

... 7 Day... Murray Magic Tour

DAY 1.

Welcome to your holiday. You have arrived via your choose of transport, so settle for a relaxing evening; a light meal and dessert is served in your room.

DAY 2.

We live in an area known as "Golden River Country". Today we are going to have a look at the local area, first the twin towns of Barham and Koondrook which are separated by the state border the Murray River. They are linked by a 112 year old Span Lift bridge. We will browse the ruins of the old Rall Tram and Port of Koondrook where you will enjoy morning tea on the banks of the Murray.

Then enjoy a river walk along the Murray to view some of the Red Gum sculptures hand carved by Kevin Guilders, world renowned chainsaw carver from Melbourne. Weather permitting we will then have a tour of a local Fruit Orchards known as the 'Eagles Nest' where you will be informed of the local history of the Citrus in the area.

Lunch will be in Barham, this afternoon we will visit the Fly wheelers Club. This is a group of locals who take great pride in collecting and restoring Farm Machinery and Artefacts.

DAY 3.

It's hard not to get excited today, we are going to visit Australia's premier inland river port – Echuca. There is nothing quite like this anywhere else in the world. Along the way we stop at Torrumbarry Weir for morning tea, a good chance for you to see how the waters of the Murray River are managed. The fish here have their own ladder to scale to reach the upper and lower reaches of the river.

Then onto Echuca to The National Holden Motor Museum, this place takes you through the remarkable history of the Holden Company, and has some of the rarest Holden's in the world. Lunch time today gives you the chance to wonder the Historic Port of Echuca at your own leisure and see how life was in the Riverboat days, with the swish of paddles as the boats ply the river. After lunch we are going on a River Cruise, so you can see up close the workings of these magnificent vessels.

DAY 4.

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Bendigo is a beautiful city built on the promise of Gold. First stop of the day is at the Famous Bendigo Pottery, This is the oldest working pottery in Australia and still retains the character of years gone by, then off for a ride on the Talking Tram as it takes us on a scenic tour of the city.

After lunch we visit the Central Deborah Gold Mine (you have the choice of doing an underground tour), or you can join our tour guide at the Sacred Hearts Cathedral, architecturally, English Gothic, building started 1896 even those not of faith will find this is just stunning. All makes for a very interesting day.

Day 5.

We explore Lake Boga today, and I think you will agree, it is a very interesting day. Firstly a visit the Lake Boga Story wall and one of the old water pumps used on the lake, we then go onto Burrabliss Farm for a scrumptious morning tea, here you will learn all about Sharlea Sheep and will see how Fine Micron Wool is grown. A suit made from the wool of these sheep will bring \$20,000 on the Japanese market. Then into Swan Hill for lunch and some retail therapy.

After lunch we are going to the Lake Boga Catalina flying Boat Base. This place is fascinating. It is a little bit of Australian history that few people know about, and tells an amazing story of the role of the Catalina in the Second World War.

DAY 6.

Today we meet the locals, First to the Border Packers shed, where you can see how the local citrus Co-Op operates, and if you are lucky enough taste the local produce, after morning tea on the banks of the Murray River it is back on the bus where you will learn and see how this small town utilizes the land, discover the diversity of the Red gum industry, Free range farming and Agriculture and go for a drive down the beautiful Gum tree lined Little Forest Road, before heading back into town to a local Art Gallery displaying talented local artist's works and handmade red gum furniture and other craft.

Once you have had a wonder through the Art gallery you can head to lunch and a well-deserved free afternoon, to stroll along the Murray, relax at the Motel, wander the shops or just sit on park bench and take it all in.

DAY 7.

Going home today, after breakfast, there are several ways home, Depart for Albury Station 7.25am ETA at Albury is 11.05am, or VLine Bus services depart Barham at 7.05am. Please discuss departure plans when booking so that we make sure we can accommodate you.

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*Tours are subject to availability