



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.

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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—loungue on the sun deck with a book, enjoy quiet moments watching the ever-changing scenery, or simply savour 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.

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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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