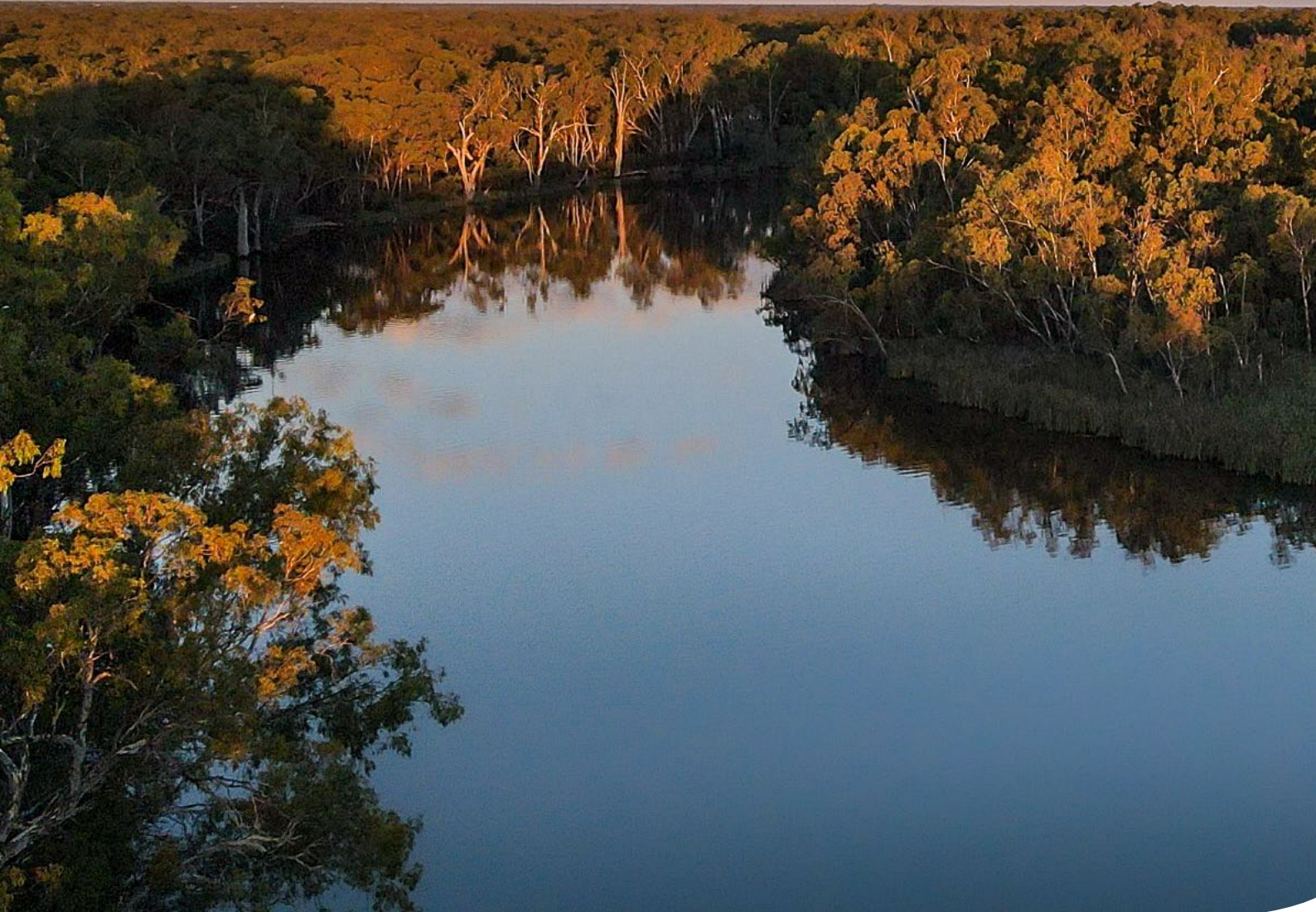




# PS AUSTRALIAN STAR

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST  
LUXURY RIVER CRUISING



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Experience the ultimate and unparalleled in  
**RIVER CRUISING**  
aboard the PS Australian Star

**2027**

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# INTRODUCING PS AUSTRALIAN STAR



Embark on a journey into a new era of river cruising with the PS Australian Star—a vessel that not only bears a name steeped in heritage and pride but also represents the pinnacle of luxury on the iconic Murray River.

Scheduled for a grand launch in mid 2026, the PS Australian Star will redefine river cruising, offering year-round, all-inclusive, overnight experiences with 3, 4, and 7-night itineraries along the majestic Murray River, commencing from the charming town of Echuca in Victoria. PS Australian Star promises a voyage that seamlessly blends tradition with opulence. As you step onto the decks of the PS Australian Star, you enter a realm where every detail tells a tale of the river's rich heritage and the golden age of paddle steamers. The vessel itself is a masterpiece, a floating testament to the artistry and engineering that defined an era.

Immerse yourself in the symphony of steam from the authentic 1907 wood-fired steam engine and the rhythmic churning of the paddlewheel as we embark on a leisurely voyage along the winding waters of the Murray River. Named in honour of Australia's celestial Southern Cross, the Australian Star invites you to explore its opulent interiors, where each Suite and Stateroom exudes an air of refinement. From the Hopwood Lounge & Bar, celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit of Echuca's founder, to the Randell Dining Room, paying homage to the pioneering journey of William Randell, every space aboard is a chapter in a captivating narrative that unfolds with every river bend.

