on the summary page when you complete an online registration.

VARIATIONS

This itinerary is Version 1 dated 03/10/2018 and is subject to change. Exchange rate fluctuations may result in a change to the tour price.



DAILY ITINERARY

Wednesday 27 March 2019

Auckland – Adelaide

Meals: In flight/D

Flight:

Overnight: Adelaide

Take an early morning flight direct to Adelaide. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for the next two nights. In the afternoon we'll take a 20 minute tram ride out to historic Glenelg to wander along the pier and visit the Bay Discovery Centre housed in a beautiful building by the pier. Then visit Australia's oldest family run chocolate maker Haigh's Chocolates. They are made from fair trade cocoa beans and happily, you can sample before you buy. Enjoy your welcome dinner tonight at Culshaw's Restaurant.

Thursday 28 March

Adelaide

Meals: B

Tour: Approx. 3 hours

Overnight: Adelaide

Today, take the Adelaide Central Market and City EcoCaddy Tour. You will be collected from your hotel to enjoy a 60 minute pedal driven tour in an EcoCaddy. Your tour will include landscapes, architecture, and history. Your destination is the Adelaide Central Market, where your market guide will take you on a sensory and interactive gourmet experience of Adelaide's most visited tourist attraction. This tour is serious fun for those with a passion for great food, and the people who grow and supply it. Hear the stories, taste the food and enjoy lunch from a market café (not included). The tour concludes here and your afternoon is free to explore the market further, check out the shopping malls or just relax.

Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April

Adelaide - Mannum

Meals: B/L/D

Overnight: Murray Princess

This morning you will transfer from Adelaide to Mannum to start your three night 'Discovery Cruise'. Indulge in a long weekend where you'll discover the beautiful lower riverlands between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge aboard the paddle steamer PS Murray Princess. Cruise through spectacular riverlands and enjoy the great variety of flora and fauna. You'll take a nature walk; get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragonfly' flat bottomed boat; visit the township of Murray Bridge and learn about the food and wine of this famous region.

Monday 1 April

Mannum - Adelaide

Meals: B

Overnight: Adelaide

Arrive back in Adelaide late morning and check into your hotel for two nights. The rest of the day is free to follow your own interests, or join Penny this afternoon for a walk to the nearby Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

Tuesday 2 April

Adelaide

Meals: B/L

Tour: Approx. 8 hours

Overnight: Adelaide

The 'Fork & Grape' tour is an exceptional way to experience a food safari to the McLaren Vale wine region taking the route less travelled. After being picked up from the hotel, and in less than an hour, you will be in a comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser driving through off-road tracks and getting right off the beaten track visiting local producers, sampling soft cheeses, McLaren Vale wines, handcraft beers and fresh juices. Lunch is a 3 course food safari depending on the season and local produce availability, followed by a journey up into the Willunga Hills for a beautiful view over the entire region and the Gulf of St Vincent. Depending on the tide, enjoy a drive along the sands of the pristine Silversands Beach on your way back to the hotel.

Wednesday 3 April

Adelaide - Auckland

Meals: B/in flight

A relaxing morning before a midday flight to Auckland, arriving in the early evening.

