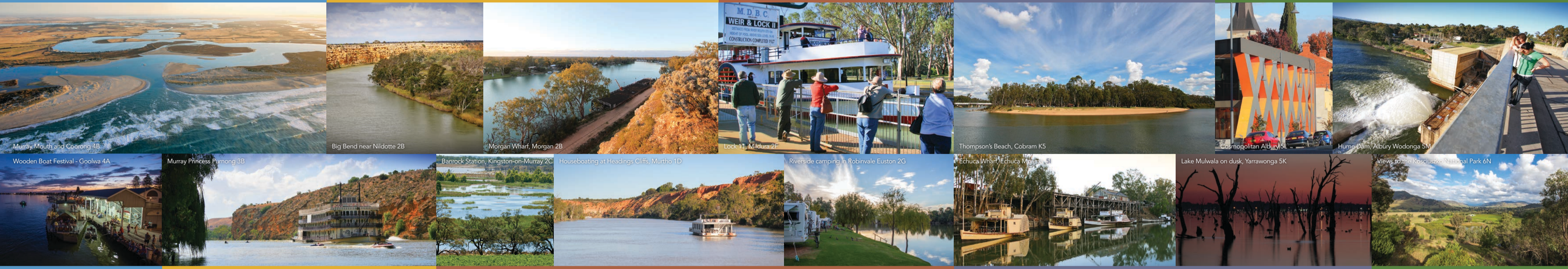


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- The most serious danger on the road is fatigue. Look for driver refreshment stations, pull off and rest.
- Be careful when driving on country roads at night. Cattle and native animals such as kangaroos are always present. Car lights blind and mesmerise the animals and they may run any direction.
- Never leave children or animals in vehicles as very hot weather causes dehydration quickly.
- Some roads are remote. Always advise someone at the destination. DO NOT leave your vehicle.
- Do not attempt to cross flooded rivers and causeways unless you are sure of the water depth and conditions.
- Protect against sunburn at all times, but especially in summer. Use a wide brimmed hat, 30+ sunscreen, sunglasses, protective clothes and shoes. Australian sunlight has very high UV levels and skin damage occurs rapidly, especially during the middle of the day. Always carry plenty of drinking water.
- When swimming in the Murray be aware of strong currents and possible river snags and debris.
- Fishing permits are required in Victoria and New South Wales. Obtained through local tackle or sports shops.

