

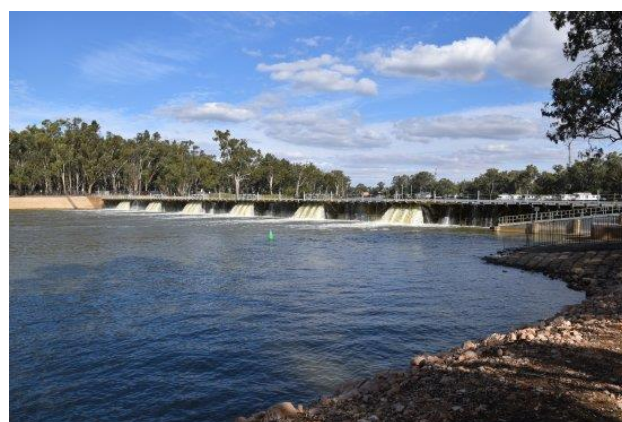


SWAN HILL & MILDURA

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th June 2022 - 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 Wharf
- Arts Centre
- Red Hills Soldier Settlement
- Big Lizzie
- Pawpo Karen People Talk
- Nhill Aviation Museum
- Australian Pinball Museum
- Arundel Farm Estate
- Blue Eucy Distillery Museum
- Spanner Man
- Mill Market
- Paddlesteamer Cruise through Lock 11
- Little Desert Nature Lodge
- Nocturnal Animal Feeding
- Robinvale Golf Club
- Hattah & Wemen carrot fields
- Woodsie's Gems
- Historical Steam Railway
- Rio Vista Chaffey Homestead
- 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

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This morning we depart home and travel to Swan Hill on the Murray River. Stopping along the way for **morning tea** we head towards **Castlemaine**, a former gold mining town. Whilst here we head to the **Castlemaine Mill**. This historic site started as the Castlemaine Woollen Mill in 1875 before being transformed into the place for foodies, art admirers and seekers of the collectable and curious. There will be some time to **explore some of the interesting and eclectic businesses** operating here. Please do visit the amazing food hall and purchase yourself some lunch. Those who prefer, are welcome to visit the **Castlemaine Botanical gardens** (one of the earliest of Victoria's many botanic gardens) located just across the road and enjoy a stroll around the native and exotic trees. After we have shopped & strolled, we board the bus and head to see the **Spanner Man Sculpture Garden** in order to take in the fantastic sculptures than John Picolli was made famous for, and to pay our respects. Unfortunately, the Boort local passed away earlier this year and after all the years of bringing so much joy to Daytrippers ever since we've been going, we felt it only right to call in and continue to enjoy the legacy he left with the Gardens now being run by his lovely wife Sonia. We will then head directly to our lovely motel. 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 head to **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 theatre.

All this 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 **Robinvale Golf Club** 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'll continue on to **Woodsie's Gems** right after where we'll get to enjoy the Crystals, the Fossils, and the Cakes & Coffees! Then we 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 (2 nights)

Day 4 – Mildura

(B/L/D)

After a lovely cooked breakfast at the hotel, we have a very relaxing morning with time to go and explore Mildura, and the wonderfully revamped riverfront area. With it's walks, it's trails, it's cafes, we will also get to visit the beautiful and **historic Rio Vista Chaffey Homestead**, with it's adjoining **Arts Centre** too, both down by the waterfront as well. After lunch it's down to the Mildura Wharf to board the **PS Melbourne**. This cruise offers lunch, tea & coffee, and 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 (2 nights)

Day 5 – Mildura to Little Desert

(B/L/D)

Today, after another hearty breakfast, we say goodbye to Mildura and make our way to the Little Desert Nature Lodge, in the heart of the **Little Desert National Park**, just outside of Nhill. On our way we will pass through some lovely rural towns throughout the **Wimmera**, and nowhere more lovely than **Hopetoun**. Where the good people at the local café will be providing our Morning Tea today, and hand delivering it, down by the local beauty spot – **Lascelles Lake**. We'll enjoy the little break in the scenic surrounds by the water, before continuing onto the fascinating town of **Nhill**. On arriving in this lovely country town, (the first town in Victoria to have street lights!) we'll enjoy Soup & Scones at Ambers Sweet Bliss café, before visiting **Paw Po** and learning about the fantastic initiative of the town, and the Karen women who now call Nhill home, and get to enjoy the stunning fabrics and beautiful artistry brought from their Burmese culture. Following this, we'll be able to enjoy the **Aviation Heritage Centre** just on the outskirts of town, to learn about the long history the town has with aviation. We then head to the Nature Lodge to enjoy the surrounding National Park and wildlife that can roam the grounds, before enjoying dinner and settling in for the night.

Overnight: Little Desert Nature Lodge (1 night)

Day 6 – Little Desert to Bendigo

(B/L/D)

After a lovely continental breakfast we farewell our hosts and make our way to **Bendigo**. We have a leisurely travel morning, passing along the way Mt Arapiles, before heading for Morning Tea at the picturesque **Botanical Gardens** just on the banks of the Wimmera River in Horsham, 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**. Thankfully we have timed it just right as the famous Eucy Blue has just reopened with an all improved experience at the old Eucalyptus Museum and we'll be given a tour and offered afternoon tea and a chance to shop at the recently renovated Gift Shop where local "Blue Mallee" products all locally made. A real chance to give back and help the local community. We then continue on to Bendigo where we head to our lovely lakeside motel with time to relax before dinner together at the Lakeside Restaurant.

Overnight: Quality Hotel Lakeside

Day 7 – 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!**

**Tour Cost from \$ 2285.00 per person Twin Share
(\$400.00 single supplement)
Minimum numbers required.**

\$200pp deposit required to secure your seats....

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