Boasting 19 plush and modern Staterooms and Suites, each opening to a deck and featuring an ensuite, air-conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, luxury linen, and a TV entertainment system, the Australian Star ensures a luxurious retreat for every traveller. Moreover, its ever-changing river views provide a constant reminder of the beauty that surrounds. As the PS Australian Star prepares to grace the waters, it beckons you to join a voyage where tradition meets modernity, and luxury becomes an art form. Welcome aboard the PS Australian Star, where history and luxury converge for an unforgettable river experience.

# CRUISING THAT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

At Murray River Paddlesteamers, we are committed to providing a seamless and unforgettable cruising experience. That's why we include almost everything you need for a comfortable and enjoyable journey—so you can simply relax, knowing everything is taken care of.

We also understand that some guests prefer a child-free environment to unwind, which is why our cruises are exclusively designed for adults. You'll be cruising with like-minded travellers who share your appreciation for relaxation, exploration, and refined experiences.

From elegant accommodations and exquisite cuisine to breathtaking scenery and exceptional service, we take pride in every detail. Our friendly and knowledgeable crew is always on hand to ensure your time on board is as stress-free and enjoyable as possible.

So, sit back, relax, and let us take care of everything. Your Murray River cruise will be an experience to treasure for years to come.

## YOUR COMPREHENSIVE INCLUSIONS:



All Meals Including Onshore Tours

Morning and Afternoon Tea

Selected Wines & Beer with dinner service

Complimentary Barista Coffee, Fine Teas,  
Soft Drink and Water

Return V/Line Train from Melbourne to Echuca

Return Echuca Station Transfers

Complimentary Echuca coach transfers to/from  
PS Australian Star from partner hotel

Premium Onshore Guide Tours

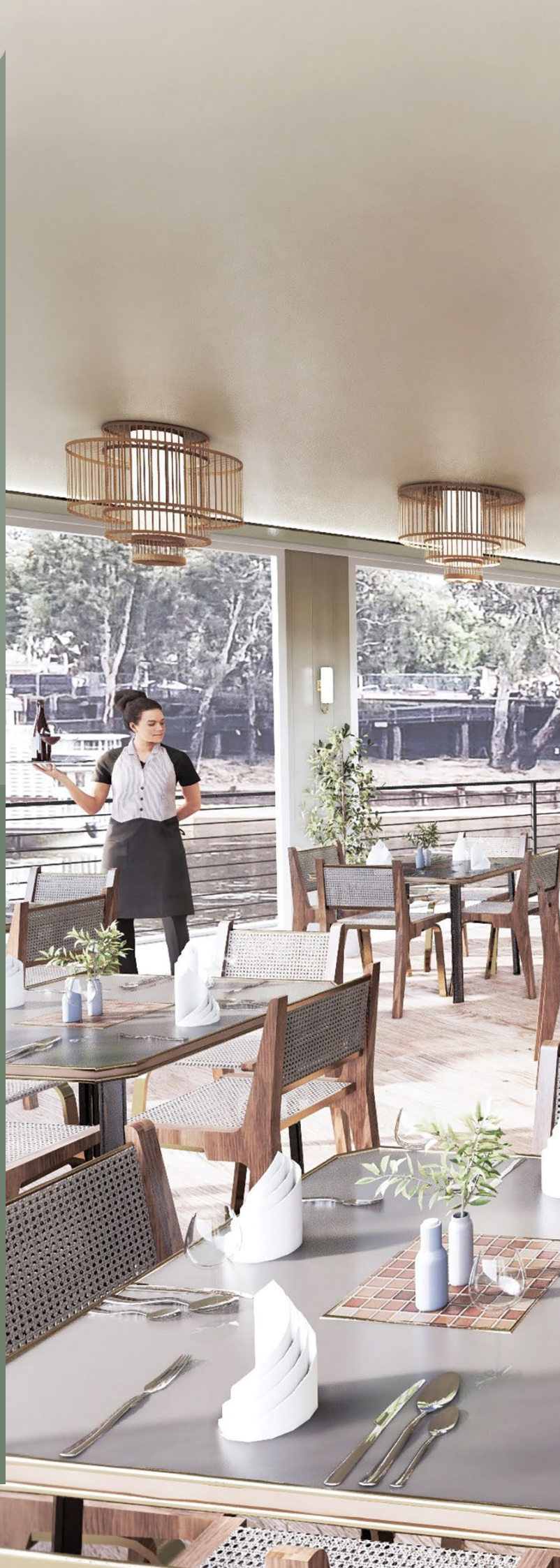
Award winning service

Riverside Dining & Campfires with entertainment

Stateroom TV Entertainment System

Complimentary Wi-Fi

All onboard Gratuities





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## HOPWOOD BAR & LOUNGE

Immerse yourself in the elegant charm of the Hopwood Bar & Lounge, named after the visionary founder of Echuca, Henry Hopwood.

This inviting space offers cozy seating, exuding a warm ambiance that beckons guests to unwind and indulge in delightful conversations. The lounge is adorned with subtle nods to the rich history of the Murray River region, creating an atmosphere that is both nostalgic and welcoming.

As you settle into the plush seating, let the rhythmic sounds of the river outside serenade you while you sip on expertly crafted cocktails and beverages. Our skilled bartenders are ready to craft your favourite drink or introduce you to a new signature creation inspired by the beauty of the Murray River.

For those seeking a breath of fresh air, the Henry Hopwood Lounge and Bar seamlessly opens onto the front deck, where comfortable outdoor recliners await. Relax under the open sky, bask in the gentle breeze, and savour your drink as you take in the panoramic views of the riverbanks passing by.

