



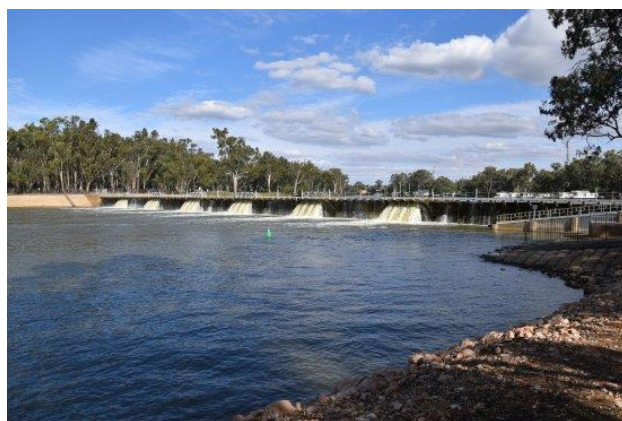
SWAN HILL & MILDURA

Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th August 2021

7 days/6 nights

The Tour Price Includes:

- Home Pick Up & Return (t&c's apply)
- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- Driver/Tour Escort
- 6 Nights Quality Motel Accommodation
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All Tours & Entry Fees as per itinerary



Tour Highlights:

- Castlemaine
- Lake Boga
- Flying Boat Museum
- Swan Hill
- Pioneer Settlement
- PS Pyap Cruise
- Heartbeat of the Murray Laser Spectacular
- Mildura
- Euston Club Resort
- Red Hills Soldier Settlement
- Big Lizzie
- Mildura
- Buronga
- Mildura Holden Motor Museum
- Orange World
- Trentham Estate Winery
- Mildura Wharf
- Paddlesteamer Cruise through Lock 11
- Wentworth
- Fotherby Park
- Model Paddlesteamer Display
- Wentworth Military Collection
- Old Wentworth Gaol
- Wentworth Pioneer Museum
- Bendigo
- Lake Lascelles
- Hopetoun
- Cricket Club Hotel
- Charlton
- Bendigo Pottery
- And much more.....



Often referred to as where the Mediterranean meets the outback, **Mildura** is a perfect place, alive with lush green citrus groves and vineyards, endless sunshine and sandy river beaches, Mildura and its surrounding towns have an unmistakable flavour of a diverse society.

Set on the banks of the Murray, **Swan Hill** boasts an enjoyable Mediterranean climate. Swan Hill is an excellent holiday destination, with a unique blend of history and a host of modern facilities. From the historic Pioneer Settlement, historic homesteads, numerous wineries to of course daily cruises on the PS Pyap.

Day 1 – Home to Swan Hill

(D)

This morning we depart home and travel to Swan Hill on the Murray River. Our mid-day stop is at **Castlemaine**. After lunch we continue on to Swan Hill via **Lake Boga** which was an important air base during World War 2. It was here the No.1 Flying Boat Repair and Service Depot was located, providing a safe haven for Australian and allied flying boats and amphibians. Just south of Swan Hill, Lake Boga is home to the famous **Catalina Flying Boat A24-30** - one of only 4 in Australia. The **Catalina Flying Boat** played an integral part in the allied defence of the South Pacific during World War 2. Lake Boga was an ideal stretch of water on which the mighty flying boats could alight. There is now a **Flying Boat Museum** and an interactive map with an informative 20 minute film in the theatrette. On arrival in **Swan Hill** we check into our motel, our base for the next 2 nights. We look forward to seeing you at Dinner at the lovely motel restaurant – Peppercorn on Campbell.

Overnight: Comfort Inn Campbell, Swan Hill (2 nights)

Day 2 – Swan Hill

(B/D)

After a lovely breakfast we take a **sightseeing tour** of town with a **local guide** before arriving at the **Pioneer Settlement Museum**. The Settlement was founded to portray the development of inland Australia between 1830 and 1930. Located on the Little Murray River, it contains over 50 historic buildings, many of which carry on the business of 90 years ago. Here we can see and experience the shops and activities of a 19th Century township selling food and souvenirs made on site in century old traditions, see daily street theatre performances, perhaps enjoy one of the free rides in horse drawn vehicles or vintage cars and see old Cottage crafts. We enjoy **lunch** in the café, and later in the afternoon we get to enjoy a relaxing cruise on the **PS Pyap**, enjoying sights such as the historic Murray Downs Homestead. We head back to our motel for an early dinner. Grab your coats as we're going out for the evening to partake in *the world-class 'Heartbeat of the Murray'* a 360-degree multi-media spectacular unlike anything ever seen in Australia. Using water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you'll be transported back 30 million years, before travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. Rest well tonight

Overnight: Comfort Inn Campbell, Swan Hill (2 nights)



Day 3 – Swan Hill to Mildura

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we re-join the Murray Valley highway and drive through to **Mildura**, stopping at the **Euston Club Resort** for a late morning tea with spectacular views of the Murray River from the recently renovated café terrace. After lunch, we head back over the river and enjoy some beautiful countryside and forests via Wemen and Hattah and travel out to the **Soldier Settlement of Red Cliffs**, home to **Big Lizzie, the largest traction engine built in Australia**. The story of Big Lizzie, Town Settlement, Sultana Growing, Floods and Irrigation all unfolds in the Old Court House home to the **Red Cliffs and District Historical Society Museum**. We then continue on to Mildura and check into our accommodation, home for the next three nights.