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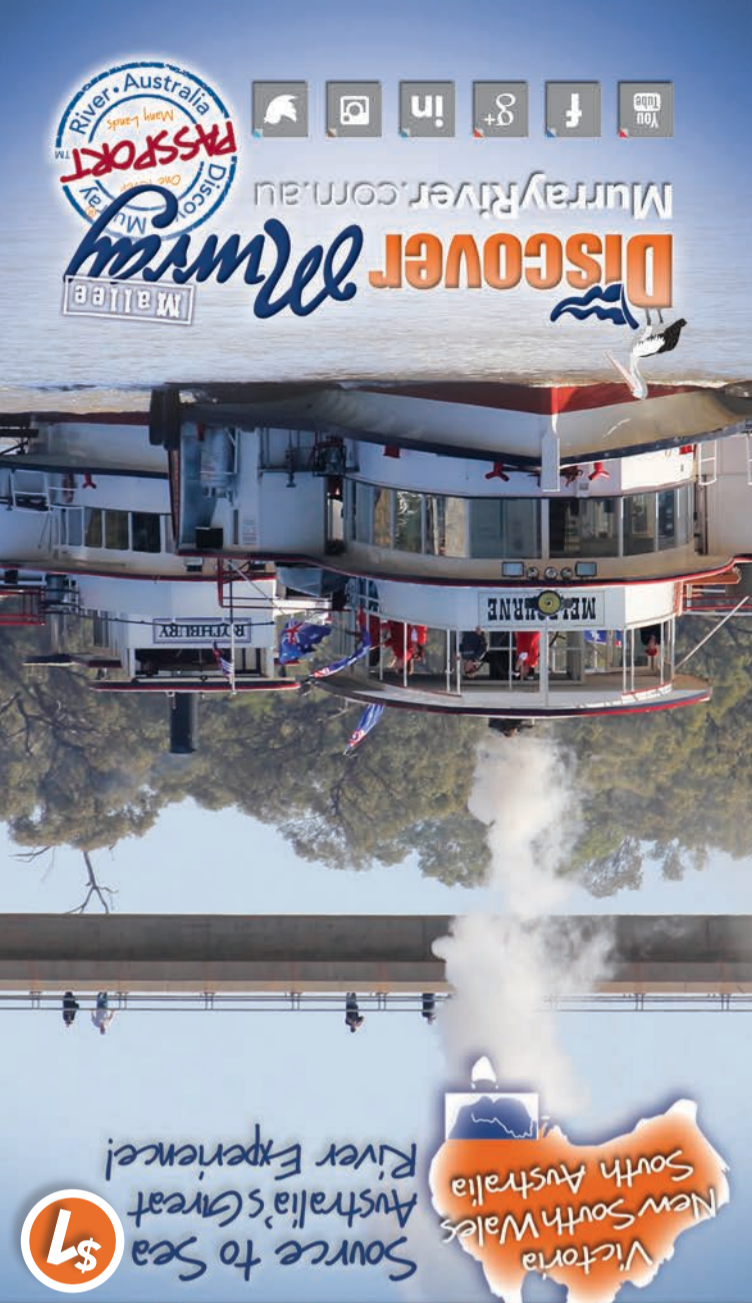
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Melbourne	304	340	340	340
Adelaide	725	310	310	310
Canberra	670	310	310	310
Sydney	876	310	310	310
Corryong	441	1028	470	671
Albury	324	911	345	552
Wodonga	322	886	374	582
Corowa	303	867	401	608
Rutherglen	292	863	390	598
Yarrawonga	340	818	437	644
Cobram	310	782	474	682
Tocumwal	275	788	493	701
Numburk	220	749	560	785
Echuca Moama	202	749	560	785
Barham	302	597	669	876
Kerang	277	573	681	888
Swan Hill	336	514	737	979
Robinvale	469	475	721	933
Ouyen	439	376	787	956
Pinnaroo	588	254	936	1146
Wentworth	570	391	826	1027
Renmark	678	289	941	1152
Berri	696	232	959	1170
Loxton	717	250	980	1191
Barmera	708	219	971	1182
Waikerie	755	172	1018	1229
Blanchetown	798	145	1059	1270
Swan Reach	673	137	1083	1294
Mannum	639	81	1116	1327
Murray Bridge	653	75	1090	1302
Taillem Bend	629	96	1066	1277
Goolwa	752	90	1156	1400
Meningie	613	148	1114	1325





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**Murray Mouth and Southern Ocean**

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**Goolwa (SA) 4A** Goolwa is Gateway to the internationally significant wetlands of the Coorong National Park northern lagoon and the Goolwa Barrages, the river port of Goolwa is recognised as the nation's small boat capital, and fittingly hosts the biennial Woodend Boat Festival. You can take Coorong cruises or enjoy a ride on the historic PS Oscar W from the Wharf.

**Meningie (SA) 4B** The Coorong town of Meningie hugs the shoreline of Lake Albert and boasts picturesque parks and enjoy the walk on the Pelican Path. Accessible to the Coorong has been developed for campers and is a kayakers paradise. Take a drive around the local region and you'll soon discover Raukkan home to David Uniapon on the Australian \$50 note and find Australia's only inland lighthouse.

**Coorong (SA) 4B** A long and narrow lagoon that runs parallel with the coastal dunes for 140km. Travel a beach that stretches 200km from Encounter Bay to Lacedupe Bay, uninterrupted except when the mouth of the Murray opens to the sea. Explore this vast wetland ecosystem that consists of ocean beach, freshwater lakes, estuaries, saline lagoon and river mouth with beach access at Salt Creek.

