

### **Prices**

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Mildura to Renmark Cruise Four day, three night cruise 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

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Legendary River Murray skipper, boat builder, tourism entrepreneur Jock Veenstra from Goolwa some years ago pioneered regular river runs along many sections of the Murray and Darling rivers and its tributaries using faster smaller craft than the traditional paddle wheelers.

Jock has virtually imprinted these unique river rambles with his personal signature using a variety of accommodation for the overnight stops along the way. As he indicated on the recent RGSSA Coorong day tour he is looking to retire from this in the next few years and it is unlikely that this type of travel option will continue.

This is a rare opportunity for RGSSA members and friends to join Jock in a three night, four day exploration of the Darling around Wentworth, Lake Victoria, and journey along one of the least developed sections of river between Mildura and Renmark.

Places are limited so please secure your booking early via Eventbrite booking.

# **ITINERARY**

See the Rufus River and cruise up the Darling River, experience the outback between Mildura and Renmark. Birdlife abounds and this section is rich in indigenous and European history.

#### DAY 1

Morning coach transfer from Adelaide CBD at 8.00 am. Travel up past Mildura to Trentham Estate Winery for a BBQ lunch. Our river adventure begins as we board the *Spirit of the Murray* and begin to glide quietly down the Murray River with our first point of interest being Lock11, the first of six we go through. We then cruise on past Mildura to Wentworth and check into a hotel overnight.

#### DAY 2

Departing Wentworth, we journey a little distance up the Darling River before returning to the Murray. Lunch is on board. We cruise past the Ana Branch Station to hear about the early history of Rufus River area. We cruise up Frenchman's Creek to Lake Victoria and view the old Kulnine Pump. Coach back to Wentworth for the night.

#### DAY 3

We re-board the boat at Lock 9 and travel downstream, through Locks 8 and7 and past the Murray Sunset National Park, Pollards Cutting, Scotties Wood Pile, the ruins of Cal Lal Police Station, and on to Customs House at the South Australian border. Coach on to Renmark for overnight stay.

#### DAY 4

We return to the boat and continue in the South Australian river section through Lock 6, past Chowilla Station and stopping at the Woolshed Brewery at Wilkadene. Lunch is on board before we reach Renmark Wharf and bid farewell to the crew of the *Spirit of the Murray*. We return to Adelaide by coach, arriving around 5-5.30 pm.





## What to bring

The cruise is all inclusive, so you only need to bring your personal items. We suggest you bring the following:

- A small overnight bag up to 15 kg per bag (name your bags).
- Comfortable clothes—no need to dress up, the cruise is very casual.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- A warm jacket as the open-air deck or evenings may be cool.
- A hat and sunscreen.
- Camera, lenses, spare batteries.
- Binoculars if you are a keen bird watcher.

