

Echuca & The Mighty Murray

Monday 20th to Friday 24th September - 5 days / 4 nights

Tour Inclusions

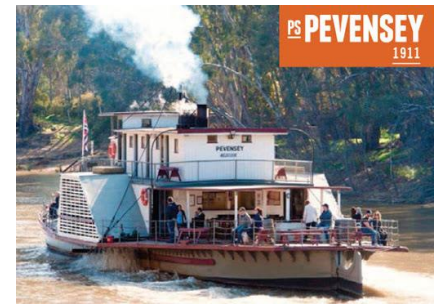
- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- 4 night's quality motel accommodation
- Tour Escort
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All touring and Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Most Morning Teas



Tour Highlights

- Nagambie Rowing Club
- Tahbilk Winery guided tour & Eco Cruise
- Echuca Town Tour
- Guided Port of Echuca Tour
- Port After Dark Adventure
- Holden Museum
- Old School Winery & Meadery
- Great Aussie Beer Shed
- Echuca Historical Society Museum
- King Fisher Barmah Wetlands Cruise
- Kyabram Fauna Park
- Paddle Steamer Cruise
- Lake Eppalock
- Marong Estate Lunch & glass of wine





Echuca was founded by one of the most enterprising characters of the early colonial days, an ex-convict named Henry Hopwood. In 1850 he bought a small punt, which operated across the Murray river near the Campaspe Junction. Originally known as “Hopwood’s Ferry” the name was changed to Echuca as the town grew.

Hopwood worked to establish a town, which eventually had a major influence on the development of the great inland river system. When he died in 1869 he left a thriving town where nothing had existed 16 years earlier, when he built his first slab Inn.

Day 1: HOME TO ECHUCA

(L/D)

Welcome on board our 5-day tour to **Echuca**. This morning we make our way to Echuca, stopping for **Morning Tea** along the way. We head to the **Nagambie Rowing Club** for a lovely 2 course lunch on the banks of the **Nagambie Lake**. After lunch we make our way to the fabulous **Tahbilk Winery**. Here we enjoy a **guided wine tasting**, a tour of the Winery & Cellar Door to hear more about the history of Tahbilk and their winemaking. Great spot to grab a couple of bottles of wine to enjoy for Christmas. We also enjoy an **Eco Cruise** guided tour through the Tahbilk waterways in the undercover comfort of an eco-friendly electric powered boat. After our interesting afternoon we head towards Echuca greet our Hosts, Ange & Laurie, and settle into our motel that will be home for the next 4 nights. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant – please do enjoy!

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 2:

(B/D)

This morning we enjoy a leisurely cooked breakfast before enjoying a guided tour of this historical town. We then head to the **Echuca Historical Society Museum**, here you’ll find loads of photos of the early settlement of the area, Paddle steamers & memorabilia of the river boat, timber & wool trade of early Victoria. After our interesting Morning we head to **Beechworth Bakery** where you can purchase some lunch for yourself. Next we visit the **National Holden Motor Museum**. The museum is dedicated to preserving Holden models and their memories. It houses the nation’s largest collection as well as historic film footage and a photographic exhibition. Take a walk down memory lane and through the history of the company that put Australia on wheels. We then head out to the River to board one of the stately old **Paddle Steamers** that the region is famous for to enjoy a leisurely **cruise with Afternoon tea**. After a lovely time on the river we head back to our motel with plenty of time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 3:

(B/L/D)

This morning after another lovely breakfast we make our way to the **Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum** for a guided tour. Opening in 2003, this is one of the most unique and entertaining tourist attractions in Australia. Owner Neil Thomas has collected this amazing array of Aussie collectables and is on hand to provide you with an enthusiastic and entertaining guided tour highlighting the history and uniqueness of some of the items in this massive 5,000sq ft. shed. Then we are off to the **Historical Port area of Echuca**. Here we meet a local character who will help us understand the history and stories relating to the **Echuca Port**. Our guide will point out areas of interest and share tales of the colourful personalities that crewed the old river boats. All the events we learn about happened when trade was booming here at the turn of the century.

Off we go to lunch at the **Echuca Workers Club** – lunch is on us today – please enjoy!

After lunch we head out to the tiny historic village of Womboota to the **Old School Winery & Meadery** - not just another winery (although they do make small batches of handcrafted red grape wines). They are also a meadery! Mead is honey wine – possibly the world's oldest fermented drink – and it's very special - maybe you've always wanted to try the favourite drink of heroes, kings and queens, Norse gods, Vikings, monks – and wizards! Be tantalised and delighted by just how subtle and enchanting mead can be in the modern world, when it's brimming with the flavours of Australian bush honeys. There are some lovely pottery works also on show in the cellar door. After an enjoyable afternoon we head back towards Echuca, our motel and a lovely 2 course dinner. After dinner we head out to our **Port after Dark tour**. Here we will discover dark secrets of the past. Exploring the nooks and crannies of Echuca's Port side which plays host to lingering spirits. Feel the eerie presence of orbs in the dark alleyway and learn about the tales of greed, murder and betrayal leading to the lost souls and sightings of ghostly apparitions. Sleep Well!

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 4: ECHUCA

(B/L/D)

This morning we get back to nature with **Kingfisher Cruises**. Our first stop is in Barmah where we board the **MV Kingfisher** to travel “the narrows” and experience the timeless, natural beauty and the peace of the World Heritage-Listed Barmah Wetlands. Our Eco-guide will teach us about the ecology of the area and all about the birds and their habitats including the Azure Kingfisher. After our informative tour we enjoy **lunch at the local hotel** (our shout!) This afternoon we head to the **Kyabram Fauna Park**, home to more than 600 native animals including kangaroos, wallabies, emus, koalas, echidnas, wombats, quolls, native birds, dingoes, flying foxes, snakes, lizards and crocodile. Located on 55 hectares of bushland and wetlands. After our enjoyable afternoon with the animals, we are back to Echuca and another lovely 2 course dinner.

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca



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Day 5: ECHUCA TO HOME

(B/L)

This morning after another hearty breakfast we say farewell to our lovely hosts as we begin our journey home. We head towards **Lake Eppalock** where we enjoy a comfort stop and morning tea. A little further towards home and we'll stop at the beautiful **Marong Estate** for lunch with a glass of wine. A fabulous way to finish off a lovely week together. We arrive home having enjoyed another lovely holiday with Daytripper Tours

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