**Taillem Bend (SA) 3B** Taillem Bend is on the Dukes Highway between Adelaide and Melbourne. Riverfront caravan, camping and boating facilities make fishing, strolling and bird-watching a joy. Houseboats moor at a pontoon and cliff steps lead directly to a comfortable watering hole and a choice of restaurants.

**Murray Bridge (SA) 3B** 80km east of Adelaide Murray Bridge has with a mediterranean climate. Attractions include water sports, boating, fishing, swimming, motor sports, recreation, walking trails, restaurants. It also includes skiing, swimming, houseboats and paddleboats. Just out of Murray Bridge is Monarto Zoo - is Australia's largest open-range zoo and breeding ground for arid and grassland animals.

**Lameroo/Pinnaroo (SA) 3D** Near the border with Victoria and east of Adelaide in the Murray Mallee. In 1906 viable farming activities came into existence due to the introduction of rail services and pioneering families moving into the district and permanently settling. Enjoy the Mallee Tourist and Heritage Centre or a great feed at the Pinnaroo Bakery. There are several large conservation parks near Lameroo and Pinnaroo. Ngarkat, Billiat and Murray Sunset.

**Mannum (SA) 3B** Set on the broad reaches of the Lower Murray, Mannum is accessible via the South Eastern Freeway from Adelaide or the scenic route through Gumeracha and Birdwood. Visit the historic Mannum Dock Museum and learn more about how Mannum became the birthplace of the paddle steamer of the Murray-Darling Basin. Mannum is a river destination with something for everyone, enjoy the river scenery or activities such as water skiing or canoeing. You can also take a relaxing trip along the Murray on the original paddle steamer the PS Marion built in 1897. Other overnight cruise include the Murray Princess and Proud Mary. There is a great choice of accommodation and wide range of houseboats for hire.

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**Swan Reach (SA) 2B** A visit to the hotel is a must, with sweeping views of the Mighty Murray from the cliffs. Spectacular scenery can be found at Big Bend including the tallest cliffs along the entire length of the Murray. The majestic cliffs formed from the seabed laid down tens of thousands of years ago. Hairy-nosed wombats are abundant on the limestone plains. The nearby town of Nildottie boasts great panoramic views of one of the most pristine stretches of Murray. Explore the landscape of the Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park and discover a unique insight into the traditional landowners, the Nganguraku people.

**Blanchetown (SA) 2B** today, Blanchetown presents a fascinating mix of historic buildings and a cluster of riverside shacks. The first of a series locks and weirs on the Murray was constructed at Blanchetown in 1922. Go over the bridge and down to the river to enjoy the local views of Burk Salter.

**Morgan (SA) 1B** Morgan sits on the Great Bend 165 km north-east of Adelaide by road and in its hey day, was one of the busiest South Australian Murray ports. The Morgan heritage trail guides you to the town's historic buildings and amazing wharves. The 12m high wharves were constructed exclusively for the paddle steamers which once plied the Murray-Darling rivers system. Most of the historic buildings, including the customs house and courthouse, are located on Railway Terrace. Across the river from the town, Morgan Conservation Park is a favourite place for birdwatchers, while Hogwash Bend is recognised as one of the best fishing spots in the region.

**Waikerie (SA) 2C** Enjoy the winter sunshine or summer tranquility by turning into Waikerie from the Sturt Highway. Waikerie offers a wide choice of restaurants, accommodation, hospitality and shopping. For more than a century, travellers have been welcome to use facilities that have now developed into a thriving country town on the Murray. Broad acre farms, vineyards and citrus groves cover large areas of agricultural land. Take the time to enjoy Waikerie's Birdwatcher's Trail. A comfortable drive around the best bird sites of the Riverland.

**Kingston-On-Murray (SA) 2C** Kingston-on-Murray is a small township located 214 km north-east of Adelaide. It lies in the heart of a rich agricultural district and the area around the town is characterised by vineyards and orchards. The town was first surveyed in 1915 and was originally named Thurk which was the name of the property where the town now stands. Nearby you can enjoy Banrock Station's boardwalks. Loch Luna Eco cruises are available to explore the backwaters of Nockburna and Chambers Creek. The grassed foreshore is a perfect spot for a picnic or BBQ and is a popular spot for boating, canoeing and all kinds of water sports.

