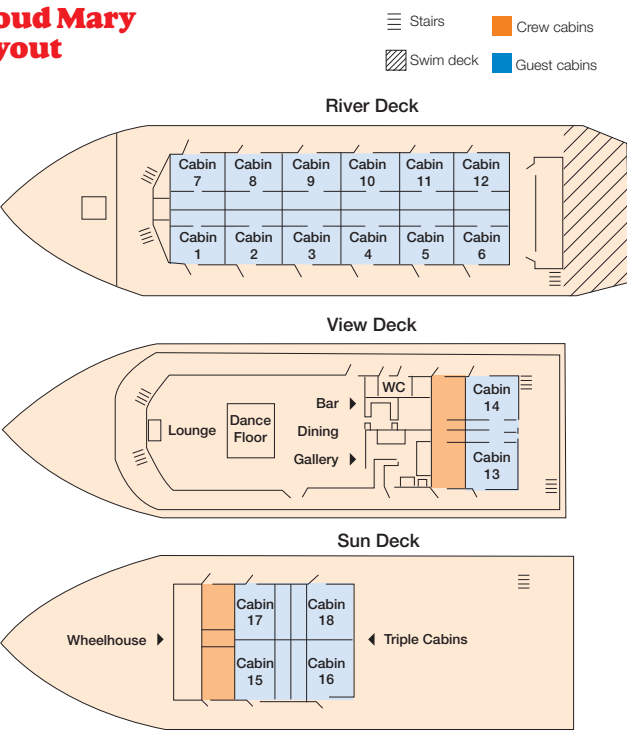
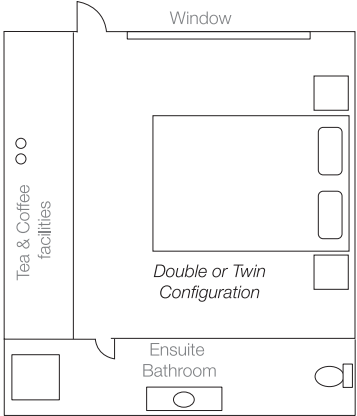


further
information

Proud Mary
Layout



Riverview
Room Layout



5 night wildlife expedition cruise departs Sunday
Murray Bridge to Blanchetown & return

2 night river discovery cruise departs Friday
Murray Bridge to Teal Flat & return

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The Murray River

The Murray River is one of the world's legendary rivers, it is Australia's most famous river. Mysterious, massive and meandering 3,700 kilometres, it ranks with the Mississippi, the Nile and the Amazon. Boasting some of the most spectacular and rugged Australian landscapes, the Murray River is home to an array of abundant wildlife and birdlife. It is aboard Murray River Expeditions intimate cruising vessel, *Proud Mary*, that you can discover the Murray River's ecosystem at its best.

Murray Expedition

Departing from Murray Bridge, just one hour of Adelaide, The *Proud Mary* caters for a maximum of only 40 passengers, this boutique product provides the ideal environment for passengers to explore, experience, indulge and discover. The well appointed bar, lounge and dining area provides the perfect location for indulging in the culinary delights of the resident chef, while viewing the passing Australian scenery.

Crew

The *Proud Mary's* all Australian crew are friendly, experienced and willing to assist in any way. Specifically chosen for their knowledge of the Murray River's history, geography, wildlife and ecosystem, seven attentive Expedition crew members cater for your every need.

All dietary requirements are catered for with chefs specialising in modern Australian and European cuisine.

Operating cruises

365 days of the year,

Murray River Expeditions offer:

2 night **river discovery** cruise

2 night **outback explorer** cruise

5 night **river discovery** cruise

3 night **nature adventure** cruise

Cruise include **all meals, riverview accommodation** and **daily nature based shore excursions**



Accommodation and vessel

The *Proud Mary* boasts 18 spacious riverview rooms. With only one room type, each cabin has twin or double beds, individually controlled air conditioning units, private en-suite, tea & coffee making facilities and hair dryers. All rooms offer spectacular riverviews and open on to balcony areas. Cabins are serviced twice daily.

Order a drink and venture out onto the *Proud Mary's* spacious open decks or enjoy the intimate lounge and dining area. The Captain's commentary may spark an interest to peruse the vessel's resource centre and learn more from one of the many books available. You may like to enjoy a cuppa from the continuous tea and coffee available in the dining room or browse the souvenirs available for purchase.

Nature based cruise highlights

Abundant wildlife will be seen throughout your entire expedition cruise. River Gums and willows line the banks of this famous river and provide a perfect safe haven for birds and wildlife. Take a closer look with the aid of binoculars. Not only by day but also by night. The *Proud Mary's* powerful floodlights illuminate the graceful willows and dark waters as you cruise. View nocturnal wildlife, especially birds such as night herons, owls and coots.

Join our resident ecologist to explore the Murray River at its best.

Some of the informative tours include:

- A journey aboard a small boat to cruise the Rivers secluded lagoons and inlets, here you will view some of the 320 species of birdlife in this region and discover the intricacies of the ancient cliff face.
- The Nocturnal Discovery is an insight into abundant wildlife, including the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat, floodlights illuminate the secluded outback enabling you to easily view the native flora & fauna.
- Murray Aquaculture is one of the most ambitious aquaculture projects undertaken in Australia. With a local guide visit the interpretation centre, ponds and nurseries, which house the yabby, a uniquely Australian freshwater crustacean.
- Take a fascinating guided nature walk through Reedy Creek Gorge more commonly known as Mannum Waterfalls. Discover this permanent water course from waterfalls, through swamps and wetlands.

Australian history

Aboriginal Dimension

Journey into history at Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Conservation Park, one of the oldest archaeological digs in Australia. In 1929, burial grounds, tools and art were discovered revealing acts about life on the River over 8,000 years ago. Here you are met by a local Aboriginal Guide and will discover galleries of cave art and smoke stains from ancient fires and artifacts unearthed by archaeologists.

Australian Theme

As dusk falls, enjoy an evening around a blazing campfire. A delicious bush barbeque is prepared using local produce, including billy tea and damper. Along with evening entertainment under the stars on the golden sands of the river bank.

How to get there

Departing only 1 hour from Adelaide return coach transfers are available to meet your *Proud Mary* cruise at Murray Bridge or Blanchetown. For self-drive passengers secure lock-up garage facilities are available adjacent to the wharf at Murray Bridge.