Whether you're mingling with fellow travellers, enjoying a quiet moment alone, or simply soaking in the unparalleled scenery, the Henry Hopwood Lounge and Bar promises an unforgettable experience aboard the PS Australian Star.

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# YOUR RIVER STATEROOM

Embark on a luxurious river cruising experience aboard the PS Australian Star, featuring our contemporary and sophisticated River Staterooms. Immerse yourself in the serenity of the surroundings and captivating river views, all enjoyed from the opulence of your private accommodation.

Choose from our 19 River Staterooms and Suites, each presenting a variety of styles, from the lavish King and Queen Suites to the spacious Queen Staterooms, where the queen bed can be transformed into two single beds. Every room opens onto a deck, with the King & Queen Suites boasting their own private deck area. Entertainment is at your fingertips with a TV system in each room.

Ensure a comfortable journey with individually controlled air-conditioning in every room, and stay seamlessly connected with complimentary WIFI available throughout the vessel, including all rooms.

The PS Australian Star boasts outstanding facilities and amenities, featuring a passenger lift for convenient access to all accommodations. Unwind in the Hopwood Lounge and outdoor seating area, offering panoramic views of the ever-changing scenery. Indulge in delectable, locally sourced cuisine at the Randell dining restaurant, with a fresh menu presented daily.





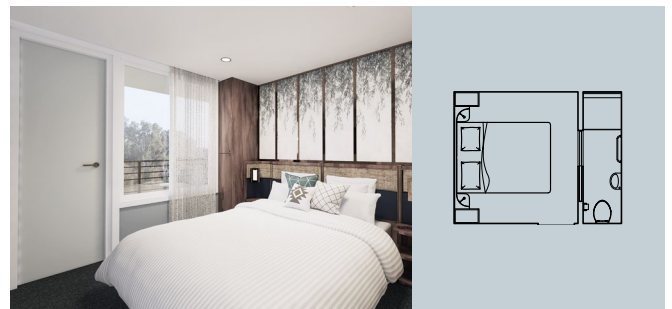
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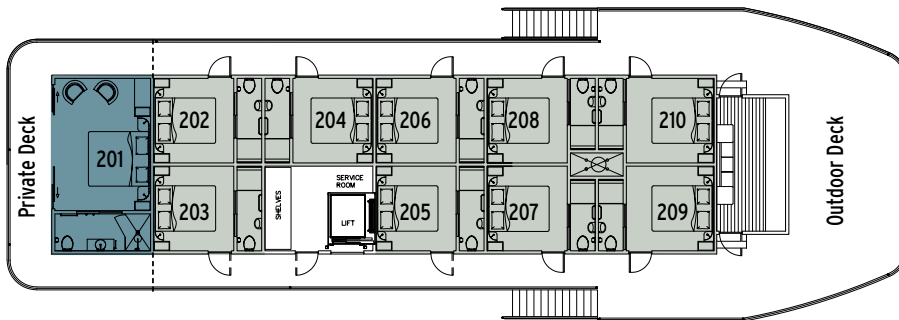


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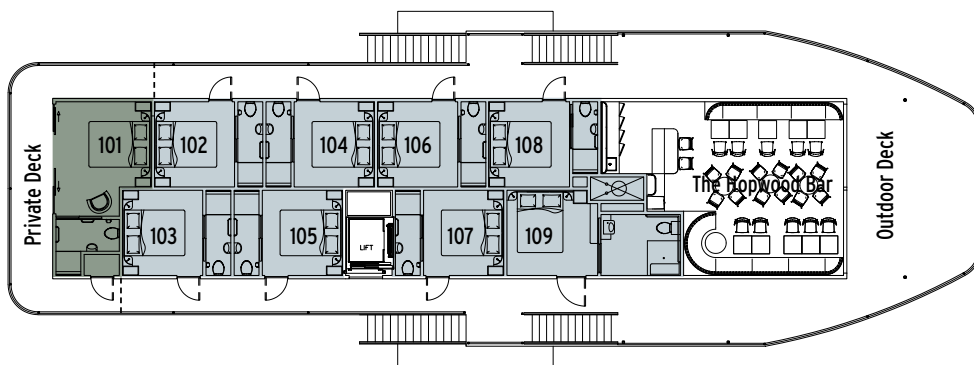


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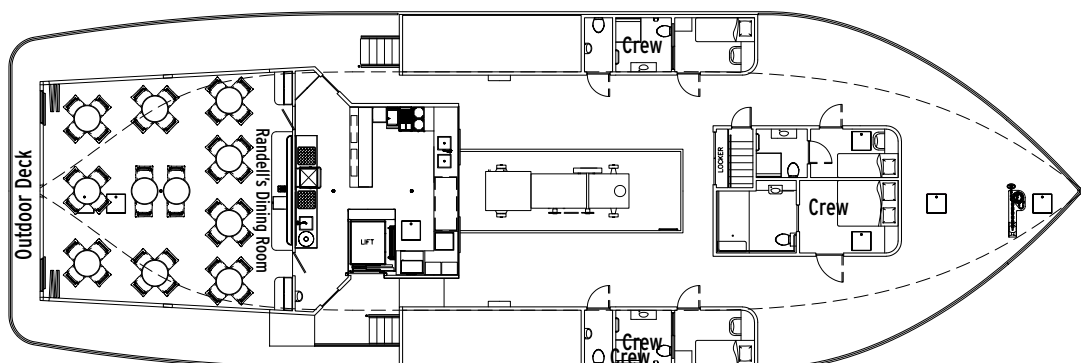
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**DECK 1**



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# A TASTE OF AUSTRALIA



## RANDELL DINING ROOM

Indulge in a culinary journey fit for royalty at the Randell Dining Room aboard the PS Australian Star. Named in honour of the pioneering spirit of William Randell, the first Captain to steam into Echuca, this elegant venue sets the stage for unforgettable dining experiences.