**Barmera (SA) 3B** is a citrus, grape and orchard town set on the banks of Lake Bonney. The settlement grew around the nearby Historic Overland Corner Hotel. The old stone pub is still standing under the protection of the National Trust. A popular fishing spot, Lake Bonney has also hosted several attempts at the world water speed record. An obelisk pays tribute to English washbucketer Donald Campbell who reached 347.5kmh in 1964 before aborting his record run. A short drive west from the town takes you to the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum which boasts the world's only working Humphrey Pump, which played a vital role in early irrigation developing in the area.

**Swan Hill (VIC) 4H** This region contains a strong culture, wonderful food, and a vibrant community. All on the banks of the Murray. Wide-open spaces and the tranquillity of inland Australia. You can visit an award-winning winery or a fine restaurant featuring fresh local Murray Cod, yabbies, avocados, citrus, stone fruits and fine wine. Take in the beautiful surrounds at a golf course or explore nature's remarkable features in one of the many reserves and parks. Take a Murray cruise on a paddleboat or discover the fantastic festivals and events, arts and many unique family attractions.

**Robinvale (VIC) Euston (NSW) 2G** Magnificent sunshine, fantastic surroundings and unspoiled river make Robinvale Euston ideal for relaxing. Situated between Mildura and Swan Hill in north-west Victoria, Robinvale and Euston are nestled on opposite banks of one of the most user-friendly stretches of the Murray. It's surrounded with ancient River Red Gums that rise above the banks of the Murray. Feel the warmth of the sun on your skin, smell the healing balm of the native eucalyptus wafting in the gentle afternoon breeze. Robinvale is sister town to Villers-Bretonneux, France...the base for one of Australia's greatest military victories in WWI and part of the River of Honour War Trail.

**Ouyen (VIC) 3F** is the major service centre in the Mallee. The town began developing around a railway in 1906 after the Melbourne to Mildura line passed through the area. Blocks in the area were sold in 1910 and cleared for sheep, wheat and oats. Ouyen is now a transport and service centre for a vast area occupied by agricultural and pastoral properties. There are several large conservation parks near Ouyen including Murray Sunset National Park, Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and Murray-Kulkyne Park.

**Mildura (VIC) 2F** Mildura is a great place to indulge the senses and live life to the full. Mildura and the surrounding towns of Red Cliffs, Irymple, Merbein, Gol Gol, and Buronga have an unmistakable cosmopolitan flavour thanks to a multicultural society. Mouth watering local foods and wines, a healthy arts culture and a busy year round calendar of events are on offer here. This is a community that loves celebrations. The area is often referred to as the Mediterranean in the outback, with its great golf courses, citrus groves and vineyards, endless sunshine and sandy river beaches. This enticing place combines the best of a cosmopolitan holiday destination with the easygoing personality of the bush. From luxury hotels and houseboats, your time in the Mildura region will be affordable, romantic and as comfortable as home.

**Merbein (VIC) 2F** Merbein is at the heart of the irrigation district in Victoria and predominantly supports citrus, vineyards and dried fruits. In 1887, Canadian-born irrigation experts, the Chaffey brothers, started work on locking the Murray and flooding out the surrounding area to transform it into a productive region. Visitors enjoy the delights of the Murray, as well as the local produce, which includes some fine wines. Merbein Common, on the site of the original pump which triggered the local irrigation system, is a popular recreational retreat for swimmers, boaters and anglers and home to the Great Australian Vanilla Slice.

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**Wentworth (NSW) 2F** The outback town of Wentworth lies at the junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers. Wentworth retains many historic buildings, including the Old Galo, the Courthouse, the Convent and the Customs House. A fascinating canoe tree is located nearby and the area is a nature reserve, rich in flora, wildlife and birdlife. At Buronga, the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens feature arid land plantings. Mungo National Park lies about 150km northeast of Wentworth. The park features the Walls of China, spectacular sand dune formations and shows nabs occupation of the region back close to 40,000 years ago - sunset is great however it has over 90km of dirt roads leading in.

