

Itinerary: Renmark

FOUR DAYS OF DISCOVERIES

Whether you're arriving from the east, west, south or via the Mighty Murray River, the journey to get here is only a part of the experience and you'll soon discover there is so much see, do, taste and experience in Renmark, you'll need to stay a little longer!

DAY One

Take the day to discover the local surrounds and what makes Renmark so special ... the landscapes, the people, the history and everything in-between!

MORNING

Make the Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre your first point of call to chat with a passionate local who will share their experiences, the stories only a local knows and the secrets to make the most of your time in Renmark. Pick up some fresh, local produce from their extensive range or a gift or two for those back home. The historic Paddle Steamer Industry, complete with original wood fired boiler, sits at the rear of the Centre and can be explored at your leisure. Wander your way along the picturesque riverfront to the vibrant town centre, lined with an array of locally owned and operated niche stores with the chance to discover murals, historical facts and enjoy uninterrupted river views along the way.

AFTERNOON

The Riverland Wine Centre overlooking Lyrup is calling your name this afternoon! Your first experiences will be crossing the Murray on the Lyrup Ferry which operates in lieu of a bridge (24/7) before winding your way up to the Wine Centre. The Centre proudly showcases the regions wineries, offering tastings in a beautiful setting overlooking the Pike Creek and Murray River and an amazing menu, totally inspired by seasonal produce. Embrace the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely lunch or an elaborate local produce platter.

EVENING

Your evening would not be complete without meeting the friendly possums who live in the large palm trees that line the Renmark Riverfront, scampering down each night at dusk for Possum Parade. They're partial to pieces of fruit or veg, happy to be patted and pose perfectly for a unique selfie!

DAY Two

Today is all about experiencing the many local flavours of Renmark....

MORNING

An early morning walk (or run) to take in the sounds of Renmark as it awakens to another fabulous day is an option this morning. Paringa Paddocks offers a chance to get in touch with nature or Maybe a coffee run ... your choice!

First stop is Angove Family Winemakers, a fifth-generation family business with a tradition of excellence and an eye for the future, leading the way with their organic range. Choose from a traditional tasting, a tour of the St Agnes Distillery Tour or check out the beautiful giftware in their cellar door.

Mallee Estate Wines is only a short drive away where owner and winemaker, Jim can take you on a tour to understand how the grapes make it from the vine to wine – tour the vineyards, take in the views from the platform surrounding the storage tanks, wander through the winery workings to finish at the cellar door for a tasting. Eleni's Restaurant is the perfect place to stay on for lunch, offering generous serves of comfort food, packed with traditional Greek flavours, and made with nothing but love.

AFTERNOON

Wander a little further along the Sturt Highway to Almondco, where over 80% of Australia's almonds are processed to create 80+ delicious products. The site boasts the factory sales outlet, The Almond Hut which showcases & sells every type of flavoured almond one could possibly imagine! You're in the heart of Australia's food bowl, so make sure you've stock up on the premium local produce along the way!

EVENING

Finish the day off with a relaxing cruise on the Murray River with Renmark River Cruises. Their Sunset Tour will indulge all your senses with beautiful riverside scenery, delicious local produce platters and craft beverage options available.

DAY Three

It's all about the Murray River today

MORNING

An early morning paddle on the Murray kick starts today's adventure. Canoe the Riverland are perfectly positioned just off the main river channel, allowing you to paddle in the protected creeks and backwaters while still discovering the beauty of the river environment. Headings Cliff Lookout is only a short drive away and is an absolute must! Take in the magnificent views of the golden limestone river cliffs and embrace one of the most photographed and iconic locations in the region. Headings is definitely 'Insta' worthy and a great backdrop for a selfie or two!

AFTERNOON

With spectacular river views, an abundance of history and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, the locally owned Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery is the perfect spot to spend the afternoon. Located on a picturesque backwater of the Murray, the independent craft brewery has been set up within the property's refurbished 100-year-old shearing shed and offers a truly authentic Riverland tasting experience. Where possible, ingredients are sourced locally and production of their vast range of brews occurs onsite. Don't miss your chance to experience their range of hand-crafted beers, wines and local favourites, the Hard Lemonade and Red Ruby as you sit back on the riverside deck or the sweeping lawns and soak in the relaxed vibe with a local produce platter.

On the way back to Renmark, take in the heritage listed Paringa Bridge (circa. 1927) where the railway once rattled through the centre corridor. The bridge is one of only a couple of suspension bridges still spanning the Murray River which is engineered to allow a section of the bridge to be raised to allow larger river traffic to pass through. Still today, the bridge makes a rumbling noise with the volume of traffic that passes over it daily and is a much photographed icon of the region, especially the unique ironwork design.

EVENING

With plenty of choices for dinner, the Renmark Hotel offers a relaxed and modern dining experience, overlooking the Renmark Riverfront! The hotel is one of the oldest community owned hotels in the region and if you're a little early for dinner, head upstairs and to the Renmark Hotel Museum, where you can discover more of the incredible history of the venue dating back to its establishment in 1897.

DAY Four

Final chance to discover more about Renmark

MORNING

Did someone mention coffee? Kick off today's adventures with a locally roasted Arrosto Coffee. Owners, Callum and Lauren have transformed the old Renmark Fire Station into a vibrant cafe and roastery, together with a splattering of art, indoor and outdoor dining options and a range of take home coffee items to enjoy after your trip. This is one definitely not to miss!

Immerse yourself in the local history and get an insight into the early years of Renmark by visiting Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum. The original log cabin homestead will have you stepping back in time as you stand in the home of the Chaffey Brothers, two Canadian brothers who established the first irrigation colony for Australia, right here in Renmark.

AFTERNOON

Take the short drive out of Renmark to smell the roses at Ruston's. Wander through one of the largest private rose gardens in the Southern Hemisphere, sample one (or all) of their signature gins from their recently installed distillery or enjoy a casual lunch or sweet treat before finishing your day at Twenty Third Street Distillery. Offering a range of local craft beverage tasting experiences from their iconic site on Renmark Avenue, including Gin, Vodka, Whisky, Brandy and Rum which are distilled onsite. Experience a tasting flight or enjoy one of their signature cocktails out on the lush lawned courtyard teamed with a local produce tasting platter. Dinner is an option later in the week at their renowned restaurant.

EVENING

Your final evening should include a riverfront walk, dinner overlooking the Murray River at the Renmark Club, before enjoying one last river sunset from the banks of the Murray!

There's plenty more to discover the next time we #seeyouinrenmark including a houseboat holiday, experiencing one of our regional events or simply enjoying more of our river and its unique landscapes ...