

RENMARK: Captain Your Four Day Family Adventure!

Relax.. Reconnect.. Rediscover!

Whether you're arriving from the east, west, north, 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

Leave the bustle of city life behind and as you prepare to hit the road and wander your way three hours north along the Sturt Highway to the Riverland - destination Renmark! Take a deep breath as you experience the ever changing landscapes along the way and let your mind wander to the river, the Murray River - can you hear it calling you?

Make the Renmark Visitor Centre your first point of call and 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 local produce from their extensive range or a gift or two for those back home. 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.

The kids will be in their element as you arrive and start exploring the multi award winning Big4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park! You'll be spoilt for choice between the water park, resort pool, giant jumping pillow, pump track, pedal carts, extensive playgrounds and games room or for a slightly quieter experience, try out the thoughtfully designed sensory room. With over a kilometre stretch of prime river frontage, there's plenty of opportunity to hit the water on kayaks, water bees (paddle boats) or launch the boat for a quick ski or board!

Before stepping aboard your family houseboat journey, take the chance to stock up on our delicious local produce, discover the local surrounds and what makes Renmark so special ... the landscapes, the people, the history and everything in-between!

Make your first stop the Almondco Almond Hut to add that extra special touch to your platter! With over 80 almond products including some unique local favourites to choose from, savour the taste of one of Australia's largest almond growing regions. You're in the heart of Australia's food bowl and the largest wine region in the Southern Hemisphere, so make sure you've stock up on the premium local produce along the way!

Surely its nearly wine'o'clock? Ready to start swirling your glass? Mallee Estate Wines have you sorted, with the perfect Riverland drop to fill those glasses as you cruise the mighty Murray and soak up the serenity. Mallee Estate Wines is only a short drive away where owner and winemaker, Jim can also take you on a tour to understand how the grapes make it from the vine to wine – through 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 that much anticipated tasting of their internationally award winning wines. Dinner is optional, but recommended and totally worth it at their renowned Greek restaurant, Eleni's. With traditional recipes, all your favourites and daily specials, your taste buds will thank you!

Your day would not be complete without meeting the friendly possums who live in the large palm trees that line the Renmark Riverfront, scampering down each evening from dusk for Possum Parade. They're partial to pieces of fruit or veg, happy to be patted and pose perfectly for a unique selfie! And with the kids taken care of, it's your turn to sit back at the Big 4, in readiness for the days ahead..

DAY TWO

Let all your worries drift away as you settle in for river time...

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. Near by Paringa Paddocks is a great chance to get in touch with nature or maybe a coffee run is more your style ... you choose!

Did someone mention coffee? Kick off today's adventures with the aroma of freshly brewed beans at Arrosto Coffee. Housed inside the old Renmark Fire Station, the vibrant cafe houses the roastery, a splattering of local 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!

Time is only a set of numbers when Twenty Third Street Distillery is the next destination on your list! Offering local craft beverage tasting experiences from their iconic site on Renmark Avenue, sample a range of Gins, Vodkas, Whisky, Brandy, Rum and Ouzo products all distilled onsite. Devour a tasting flight or enjoy one of their signature cocktails out on the lush, lawned courtyard partnered with a local produce tasting platter or enjoy lunch option from their light, contemporary inspired menu. Lawn games such as Bocce and Finska will keep the whole family entertained before making your purchases to enjoy onboard your floating home for the next few nights!

Last call for all your fresh and local produce needs Riverland Sunfresh and Renmark Foodland offer a great range of local fruit and veg, continental goods and local niche products to fill your fridge and satisfy your hunger.

Snap a selfie in front of the local street art dotted within the township of Renmark, with the Smokehouse Mural namely one of the most popular. Take in the stories that inspired the Paringa Silo Art, a popular stopping point on the way to your houseboat adventure.

All aboard, please! The team at Riverfun Houseboats will have your chosen boat ready to go and following your briefing (for everyone's safety), you'll be ready to captain your most memorable family holiday yet...

Get your camera ready, the gateway to your houseboat holiday, the heritage listed Paringa Bridge (circa. 1927) will lift ready for you to continue upstream, past the township of Renmark. The bridge is one of only a couple of suspension bridges still spanning the Murray River, engineered to allow a section of the bridge to be raised, allowing larger river traffic to pass through a totally unique experience and will have those watching on, wishing they were you right now!

You're now the captain of your own adventure with so much to discover on your boat, along the rivers edge and about each other! Time to relax, reconnect and rediscover!

DAY THREE

No alarm, no worries! You'll lose all sense of time as you step out of reality and reconnect...

Breakfast in bed? Sure, why not! Or maybe you prefer to wake to those first signs of light, sit on the deck and take it all in while nature slowly awakes for the day as the sun rises over the river...

Untie and set off as you follow the meandering river further upstream.. you'll have the chance to spot koalas, see endless bird life or even play a game of cards as you begin to unplug from reality and start to sense that feeling of reconnection.. it wont be long before the famous Headings Cliffs greet you with their strong presence as the golden limestone towers besides you, making way for that perfect 'insta' worthy shot!

Break up the travel by mooring along the way and jumping in the kayak with the kids to explore the flourishing backwaters or take the stand up paddle boards for a whirl! For the thrill seeker, if you've brought your boat along for the journey (hire options available if you don't have yours in tow) jump in ready for some fun behind the boat!

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. Moor right out front for added convenience or paddle up from your preferred mooring spot nearby. 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 before returning to your floating accommodation.

Finish off your evening by dropping in a line and trying your luck.. who will catch the biggest fish?! All while soaking up the beautiful sunset as it reflects off the nearby Headings Cliffs and as the sun starts to dwindle and the crisp air makes its way in, hover around a riverside campfire (within fire season) as the toasted marshmallows make way for sticky fingers, plenty of laughs and fuel those special childhood memories, with a glass of local red in hand and in front of nature's telly, the flickering fire..

It's the turning point and time to meander back downstream towards reality..

DAY FOUR

take it all in... as you embark on your final day aboard, it's full steam ahead and as you cruise back downstream and soak up the last of the R&R as you soon discover your new love of family houseboat escapes and the sense of reconnection that comes while enjoying some river time...

As you make your way around the sweeping bends, lined with willow trees and native gums and an abundance of birds, you'll be greeted by Renmark standing proudly on the banks.

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

If the taste of a houseboat holiday has left you wanting more, there's plenty more to discover the next time we #seeyouinrenmark ... to relax, reconnect and rediscover!

MORE INFORMATION:

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