**Renmark Paringa (SA) 2D** with Mildura, Renmark resides as Australia's oldest irrigation settlement. There are galleries, fruit stalls to stock up on the district's famous products, wineries, billabongs and secluded creeks to explore by canoe, or go fishing and catch yabbies at a great riverfront picnic spot. The Murtho (1D) lookout tower, part way along the road to Murtho presents a panoramic view over the cliffs at Headings Cliffs and the river plains or further north you'll discover Wilkadene Brewery and the history Customs House. Renmark is a convenient launching pad for journeys into the internationally significant conservation parks, including the world famous Riverland Biosphere.

**Berri (SA) 3B** Berri's town name is derived from the Aboriginal word for 'bend in the river' and was proclaimed in 1911. Berri features a gorgeous riverfront with plenty of area for picnics or playing sport and also includes floating wharf platforms, lookouts, historic monuments and an indigenous bridge mural. It also plays host to Berri Fruit Juices. Berri contains some impressive dining experiences and quality cafe's. There is also a wide range of shops within the town centre or head out to 919 Wines or Bella Lavender Estate at nearby Glossop.

**Loxton (SA) 2D** is situated on the southern bank of the Murray boasts quality accommodation, unique attractions, a nationally recognised golf course, thriving retail and business centre, sample award-winning wines, numerous festivals and events, beautifully maintained gardens, and a variety of nature-based activities such as swimming, boating, canoeing, fishing and bushwalking. From here you can discover the Murray's backwaters and creeks with a relaxing cruise or just relax and enjoy the country hospitality.

**Mooroop (SA) 2C** is one of a series of villages and towns that encircle a group of lakes and lagoons that make up the region. Other towns include Berri, Renmark, Loxton, Waikerie, Barmera and Cobdogla, are all within half an hour of Mooroop. Mooroop Gate Reserve conserves a Murray River floodplain area comprising Wachtels Lagoon and wetlands which feature River Gums rising from the tangle of lignum fringing the lagoon. A nature trail skirts the edge of the waterways and reaches which protect the nursery area of many waterbirds, frogs and small fish. The park is accessible from the Mooroop-Loxton Road.

**Monash (SA) 2D** just 12 km north-west of Berri, Monash was named in honour of General Sir John Monash, a highly decorated commander of the Australian troops in World War I. Opened in 1996, the refurbished park has rapidly established itself as a premier family destination. Entrance is free/donation and the park offers a giant maze, leaning climbing towers, flying foxes, a tree house, a rope bridge, basketball courts and more...fun for all.

**Barham (NSW) Koondrook (VIC) 4I** Not far from Kerang you'll find a thriving community on the Murray River. You can catch the mood of the Murray with a leisurely stroll along the Redgum Stature River Walk, test your golf on a championship course, picnic on the banks of the Barham Lakes Park. There's also some local drives including the Koondrook Track, Gumbower Island Drive. Koondrook has some interesting history and historic buildings you can explore including the Arbutoth Sawmills.

**Echuca (VIC) Moama (NSW) 5I** is the proclaimed paddle steamer capital of Australia is a great holiday destination which offers a host of things to experience. Visit the Port of Echuca to discover the early history of the region when Echuca-Moama was a bustling riverport. Travel in a paddle steamer, go fishing, swimming, canoeing or waterskiing. Echuca-Moama is a great base to explore nearby towns, magnificent Redgum forests, wetlands where you can take a cruise through Barham National Park with Kingfisher Cruises. You'll be delighted with the variety of shops, restaurants, cafes and great accommodation available.

**Tocumwal (NSW) 5K** is the first stop on one of Australia's major inland routes, the Newell Highway. Visitors are attracted to the magnificent sandy beaches (with 24 located within 5 minutes of the town, all surrounded by impressive Redgum forests. The Murray and the tradition of free bush camping and water based activities continues to attract generation after generation returning to enjoy the water skiing, canoeing, swimming, camping, caravanning, bush walking and the vast array of native wildlife including over 150 different bird species.