Begin your day with a sumptuous a la carte breakfast, where an array of fresh and flavourful dishes awaits to tantalize your taste buds. From hearty classics to lighter fare, there's something to satisfy every palate as you fuel up for a day of exploration along the Murray River.

At lunchtime, the William Randell Dining Room transforms into a haven of gastronomic delights, offering an a la carte

menu that showcases the finest local produce and seasonal ingredients. Whether you're craving a refreshing salad, a hearty soup, or a tempting selection of mains and sides, our culinary team ensures that every dish is crafted with care and expertise.

As the sun sets and the stars begin to twinkle overhead, the William Randell Dining Room undergoes a magical metamorphosis into a candle-lit restaurant, setting the stage for an enchanting evening of fine dining. Immerse yourself in the romantic ambience as you savour a delectable four-course à la carte dinner, expertly prepared and beautifully presented by our talented chefs.

Indulge in a symphony of flavours as you journey through each course, accompanied by carefully curated wines selected to compliment the culinary delights on offer. From appetisers to decadent desserts, every bite is a testament to our commitment to providing an exceptional dining experience that delights the senses and leaves a lasting impression.

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, enjoying a romantic dinner for two, or simply treating yourself to a memorable meal, the William Randell Dining Room invites you to savour the essence of luxury dining aboard the PS Australian Star.



### Dining aboard PS Australian Star

Tantalising multi course meals

Bountiful continental and full breakfast options

Traditional morning and afternoon teas

Vegetarian and gluten-free menu options

Fabulous choice of local and Australian wines and beverages

Complimentary selected wine & beer with Dinner service

Free seat dining

Seasonal alfresco dining with idyllic river views

Riverside BBQ dining under the stars on all cruises with live entertainment (weather permitting)



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# SIGHTSEEING ALL INCLUSIVE LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Explore the hidden gems of the Murray River with our unique sightseeing activities. Our onshore tours will take you to off-the-beaten-track places of historical, geographical, and cultural significance such as Perricoota Station and local wineries where you can engage in conversation with the local owners.

Experience a discovery cruise aboard the Murray Explorer and dine under the Southern constellations with our signature riverside BBQ complete with entertainment and a campfire. Our fully immersive 7-night cruise includes a Silo Arts Tour with a pub lunch at the Colbinabbin Hotel with the locals, followed by free time exploring the historic Port of Echuca.

Whether you're a history buff, in need of relaxation, or simply want to experience the beauty of the river, our cruises offer it all, leaving you feeling refreshed, recharged, and knowledgeable about the stunning Murray River region.



“ The peace, tranquility and relaxation this unique and very Australian experience offers is just magical ”





# 3 NIGHT DISCOVERY CRUISE

## Optional Rail

Start your river cruise from Melbourne - Complimentary. Return V/Line Train fares are included in your cruise fare.

## Optional Echuca Car Parking

Secure undercover car parking is \$30 per night.

## Departure & Arrival Times

Cruises depart every Friday, 4.00pm from Echuca.

Disembarking Monday, 9.30am at Torrumbarry.

## Coach Transfers

Your fare includes complimentary coach transfers from our Echuca Car Park/Train Station to PS Australian Star at the beginning and end of your cruise. Same day.

## Cruise Highlights

Cruise aboard PS Australian Star - the world's only 5- star wood-fired paddlesteamer offering overnight cruises

Enjoy a traditional Devonshire tea as you depart Echuca and settle into river life

Dine alfresco with a signature riverside BBQ under the stars, complete with campfire and live entertainment\*

Visit the iconic Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum - a uniquely Australian experience

Indulge in a fabulous lunch and wine tasting at award-winning St Anne's Winery

Take a guided walking tour of historic Perricoota Station and its manicured grounds

Explore the Torrumbarry Weir and Interpretive Centre, uncovering the history of the Murray-Darling Basin

## Your All-Inclusive Experience

Luxury air-conditioned Stateroom or Suite with private ensuite

All inclusive dining, with regionally inspired meals prepared by our on board Chefs

Morning and afternoon teas, showcasing local produce and freshly baked treats

Curated and guided onshore tours at select destinations

Complimentary selection of wine, beer and sparkling wine during dinner service

Complimentary return V/Line train fare from Melbourne

Complimentary return transfers to/from the PS Australian Star in Echuca

Unlimited espresso coffee, a variety of teas, soft drink & bottled water

Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the boat and in all rooms

\* Weather Permitting



## Day 1. Riverside BBQ

Your journey begins as **PS Australian Star** departs from Echuca, gently gliding along the mighty Murray River. Settle into life on board with a traditional **afternoon Devonshire tea**, served as the scenery unfolds—majestic river red gums, birdlife, and tranquil waters setting the tone for the days ahead. Spend time getting to know your fellow travellers or visit the wheelhouse for a chat with the skipper, who will share stories of Australian Star **unique wood-fired heritage** and her place in paddle steamer history. Or simply retreat to your private cabin and ease into holiday mode.

