

7 DAY ECHUCA & MOAMA

DAY 1: NOWRA TO ECHUCA: Monday 03 May 2021 **Lunch & Dinner**

Departure is at 6.00am from our depot 339 Greenwell Point Road Worrigeer, today's a travel day so sit back and enjoy the scenery as we express our way to our destination, Echuca, stopping at the submarine town of Holbrook for lunch. We travel on via Albury, arriving late afternoon into Echuca, staying the next 6 nights at Mercure Port of Echuca

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DAY 2: ECHUCA: Tuesday 04 May 2021 **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast we spend the day in the local area exploring the port town of Echuca. This precinct became Australia's largest inland port in the late 1800's and is home to Australia's largest fleet of authentic paddlesteamers. After a look through the new **Port of Echuca Discovery Centre** we meet up with our **local guide** and see the docks and old wharf precinct. We then have time to visit the **Sharps Magic Movie House & Penny Arcade**. Situated in the refurbished Old Bond Store, the Movie House runs almost continuous screenings of highlights of Australia's early newsreels, comedy classics and archival shots. At the back of the Theatre is Australia's largest and only working Penny Arcade. Have your fortune told, test your strength and skills and view a peep show once banned in this country! Lunch today is aboard **Murray River Paddlesteamers** as we get to enjoy a cruise along the majestic Murray. This afternoon we visit **The Great Aussie Beer Shed**. This family owned business is the only one of its kind in Australia and houses over 16,000 beer cans from all around the world as well as other brewery related items. The 5,000 sq ft museum is also home to old petrol bowsers, washing machines, butter churns and a partially restored WW1 cannon. While here we will be treated to a guided tour by the owner who takes us through the history of our nation. We return to our motel in time to freshen up before dinner

Day 3: BOORT: Wednesday 05 May 2021 **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today we are heading to a little place called **Boort** – "the Northern Oasis!" On arrival we are met by our **local guide** and historian for an interesting day in an interesting country town. Our first visit is to John & Sonia Piccoli's (**the Spanner Man**) 2ha of gardens containing many sculptures made from farm spanners. John is also a collector of birds and has many varieties. It's a great place to have our morning tea before a tour to enjoy the gardens, sculptures and John's studio. Next is a **tour** of the township of **Boort** and Little Lake Boort with the chance to walk across the new boardwalk amongst the reeds. Lunch today is at the **Railway Hotel** before we visit **Salute Oliva** – an Organic Olive Farm that has won many awards. Our tour includes the olive trees, factory and show room. Peter and Marlies Eicher produce high quality Olive Oil, Olive products including soap and home-made jams from their own fruit trees. Then we are off to **Simply Tomatoes & Aussie Wool Quilts** for an afternoon tea and a tasting of the products made from Green Tomatoes. We visit the tomato kitchen and the showroom where they make the quilts & pillows. It will be an interesting day. Late in the afternoon we farewell our guide and return to Echuca.

DAY 4: SWAN HILL: Thursday 06 May 2021 **Breakfast & Dinner**

After breakfast we travel west along the **Murray River** valley to **Swan Hill** which is alive with interest - old homesteads, art galleries, craft shops and the Burke & Wills tree. We'll visit the **Pioneer Settlement**, which is a recreated inland river town. See saddlers and blacksmiths at work, stage coaches, steam engines and paddle steamers. Plenty of time to enjoy the settlement and lunch is at your own expense. This afternoon we visit the famous **Catalina Flying Boat**, at **Lake Boga**, just south of Swan Hill. In the secret communications bunker on the original site of No. 1 Flying Boat Repair Depot, is the **Flying Boat Museum**. It is fully air conditioned, and is an educational trip into our recent history. All types of Flying Boats that were serviced at Lake Boga

are represented in the museum. Experience the Interactive Map of the Pacific Region and the informative film in the theatrette. From here we travel back to Echuca and the motel for dinner.

Day 5: DENILIQUN: Friday 07 May 2021 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We head north this morning to *Deniliquin*. At one time Deniliquin was the southern depot for the "Sunbeam" - the original Cobb & Co. coach that travelled between Deniliquin and Wilcannia on the Darling River. Today it is a town of around 8000 people that lies in the centre of the largest area in Australia under irrigation. Rice in particular but dairy, wool and seed processing all contribute to the local economy. On arrival we welcome a local guide on board the coach for a guided tour of town and then we can have a cuppa and visit the *Depot*. The Depot has grown around the historic vehicle and memorabilia collections of Neville and Debbie Purtill and the Purtill family. With touches of Hollywood, trucking and transport, Australian motoring, rescue vehicles and cars from all around the world, *The Depot* is full of nostalgia and discovery. Lunch today is at the Crossings Café located within the *Peppin Heritage Centre*. In the centre, we will find displays, exhibitions, shops and the original Wanganella lock-up which features a Headless Horseman sound and light show. Mid afternoon we return to Echuca for some free time before dinner.

Day 6: ECHUCA: Saturday 08 May 2021 Breakfast & Dinner

We have a free day today, to relax and enjoy all that Echuca has to offer, lunch own expense

Day 7: ECHUCA TO HOME: Sunday 09 May 2021 Breakfast & Lunch

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. Saying farewell to our hosts we board the coach for the journey home. We travel via Cobram to *Wagga Wagga*, then head on along the Hume Highway. We'll arrive home later this afternoon to complete a fabulous 7-day holiday to *Echuca / Moama*

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