**Cobram (VIC) Barooga (NSW) 5K** district area is renowned for its magnificent climate and variety of available attractions and activities. The natural environment invites unparalleled wildlife. The area includes some of the Murray River's best sandy beaches, towering 500-year old Redgums, native bushland, abundant bird life and Australia's unique wildlife in their natural habitats. Discover the region using bikes, boats and canoes or simply stroll through the bush and drop in a fishing line or have a round on the championship golf course. The twin towns of Cobram Barooga have plenty to keep the entire family enjoying life.

**Yarrowonga (VIC) Mulwala (NSW) 5K** is renowned for its wonderful climate, this picturesque area of regional Victoria and New South Wales is an 'Inland Aquatic Paradise'. Enjoy stunning scenery, and lose yourself in serene surrounds of the forest, Lake Mulwala and the Murray. A magnificent 45 holes of golf awaits you, explore the river beaches and walking tracks, take a trip to sample our local wines, check out our museums and so much more...why not relax for a few days, soak up our sunshine, maybe do a little shopping, and enjoy some great food at our cafes, restaurants, clubs and hotels.

**Corowa (NSW) Wahgunya (VIC) 5L** spends a full week each year celebrating itself as the birthplace of Australian Federation. The claim to nationhood stems from the 1893 conference of the Corowa Federation League; although Federation was not inaugurated until 1901. Corowa has a rich and diverse history including gold, agriculture and vibrant river trading. Fisherfolk love to try their luck in the local river stretches in search of the fabled Murray cod.

**Rutherglen (VIC) 5L** contains rich wines, deep soul and character, the powerful Murray, ancient river Redgums, idyllic pastoral scenes and historic villages. It has cutting edge cuisine and diverse quality accommodation, great festivals and genuine characters. James Halliday, Australia's premier wine commentator said: "One of the truly great wine tourism destinations". The region embraces 19 members of The Winemakers of Rutherglen and 3 boutique wineries, each with its own history and expertise, collectively can provide you with a mixed case that will ensure lasting memories of your visit to this wine wonderland just off the Murray.

**Howlong (NSW) 5L** The scenic approaches to the border town of Howlong follow the winding Murray and billabongs festooned with pelicans and waterfowl. This is mixed farming country where tall-tale mullock heaps stand witness to the days when miners wrung gold from the ground. Two of Howlong's Inns built in the 1870s have long since been converted into private homes, but you can still get a drink at the Court House Hotel, which also dates back to the 19th century. The town's unusual name is, however, certainly a corruption of the Hoolong cattle run established by Isaac Rudd in the 1840s.

**Albury (NSW) Wodonga (VIC) 5L** sits either side of the Murray where the nation's busiest highway (the Hume) crosses. As a meeting point of contrasts and cultures, its significance stretches way back to the first Aboriginal inhabitants who gathered here (before Europeans). Being on the natural border between the two oldest and strongest colonies New South Wales and Victoria, Albury and Wodonga grew up as both river port and rail head. Magnificent parklands and reserves surround Albury Wodonga. The century old, award winning Botanic Gardens at the top end of Albury's main street are beautifully manicured and cared for and well worth a visit. In summertime, the Murray parklands offer relief from balmy days along with Noreuil Park by the river.

**Hume Reservoir (NSW) 5L** 2,225 km from the Murray Mouth. Construction commenced 28 November 1919 and completed 1936. The primary role of the Hume Reservoir and dam is for water conservation, regulation and supply. Secondary, hydro-electric power generation and flood mitigation. The storage also regulates releases from the Snowy Mountains Scheme to better match downstream demand.

**Corryong (VIC) 6N** is the largest township within Towong Shire. The township offers visitors great variety of shopping, accommodation, eateries, self drive tours and sporting facilities. Situated on the Murray Valley Highway, the setting is incredibly peaceful. There are many lookouts presenting magnificent views of Corryong and its surrounding valleys. Explore the Man from Snowy River Museum, visit the grave of "The Man from Snowy River" - Jack Riley - and participate in an annual celebration of this Australian legend at the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival.