As the day draws to a close, **Happy Hour** begins in the saloon. Sip on a local wine or craft beer as the sky transforms into shades of gold and rose. Soon, PS Australian Star arrives at her **Layfield Lane mooring**, where a truly special evening awaits.

Enjoy a **grand Australian BBQ dinner on the riverbank\***, with tables aglow under candlelight and stars overhead. Relax by the **campfire** with live entertainment and warm company, soaking in the peaceful ambiance of the bush as your first day on the river comes to a magical close.

## Day 2. History, Flavour & Riverside Stories

Start your day with a hearty breakfast aboard **PS Australian Star** before stepping ashore for a truly memorable **half-day land and river tour**. Your first stop is the uniquely Australian **Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum**—a quirky and fascinating collection showcasing over 20,000 pieces of memorabilia, from vintage beer cans and iconic advertising to historic farming equipment. It's a lively, nostalgic look at Australian culture and ingenuity.



After your visit we head to the award-winning **St Anne's Winery** for a **delicious lunch** paired with tastings of their exceptional table and fortified wines. Meet the winemakers and savour the best of regional hospitality in a picturesque setting. Return to **Australian Star** in the afternoon as she continues her journey downstream toward **Deep Creek Marina**. As evening falls, relax on board with a special screening of **"Riverboats Remembered"**, an evocative documentary featuring archival footage that brings the rich history of the Murray River and its paddlesteamers to life.

### Day 3. Scenic Cruising, Station Stories & Sunset farewell

Today, **PS Australian Star** sets off on a full-day cruising adventure to the impressive **Torrumbarry Weir**, offering a day rich in natural beauty, historic encounters, and unforgettable river moments.

Your journey begins with a mid-morning stop at the iconic **Perricoota Station**, a historic riverside property steeped in local heritage. Join the skipper for an engaging **guided walking tour** through beautifully preserved buildings and manicured grounds, gaining a deeper appreciation for the station's role in the Murray River's storied past.

As **PS Australian Star** continues upstream, enjoy the ever-changing scenery from the deck or saloon, with time to relax and reflect. Upon arriving at **Torrumbarry Weir**, you'll disembark for a **guided exploration of the weir and lock system**, first constructed in 1923. Visit the Interpretive Centre, where interactive exhibits bring the Murray-Darling Basin's complex water management and ecological significance to life.

As your final evening aboard approaches, gather for a **farewell dinner hosted by the Skipper** – a memorable occasion that begins with canapés and drinks at sunset, served as golden light dances across the water. Then, enjoy a delicious dinner under the stars, soaking in the serenity of the river and the camaraderie of your fellow travellers. It's the perfect finale to your time aboard the elegant **PS Australian Star**.

### Day 4. Farewell to the River

As the sun rises on your final morning aboard **PS Australian Star**, early risers are invited to take a peaceful **stroll along the riverbank**, soaking up the stillness of the Murray and the soft morning light – one last moment to connect with the beauty of the bush.

After a relaxed **breakfast on board**, it's time to say goodbye to the crew and your fellow travellers, bringing to a close a truly unforgettable journey filled with history, nature, fine food, and warm hospitality.

A **courtesy coach transfer** will return you comfortably to Echuca, with drop-offs at local **car parking, train station, and CBD hotels**. Though your cruise may be over, the memories of life aboard **Australian Star** and the charm of the Murray will linger long after you return home.



**FROM \$2,790 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE** Book now with just \$500 pp

Queen Stateroom	Queen Suite	King Suite
\$2,790	\$3,450	\$3,920

All fares in AUD: Prices valid to 1st January 2027 to 31st December 2027



# 4 NIGHT EXPLORER CRUISE

## Optional Rail

Start your river cruise from Melbourne - Complimentary. Return V/Line Train fares are included in your cruise fare.

## Optional Echuca Car Parking

Secure undercover car parking is \$30 per night.

## Departure & Arrival Times

Cruises depart every Monday, 4.00pm from Torrumbarry. Disembarking Friday, 9.30am at Echuca.

## Departure & Arrival Times

Your fare includes complimentary coach transfers from our Echuca Car Park/Train Station to PS Australian Star at the beginning and end of your cruise. Same day.

## Cruise Highlights

Cruise aboard PS Australian Star - the world's only 5- star wood-fired paddlesteamer offering overnight cruises

Alfresco welcome dinner and signature riverside BBQ under the stars with live entertainment

Exclusive guided tour of Perricoota Station, featured in All the Rivers Run

Visit Murray Gums Estate for wine and olive oil tastings with a gourmet lunch. Exclusive to PS Australian Star Guests.

Cruise aboard the historic PS Canberra, built in 1912 from red gum timber

Henry Hopwood Town Tour and free time to explore the Port of Echuca precinct

Time to unwind on deck, soak in panoramic river views, and enjoy rich Australian wildlife and birdlife

Elegant onboard ambience with Happy Hour, campfires, and starlit evenings

## Your All-Inclusive Experience

Luxury stateroom accommodation with ensuite, climate control, and deck access

All meals included, featuring regionally inspired menus prepared by the onboard chef

Morning and afternoon teas with freshly baked treats and local produce

Complimentary house wine, beer, sparkling wine and soft drinks during lunch and dinner service

Unlimited espresso coffee, premium teas, and bottled water

Daily guided onshore excursions to iconic and historic locations

High-speed Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the vessel

Warm, personalised service from your experienced onboard crew

Courtesy return coach transfers to Echuca (car parking, train station, and CBD hotels)

Complimentary V/Line return Train fare from Melbourne

\* Weather Permitting

## Day 1. River Serenity

Welcome aboard, your journey begins with a scenic coach transfer from Echuca to Torrumbarry, where the majestic **PS Australian Star** awaits. As you step aboard, you'll be welcomed into a world of timeless river charm. Once underway, settle in with a traditional **afternoon Devonshire tea** as **PS Australian Star** gently cruises upstream—your first taste of life on the Murray.

