



ZEPPELIN TRAVEL

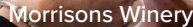
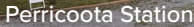
HURRY
LAST CABINS!
SAVE
\$400pp

Murray River

KING ISLAND & TASMANIA

8 Days - Departs 4 December 2023





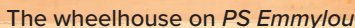
Combining 2 nights in Tasmania, 2 nights in King Island and a traditional 3 night paddle steamer cruise along the Murray River. Enjoy private charter flights, winery tastings, dining under the stars, regional cuisine and stunning scenery.

- Private charter flights on a Dornier 228
- Tour the iconic lavender rows in full bloom at one of the world's largest Lavender farms
- Afternoon cruise exploring the Tamar River and Cataract Gorge
- Enjoy a private tour of King Island
- Discover UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain
- 3 nights in a luxury private cabin onboard the authentic paddle steamer *Emmylou*
- Riverside Grand Dining under the stars with an after-dinner campfire
- Visit to the Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum
- Visit Lagoon Wetlands for a walk and Eco Cruise
- Explore Perricoota Station's gardens
- Visit Morrison's winery with complimentary tastings
- Fresh seasonal local produce prepared by your onboard Chef
- Sample a variety of locally produced wines
- Native wildlife in their natural environment
- Visit Torrumbarry Weir



Spend three nights cruising aboard the iconic *PS Emmylou*, the world's only wood-fired cruising paddle steamer exploring the Murray River. Feel the warmth of the 1906 steam engine as the engineer stokes the boiler with Redgum logs, climb up to the wheelhouse to chat to the Skipper, or just sit and gaze at the changing reflections in the water and listen to the lilting rhythm and swish of the paddlewheels as *PS Emmylou* takes you back to a bygone era of romantic travel cruising the Murray River.

During this cruise step off the vessel to experience tours highlighting places of geographical, historical and Aboriginal cultural significance as well as some quaint riverside wineries. With evenings spent on the river bank around a campfire and under a beautiful night sky, this journey is sure to provide many holiday highlights.



— — 3 NIGHT DISCOVERY
- Layfield Ln (Night 1)
- Deep Creek Marina (Night 2)
- Torrumbarry Weir (Night 3)

..... **MURRAY
EXPLORER
CRUISE**

- **ATTRACTIONS**
- **MOORINGS**

Day 1: Monday 4 December 2023

Coolangatta - Launceston D

We depart Coolangatta on our flight to Launceston (via Sydney). On arrival, we transfer to our hotel. This afternoon is enjoyed on the water as we cruise the magical Tamar River and Cataract Gorge. Refreshments and light snacks are provided onboard. Tonight we have a welcome dinner at our hotel.
2 nights: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 2: Tuesday 5 December

Launceston - Cradle Mountain B/L

Today we take a full day to discover Cradle Mountain, travelling via Sheffield, the Town of Murals before heading up into the mountains through gorges, rain forest and button grass plains to reach the destination of Cradle Mountain, one of Tasmania's most recognisable landmarks and one of Tasmania's most visited attractions. We experience the unique flora, fauna and geographical features of this UNESCO World Heritage listed National Park. After our visit in the park, we enjoy High Tea at Pepper's Lodge before visiting the Interpretation Centre. We depart Cradle Mountain via Ashgrove Cheese before arriving back in Launceston.

Day 3: Wednesday 6 December

Launceston - Bridestowe Estate - King Island B/D

This morning we take a farm tour at Bridestowe Lavender Estate, one of the world's largest fine lavender farms in full bloom. We explore the estate on a private escorted driving tour around the beautiful fields, processing facilities and ornamental gardens. We finish our tour with a lavender food tasting session. This afternoon, we board our private charter flight on a Dornier 228 to King Island. On arrival, we tour some of King Island's attractions. We visit Currie Light House before travelling to the unique Kelp Factory. We also stop at a King Island Cheese factory and King Island Distillery and finish our tour with a visit to the Scheelite Mine. Dinner tonight is at Wild Harvest where we enjoy a degustation menu with local produce.
2 nights: Island Breeze Hotel

Day 4: Thursday 7 December

King Island B/L

This morning provides plenty of opportunities to view the birdlife of King Island as we journey to Shag Lagoon Bird Hide, spotting the beautiful water fowl as well as pheasants, peacocks and turkeys. We enjoy morning tea at the iconic top shop before continuing on to Quarantine Bay, taking in the views and interesting history of Christmas and New Year Islands located just off the coast. We then visit the shipwreck site of the Shannon at Yellow Rock River before making our way across to Penny's Lagoon, a rare perched freshwater lake. After a lovely lunch at Salt and Thyme overlooking the lagoon, we visit Martha Lavinia Beach, a world class surf beach, before travelling past Lake Flannigan to Disappointment Bay, one of King Island's most beautiful locations with a tragic shipwreck history. We continue to the most northern part of King Island to view Cape Wickham Lighthouse, the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere.

Day 5: Friday 8 December

King Island - Bendigo - Echuca - Murray River Cruise (Layfield Lane) B/D

This morning we board our private charter flight to Bendigo.

