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Mannum

'Birthplace of the Murray River Paddlesteamer'
Victor Harbor – Goolwa – Hahndorf
Coorong National Park – Robe – Mt Gambier
5 Days – 4 Nights *\$1175 ppts

*(*Minimum 30 passengers)*

This 5-day tour travels through Western Victoria into South Australia to the Murray River town of Mannum – staying three nights. We also explore Hahndorf – Victor Harbor – Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island (mouth of the Murray River). Our return journey travels through the town of Meningie (on the banks of Lake Albert) and the Coorong National Park and Robe and stays overnight in Mount Gambier.

Day 1 Ararat – Horsham – Bordertown – Tailem Bend – Mannum

We depart your club at 7.00am and travel to Melbourne and then onto the Western Highway to Ballarat (stopping for morning enroute – own expense). We then continue along the Western Highway through Ararat – Stawell onto Horsham for lunch. This afternoon we continue our journey into South Australia travelling through the towns of Bordertown – Keith (comfort stop) – Tailem Bend and Murray Bridge to Mannum – our destination for the next three nights - arrive approx. 5.00pm. Our accommodation is at the Mannum Motel located on the banks of the Murray River and only 200metres to the main shopping area. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

Day 2 Mannum – Adelaide Hills – Torrens Valley – Hahndorf

This morning we enjoy a guided tour around Mannum – one of the oldest towns on the Murray River (9.00am motel departure). Mannum is recognised as the birthplace of the paddlesteamer and today a busy tourist centre. In 1853 the “Father of Mannum”, William Randell, built the first Murray River paddlesteamer – *Mary Ann* in order to transport his flour to the Victorian goldfields. The paddlesteamer set out from Mannum in 1853 and started a boom in the river transport industry (morning tea on the banks of the Murray River). We then travel into the heart of the Adelaide Hills to Hahndorf for lunch and free time to explore this fascinating town. Hahndorf is Australia’s oldest surviving German

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settlement. Prussian Lutheran refugees fleeing religious persecution in their homelands settled the area in the late 1830's. The town has retained a distinctly Germanic look and many local businesses and attractions are still operated by descendants of the original German pioneers. In the main street is a mix of historic buildings, German-style bakeries, delis, cafes, restaurants and art and craft shops. We then visit Melba's Chocolate Factory in Woodside before returning to Mannum. Tonight, we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

Day 3 Strathalbyn – Hindmarsh Island – Goolwa – Port Elliot – Fleurieu Peninsula – Victor Harbor – Bluff Lookout

Today we travel south of Mannum into the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula. Our first visit is to the Scottish heritage town of Strathalbyn situated on the Angas River. This heritage town has some of the most picturesque and historic streetscapes in country South Australia. We then travel onto the historic river port town of Goolwa – the town was originally surveyed as the capital of South Australia, but Adelaide was later thought to be a better option (we enjoy morning tea at the Goolwa Wharf on the banks of Lake Alexandrina). We travel across the bridge to Hindmarsh Island to see the mouth of the Murray River. We then travel via the coastal town of Port Elliot to Victor Harbor – South Australia's premier holiday destination situated on spectacular Encounter Bay. Lunch and free time to explore this holiday town. One of the main attractions in Victor Harbor is Granite Island – you can either take the horse-drawn carriage ride across to the island or walk across the 630metre causeway. The island is a popular habitat for the local penguin population. We also visit the Bluff Lookout for breathtaking coastal views over Encounter Bay and the Southern Ocean. We then leisurely return to Mannum. Tonight, we enjoy another delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel restaurant.

Day 4 Meningie – Lake Albert – Coorong National Park – Robe – Beachport – Millicent – Mount Gambier

This morning we farewell Mannum (8.30am motel departure) and travel through Tailem Bend and then onto Meningie – picturesque town situated on the banks of Lake Albert (morning tea on the banks of Lake Albert). We then travel through the Coorong National Park – one of Australia's most significant wetlands. It stretches 135km along the coast, separated from the Southern Ocean by the dunes of the Youngusband Peninsula. The Coorong is best known for its abundant birdlife (and birdwatching). Over 240 species have been recorded, including many migratory species. We enjoy lunch in Robe. Today Robe is one of the state's most significant historic towns, but also a fishing port and holiday destination. This afternoon we travel through Beachport and Millicent before arriving in Mount Gambier for our overnight stopover (we visit the Blue Lake). Our accommodation is at the Henty Motel in Mount Gambier. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

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Day 5 Port Fairy – Warrnambool – Colac – Melb – Home

This morning we farewell Mt Gambier (8.00am motel departure) and travel east along the Princes Highway to Port Fairy. We enjoy morning tea on the banks of the Moyne River. We then continue through Warrnambool and Camperdown to Colac for lunch. This afternoon we continue our homeward journey through Geelong and then onto Melbourne before arriving home at your club approximately 5.00pm (depending on traffic & road conditions).

Mannum – Mt Gambier Tour Includes:

- ✓ ***Seat-belt equipped coach travel – departs from your club***
- ✓ ***3 nights motel accommodation at the Mannum Motel located on the banks of the Murray River and only 200metres to the centre of town. The motel has ground floor access to all rooms Ph: 08 8569 1808***
- ✓ ***1 night motel accommodation at the Henty Motel – Mt Gambier – combination of upstairs & downstairs rooms Ph: 08 8725 5122***
- ✓ ***Delicious 2-Course dinners served each evening in motel restaurants***
- ✓ ***Cooked breakfasts served each morning in motel restaurants***
- ✓ ***All admissions, sightseeing and morning teas as per itinerary***

Conditions:

- ***The tour price quoted \$1175 is based on twin share accommodation. The single supplement is an additional \$75 per night. The tour requires a minimum 30 passengers*.***
- ***The tour price does not include travel insurance or lunches. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance. – please take special notice of cancellation policy.***
- ***Please note that should unsuitable or unsafe conditions not allow the tour to visit a particular attraction or place of interest or an attraction on the itinerary has now closed or is closed on the day then a suitable alternative will be substituted if available. Designer Tours reserves the right to make a decision on unsuitable or unsafe conditions.***
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