Take in the tranquil beauty of the riverbanks, get acquainted with your fellow travellers, or visit the **wheelhouse** for a friendly chat with the skipper and a behind-the-scenes look at Australian Star's authentic wood-fired steam engine. Or simply unwind in the comfort of your private cabin and let the river's rhythm ease you into holiday mode.

As the sun dips low, the evening begins with a drink in the saloon—enjoy a local wine or craft beer while the bushland comes alive with the calls of native birds and the sight of **kangaroos** emerging from the shadows.

Dinner is a highlight of the evening: a **chef-prepared welcome feast** made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Afterward, we moor at **Norris Bend**, where—weather permitting—a crackling **riverside campfire** awaits. Gather with new friends under a blanket of stars, sharing stories and soaking in the peace of the Australian bush.

## Day 2. History, Flavour & Riverside Stories

After a hearty breakfast, **PS Australian Star** cruises gracefully to the storied **Perricoota Station**—a historic property first settled by James Maiden in 1843. Immortalised in the beloved TV mini-series *All the Rivers Run*, this picturesque station served as a filming location where our very own **PS Emmylou** appeared as the fictional PS Providence.

From here, you'll depart for a special visit to **Murray Gums Estate**, a boutique producer of premium wines and award-winning olive oils. Meet the passionate owners, explore the estate, and savour a gourmet lunch featuring the best of local produce, perfectly paired with **estate-grown wine and olive oil tastings**.



Upon returning to **Perricoota Station**, your Captain will guide you on a leisurely walk through the beautifully restored historic buildings and manicured riverside gardens. As evening approaches, enjoy **Happy Hour** aboard with a drink in hand as golden light bathes the river.

Dinner tonight is a highlight—served alfresco on the **deck of PS Australian Star**, overlooking the grandeur of Perricoota Station. As night falls, settle in under the stars for **Movie Night**, featuring *Riverboats Remembered*—a captivating historical documentary that brings the paddle steamer era to life through rare archival footage spanning from the early 1900s to the mid-1970s.

### Day 3. River Reflections & Riverside BBQ

For early risers and photography enthusiasts, **morning mist drifting over Perricoota Station** offers a magical start to the day. Keep an eye out for native wildlife stirring along the banks—a peaceful and unforgettable moment best enjoyed with a warm cup in hand.

After a hearty breakfast, **PS Australian Star steams gracefully upstream**, continuing her journey toward tonight's destination at the tranquil **Layfield Lane mooring**. This is a day for pure relaxation—lounging on the sun deck with a book, enjoying quiet moments watching the ever-changing scenery, or simply savouring the gentle rhythm of the river.

As evening falls, the day culminates in a **signature riverside experience—our much-loved Australian BBQ dinner\*** under the stars (weather permitting). Tables set with soft candlelight and the crackle of a nearby **campfire** create a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy **live entertainment** as you unwind with fellow guests, sharing stories and laughter beneath the southern sky.

Retire to your stateroom with a heart full of river memories and the sounds of the bush all around.

### Day 4. History & Heritage

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast aboard **PS Australian Star**, fueling up for a fascinating half-day adventure that brings Echuca's rich history to life.

Disembark for the **Henry Hopwood Town Tour**, a guided journey through Echuca's historic heart.

\* Weather Permitting

Discover the stories behind landmarks such as **Hopwood's Punt** and the innovative **pontoon bridge**—the original Murray River crossing devised by the town's founder, Henry Hopwood.

Then, step aboard the lovingly restored **PS Canberra**, a 113-year-old paddle steamer built in 1912 from sturdy red gum timber. Cruise the river aboard this historic vessel and imagine life during the height of the paddle steamer era. After your cruise, enjoy **free time for a self-guided walking tour of the Port of Echuca precinct**. Explore museums, heritage buildings, artisan shops, and cafes at your own pace, soaking in the atmosphere of one of Australia's most iconic river ports.

Return to **PS Australian Star** for lunch as your river journey continues upstream. Cruise past the imposing **Port of Echuca Wharf**, once home to more than 100 paddle steamers during its 19th-century heyday. In the evening, gather for a **farewell dinner aboard PS Australian Star**, cruising upriver of Echuca. Reflect on your unforgettable journey, share stories with fellow guests, and toast to the magic of the Murray River one last time.

### Day 5. Farewell to the River

As the sun rises on your final morning aboard **PS Australian Star**, early risers are invited to take a peaceful **stroll along the riverbank**, soaking in the serenity and birdlife one last time. After a final **breakfast onboard**, it's time to say goodbye to the crew and fellow guests, taking with you unforgettable memories of your Murray River adventure.

A **complimentary coach transfer** will return you to **Echuca's car parking facilities, train station, or CBD hotels**, ensuring a smooth and comfortable journey home.