We transfer by coach to Echuca, where we enjoy some free time before boarding *PS Emmylou* for our Murray River cruise. As *PS Emmylou* departs from Echuca, you can relax and enjoy an afternoon Devonshire tea while taking in the stunning sights and sounds of the river. You will have plenty of time to chat with the skipper and learn about the history of the vessel or simply unwind in your private cabin. As the sun begins to set, Happy Hour starts, where you can enjoy a drink in the saloon before arriving at Layfield Lane for a grand dinner on the riverbank. The signature Australian BBQ, lit by candles and stars, sets the perfect mood for an evening of casual conversation and live entertainment around the campfire.
3 Nights: PS Emmylou

Day 6: Saturday 9 December

Murray River Cruise (Deep Creek Marina) B/L/D

After a satisfying breakfast, we will embark on a half-day land and river tour, visiting the Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum. This unique attraction is a celebration of Australia's love of beer and features an extensive collection of over 17,000 cans and bottles from around the world. We'll then experience the magic of the Murray River on our Eco Expedition boat, the Murray Explorer. After enjoying morning tea at the historic Echuca Wharf, we'll embark on a journey upriver, immersing ourselves in the natural wonders of the Murray River. As we cruise, we'll witness breathtaking scenery and diverse wildlife, all while learning about the rich history of the river from pre-European to early colonial riverboat days. Afterward, we'll make a stop at a remote sandy river beach where we'll enjoy a delicious lunch, surrounded by the beauty of this iconic Australian destination. Later, we will visit Morrisons Riverside Winery for a quick tasting of their fabulous table and fortified wines before returning to Emmylou for an afternoon tea service as we continue downriver towards Deep Creek Marina. In the evening, you can unwind with a fascinating documentary featuring archival footage of the paddlesteamers and communities of the Murray River.

Day 7: Sunday 10 December

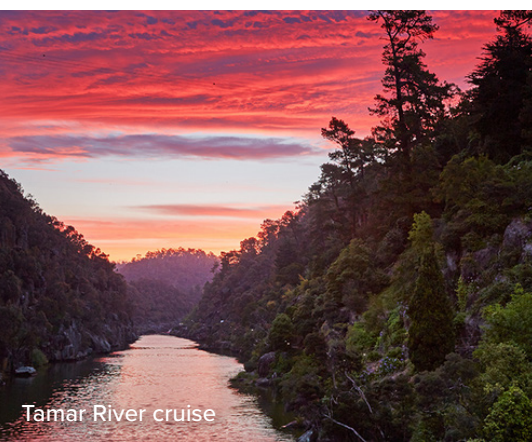
Murray River Cruise (Torrumbarry Weir) B/L/D

Today *PS Emmylou* departs early in the morning for a full day of cruising towards Torrumbarry Weir with a mid-morning stop at the famous Perricoota Station. Join the skipper for a walking tour of the historic buildings and immaculate gardens of Perricoota Station before continuing towards Torrumbarry Weir. Upon arrival, we can take a guided walk across the weir, visit the Interpretive Centre and learn about the Murray Darling Basin and the weir and lock system that dates back to 1923. Tonight, enjoy a delicious final dinner hosted by your Skipper with pre-dinner canapes and drinks as the sun settles over the weir. Listen to the river birds' evening chorus and watch for kangaroos, wombats, and various bird species as the stars begin to appear during dinner.

Day 8: Monday 11 December

Echuca - Melbourne - Coolangatta B

This morning before breakfast early rises can enjoy a riverside stroll before *PS Emmylou* then departs for the Port of Torrumbarry Weir where we disembark and transfer to Melbourne for our flight home.



Tamar River cruise



Cape Wickham Lighthouse



Bridestowe Lavender Farm



Riverside Grand Dining



Enjoy fresh local produce



PS Emmylou

TOUR INCLUDES

- Return economy class flights to Melbourne ex Gold Coast
- Private flights on a Dornier 228 aircraft Launceston - King Island & King Island - Bendigo
- 2 nights at Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston
- 2 nights at Island breeze Motel King Island
- 3 night Murray River Paddle Steamer Cruise
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

MURRAY RIVER CRUISE INCLUDES

- Luxury air-conditioned cabin with private ensuite
- All meals including morning and afternoon tea
- Chef prepared Regionally-inspired meals
- Onshore Tours as per itinerary
- Selected wine & beer with dinner service
- Espresso coffee, tea, soft drink & bottled water
- WIFI throughout the boat



After dinner campfire

Relax onboard

2023 TOUR DATE: 4 - 11 December

TOUR COST per person, twin share:

Cabin Category	Brochure Fare	DISCOUNTED FARE
Upper Deck - Twin Ensuite	\$7,095	\$6,495
Upper Deck - Double Ensuite	\$7,095	\$6,495
Main Deck - Queen Ensuite	\$7,148	\$6,548
Upper Deck - Queen Ensuite	\$7,148	\$6,548
Emmylou Queen Suite	\$7,550	\$7,150

Single supplement available on request.

ABOUT OUR AIRCRAFT, 'DORNIER 228'

The Dornier 228 is considered the most versatile aircraft in its class with an exceptional reputation for reliability, capable of carrying up to 16 passengers.

Its rectangular-shaped cabin provides additional head and shoulder space generating maximum passenger comfort. The Dornier also has a highly advanced wing design, allowing generous cruise speeds and the ability to operate on short and narrow regional runways including remote gravel and grass strips.

Please note that due to limited space on the charter flights, passengers must only use soft baggage.



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Terms and conditions apply. Full payment is required by 10 November 2023. Cancellation fees apply. Special dietary requirements must be advised at the time of booking. Fee applies if making payment by credit card.