The Mildura region is renowned for its big skies, rich earth and welcoming locals. This is where most of Australia's dried fruit, grapes, citrus, almonds, pistachios, olives, carrots, and asparagus are grown. Wine too, is in abundance. The Mildura area produces most of Australia's Chardonnay, in addition to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, and several other varieties. The river is the heart and soul of Mildura and during our stay we will see it, hear it, learn about its history and cruise on it. We hope you enjoy your dinner tonight at the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn (3 nights)

Day 4 – Mildura

(B/L/D)

After a drive along **Mildura's new-look waterfront precinct** we travel across to Buronga and pay a visit to the **Mildura Holden Motor Museum**. The entire collaboration of the Mildura Holden Motor Museum is the result of one man's passion and love for Holden cars. What was once an unrealistic aspiration has now become the legacy of Mr Ron Morello that many others can view and appreciate. Following morning tea at the museum we catch up with Mario and Maria at **Orange World** before enjoying a fun and intriguing tractor train tour through 50 acres of citrus orchard. We gain a true understanding of the citrus industry and what it means to the local growers and also learn the process of picking, packing and marketing of the delicious fruits. It's then up to **Trentham Estate Winery** where we enjoy a **relaxing lunch** on the banks of the Murray River. After lunch it's down to the Mildura Wharf to board the **PS Melbourne**. This cruise offers a **relaxing two hour journey down through Mildura's Lock 11** (and return) on board the majestic steam driven, Paddle Steamer Melbourne. A comprehensive live commentary of the river and its history, fauna and flora is conducted throughout the cruise involving the public in the current beauty and history of the river and its vessels. After our cruise it back to the motel for dinner.

Overnight: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn (3 nights)

Day 5 – Wentworth

(B/L/D)

Today, after a hearty breakfast, we enjoy a **highlights tour the historic river port of Wentworth**. Wentworth was one of Australia's busiest ports during the paddlesteamer era of the late 1800s and the great rivers of the Murray and Darling join as one here. The river township is considered the gateway to Outback New South Wales and is situated on the junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers in South-western New South Wales. We travel across to **Fotherby Park**, a Wentworth Rotary Club project, originally developed to house the Paddlesteamer Ruby. A founding member of Rotary in Wentworth, Frank Fotherby, was the prime mover in Rotary's decision to purchase P.S. Ruby. Unfortunately, he died just prior to the completion of this park, which was then named Fotherby Park in his honour. There are many items of historical significance on display at the Park including:- **The PS Ruby, Wentworth's First Court House – McClymonts Cottage and the man called Possum**. We also take in the **junction of the two great rivers, Lock 10 and Wentworth Weir** plus the old **Lockmasters residence**.

We pass by **Rendelsham House** known as the Nunnery, view the **Fergie Monument** honouring the TEA20 Harry Ferguson tractors' involvement in the building of the massive levee banks that protected Wentworth against the devastating 1956 floods. We also pass by the historic wharf, originally built in 1879 using local timber. Following lunch at the Crown Hotel we split into **2 groups and alternately** visit the **Model Paddlesteamers display** featuring 26 hand-crafted boats all with a detailed fact sheet. Browse through the memorabilia of a great era in Australian Riverboat history as Wentworth fast became the 'busiest inland port in NSW' with an average of 485 boats recorded at the Customs House per year. **The Wentworth Military Collection** is a must see for the avid military history buff, servicemen and women past and present or anyone who has a connection to the Australian armed forces. Our next two stops for the day are at the **"Old Wentworth Gaol"** built in 1879-1881, then we stroll across the road to the **Wentworth Pioneer Museum** with over 3,000 artefacts and relics covering all aspects on the history of Wentworth. Late afternoon we travel back into Mildura to our motel to rest up before dinner.

Overnight: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn (3 nights)

Day 6 – Mildura to Bendigo

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we farewell our hosts and make our way to **Bendigo**. We have a leisurely travel morning, stopping along the way for Morning Tea at the picturesque **Lake Lascelles** in Hopetoun, before continuing on and enjoying lunch at the **Cricket Club Hotel** in **Charlton**. Taking in the **Lodden Shire** as we make our way through the **historic Goldfields region**. We head to our lovely lakeside motel with time to relax before dinner together at the Lakeside Restaurant.

Overnight: Quality Hotel Lakeside

Day – Bendigo to Home

(B/L)

After a lovely, cooked breakfast we load the bus in readiness for our final day and our journey home. But not before a visit to Australia's oldest working pottery '**Bendigo Pottery**'. Here we will experience a self-guided tour with an introduction by pottery staff. A chance to explore the gift shop and grab yourself a **coffee** and quick bite before we board the bus to make our way towards home. What better thing to do on the way home than stop at a **local winery** and enjoy **lunch with a glass or wine** or craft beer. Just the way to end a lovely holiday. Once home we will ensure you are escorted to your door having spent a fantastic week with old friends and new, and **Daytripper Tours!**

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