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# 7 NIGHT ALL THE RIVERS RUN CRUISE

## Optional Rail

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## Optional Echuca Car Parking

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## Departure & Arrival Times

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## Cruise Highlights

- Cruise aboard the PS Australian Star, Australia's newest luxury wood-fired paddlesteamer
- Owner led guided tour of Murray Gums Estate, olive oil and wine tastings with gourmet lunch. Exclusive to PS Australian Star guests
- Immersive guided tours of heritage-rich Perricoota Station and the Henry Hopwood Town Tour in Echuca
- Enjoy a regional Silo Arts Tour with lunch at the Colbinabbin Pub
- Explore the eclectic Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum—a treasure trove of Australian nostalgia
- Cruise aboard the century-old PS Canberra, a beautifully restored paddlesteamer
- Tastings and a gourmet lunch at the acclaimed St Anne's Winery
- Multiple riverside BBQ dinners under the stars, with live entertainment and crackling campfires\*

## Your All-Inclusive Experience

- 7 nights aboard PS Australian Star** in a luxury stateroom with ensuite, climate control, and deck access
- All-inclusive dining** with gourmet meals, morning/afternoon teas, and snacks prepared by our onboard chef
- Regionally inspired menus**, featuring fresh, locally sourced ingredients
- Complimentary house wine, beer, sparkling wine and soft drinks** with lunch and dinner service
- Unlimited espresso coffee, teas, and bottled water** available throughout the day
- Guided onshore excursions**, including silo art tours, wine tastings, museums, and historical sites
- High-speed Starlink Wi-Fi** available throughout the vessel
- Evening entertainment**, including live music, campfires, and historical film presentations
- Exceptional service** from a dedicated, experienced crew committed to guest comfort and personalised care
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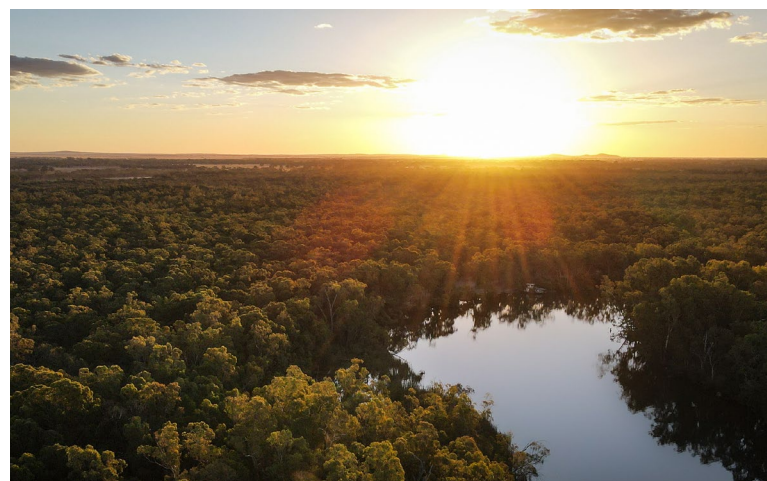
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Disembark for the **Henry Hopwood Town Tour**, a guided journey through Echuca's historic heart. Discover the stories behind landmarks such as **Hopwood's Punt** and the innovative **pontoon bridge**—the original Murray River crossing devised by the town's founder, Henry Hopwood.

Then, step aboard the lovingly restored **PS Canberra**, a 113-year-old paddle steamer built in 1912 from sturdy red gum timber. Cruise the river aboard this historic vessel and imagine life during the height of the paddle steamer era. After your cruise, enjoy **free time for a self-guided walking tour of the Port of Echuca precinct**. Explore museums, heritage buildings, artisan shops, and cafes at your own pace, soaking in the atmosphere of one of Australia's most iconic river ports.

Return to **PS Australian Star** for lunch as your river journey continues upstream. Cruise past the imposing **Port of Echuca Wharf**, once home to more than 100 paddle steamers during its 19th-century heyday.



## Day 5. Silo Art, Country Hospitality

Today's journey takes you beyond the riverbanks on a fascinating **half-day land expedition** celebrating regional creativity and community spirit. Your morning begins with a visit to the stunning **silos art installations** at **Rochester** and **Colbinabbin**—towering, hand-painted masterpieces that capture the stories, people, and landscapes of the Murray River region. These monumental artworks are not only visually breathtaking but also offer a powerful tribute to rural Australia's identity and resilience.

Following your art-filled adventure, enjoy a relaxed **lunch at a much-loved country pub**, where warm hospitality, hearty fare, and a sense of genuine community await. Take the opportunity to meet the friendly owners, engage in conversation with local characters, and soak in the charm of small-town Victoria.

Upon returning to the **PS Australian Star**, spend a tranquil afternoon cruising downstream. Unwind with a **Devonshire tea** served on deck as the river gently glides by, creating the perfect setting for rest and reflection. As evening draws near, the experience continues at **Layfield Lane**, where a signature **Australian BBQ dinner** awaits on the riverbank. Under a canopy of stars, gather around a crackling **campfire with live entertainment**, enjoying music, conversation, and the magic of the Murray by night.

## Day 6. History, Flavour & Riverside Stories

Start your day with a hearty breakfast aboard **PS Australian Star** before stepping ashore for a truly memorable **half-day land and river tour**. Your first stop is the uniquely Australian **Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum**—a quirky and fascinating collection showcasing over 20,000 pieces of memorabilia, from vintage beer cans and iconic advertising to historic farming equipment. It's a lively, nostalgic look at Australian culture and ingenuity.

After your tour we head to the award-winning **St Anne's Winery** for a **delicious lunch** paired with tastings of their exceptional table and fortified wines. Meet the winemakers and savour the best of regional hospitality in a picturesque setting. Return to **Australian Star** in the afternoon as she continues her journey downstream toward **Deep Creek Marina**.

## Day 7. Torrumbarry Weir

Today, **PS Australian Star** sets off on a full-day cruising adventure to the impressive **Torrumbarry Weir**, offering a day rich in natural beauty, historic encounters, and unforgettable river moments.