**Dartmouth Dam (VIC) 6M** Capacity: 4 million megalitres. Dartmouth Dam impounds the waters of the Mitta Mitta River and feeds into the Hume Reservoir about 24 km from the township of Mitta Mitta in north eastern Victoria. It is the largest capacity dam in Victoria and the highest structure of its kind in Australia.

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## Discover Murray Facts

- The Murray is the third longest navigable river in the world, after the Amazon and Nile
- Total length - 2,520 kilometres (MDBA)
- The Murray is continuously navigable for 1986 kilometres from Yarrowonga to Goolwa
- Only river in the world to have its own flag - 1853
- Spans three states - Victoria, New South Wales & South Australia
- There are 4 major dams, 16 storage weirs and 15 navigable locks
- The Murray Cod has been known to weigh up to 250kg
- The longest annual canoe race in the world is held between Yarrowonga to Swan Hill - 404 km over 5 days
- The Murray has the world's largest Red Gum forest and Ibis rookery
- Aboriginal occupation dates back over 40,000 years
- The Murray is a mecca for golfers with 37 golf courses in the region
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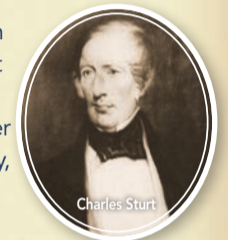
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Forty million years ago, through the forces of water and geophysical uplifting, the valley that cradles Australia's greatest river began to take shape. The Murray is a river whose character encompasses environmental beauty, rich heritage and history, busy townships and major regional centres, with amazing tourism and recreation experiences, and a world class agriculture and wine industry.

It creates a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria and is 2,520 kilometres long. It is fed by many tributaries including the Darling and Murrumbidgee on its journey from the Australian Alps before flowing through South Australia to the Southern Ocean. It sits in the Murray-Darling Basin, draining most of inland Victoria, New South Wales, and southern Queensland from the western side of the Great Australian Divide.

From millennia Aboriginal people have relied on the river's abundance. The many various groups included Moondie, Goodwarra, Paakantyi, Tongwillum and Yorta Yorta. The Ngarrindjeri people lived on and along the lands around the Murray and the Coorong and are, today, South Australia's largest Aboriginal community.

First discovered by European explorers Hamilton H. Hume and William H. Hovell in 1824, it wasn't until six years later, however that Charles Sturt navigated down the Murrumbidgee to encounter the Murray and named it after Sir George Murray, when his exploration party encountered the Darling River connection.



Paddle steamers were used to carry wool, wheat, and other goods up and down the river system including the Murray, Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers. Since settlement of the river basin was so late, the introduction of the railroad came much sooner to the river towns and had a large impact on the steamers along the Murray. Irrigation was introduced in 1887 by Canadian's George & WB Chaffey around Mildura and Renmark. This greatly accelerated settlement and exploitation of the river's water supply.

In 1918, a commission was formed to manage water supply and it also coordinated the construction of storages, locks and weirs to reduce the effects of drought and flood. Today, the water flow is still managed by these locks and weirs on the river from Yarrowonga in Victoria to Blanchetown (Lock 1) in South Australia. Millions of people rely on the Murray as a source of water for domestic and industrial use and it plays a significant part in Australia's economy.

A diverse range of species can be found living in the basin, including emus, koala, Western Grey kangaroos, Bearded Dragon lizards, red-rumped parrots, black swans, pelicans. The Murray contains a range of freshwater fish such as the famous Murray Cod, Bream, Perch, Redfin along with the Murray River Yabbie.

The redgum fringed reaches of the Murray River attract more campers than any other part of Australia. Naturally, water sports are one of the main attractions with a wide range on offer including water skiing, swimming and canoeing. The entire Murray River has much to offer. Explore the great outdoors in one of the many forests, marvel at the beauty of the wetlands or simply sit back and enjoy the tranquillity of Australia's greatest river, The Murray. Happy and safe travelling on the Discover Murray River Trail.

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