Your journey begins with a mid morning stop at the iconic **Perricoota Station** before **PS Australian Star** continues downstream. Enjoy the ever-changing scenery from the deck or saloon, with time to relax and reflect. Upon arriving at **Torrumbarry Weir**, you'll disembark for a **guided exploration of the weir and lock system**, first constructed in 1923. Visit the Interpretive Centre, where interactive exhibits bring the Murray-Darling Basin's complex water management and ecological significance to life.

As your final evening aboard approaches, gather for a **farewell dinner hosted by the Captain**—a memorable occasion that begins with canapés and drinks at sunset, served as golden light dances across the water. Then, enjoy a delicious dinner under the stars, soaking in the serenity of the river and the camaraderie of your fellow travellers. It's the perfect finale to your time aboard the elegant **PS Australian Star**.



## Day 8. Farewell to the River

As the sun rises on your final morning aboard **PS Australian Star**, early risers are invited to take a peaceful **stroll along the riverbank**, soaking up the stillness of the Murray and the soft morning light—one last moment to connect with the beauty of the bush.

After a relaxed **breakfast on board**, it's time to say goodbye to the crew and your fellow travellers, bringing to a close a truly unforgettable journey filled with history, nature, fine food, and warm hospitality.

A **courtesy coach transfer** will return you comfortably to **Echuca**, with drop-offs at local **car parking, train station, and CBD hotels**. Though your cruise may be over, the memories of life aboard **Australian Star** and the charm of the Murray will linger long after you return home.



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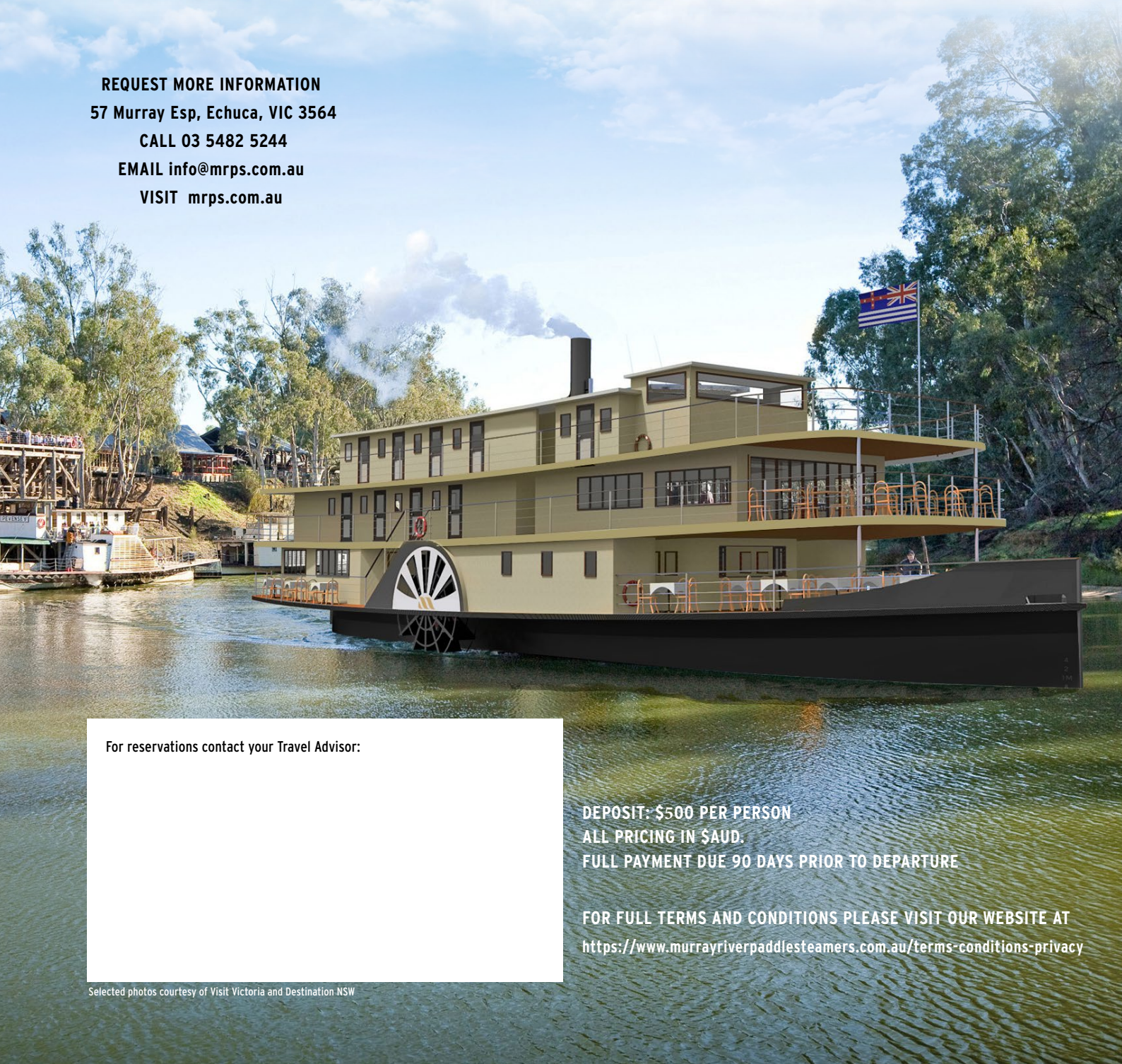
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