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Suggested Itineraries

Houseboat cruises at approximately 6/8km per hour and most people would travel between 4-5 hours per day.

The following itineraries are samples only and may be of assistance to you in planning your holiday. Please note that itineraries will change depending on the time of year and whether it is daylight savings time.

7 Night Sample Itinerary

The average 7 night trip would allow you to travel from Mannum to Swan Reach and return. This is approximately a 200km round trip.

Day One

Board houseboat at 3pm. Once settled on the instructor will take you through the boat and show you where everything is, how it works and teach you to drive it. You can then head off start your journey along the river and tie up before before sunset.

Day Two

Travel to Bowhill (4.5 hours). Perhaps stop for lunch and continue on through the afternoon and moor up just after Walker Flat (3 hours).

Day Three

Travel from Walker Flat to Big Bend By Night tour (2.5 hours) and stay for the night and take in the nocturnal tour (additional charge applies).

Day Four

Travel up to Swan Reach (2 hours) and stop at the Swan Reach Hotel for lunch. Continue cruising in the afternoon back downstream and stop around Nildottie for the evening (2.75 hours).

Day Five

Travel back downstream to Walker Flat (2 hours) and moor up in the town for your pick up at 9am for your Barossa Valley Winery Tour.

Day Six

Pick up at 9am for Barossa Valley winery day tour experiencing the wineries and/or golf courses in this spectacular region of South Australia before being dropped back to your houseboat at 5pm. (additional charge applies)

Day Seven

Travel most of the day back downstream past Purnong and Bowhill before mooring up around the Mannum area (7 hours).

Day Eight

Return to marina to disembark by 10am.

4 Night Sample Itinerary

The average 4 night trip would allow you to travel from Mannum to Walker Flat and return. This is approximately a 115km round trip.

Day One

Board houseboat at 3pm. Once settled on the instructor will take you through the boat and show you where everything is, how it works and teach you to drive it. You can then head off start your journey along the river and tie up before before sunset.

Day Two

Travel to Bowhill (4.5 hours). Perhaps stop for lunch then continue travelling a short distance upstream to find a secluded mooring for the night near the spectacular limestone cliffs.

(To include a Barossa Valley Winery tour in a 4 night holiday, you would need to stay at Bowhill tonight ready to be picked up from this township at 9am the following morning.)

Day Three

Travel from Bowhill to Walker Flat (3 hours). Perhaps moor at the small township and walk up to the lookout for magnificent panoramic views of the river. You could enjoy a picnic lunch on the picturesque lawned area then travel back downstream to find a mooring for the night.

Day Four

Continue to travel downstream to past Bowhill and Younghusband before mooring around the township of Mannum. For your last night onboard you could enjoy a gourmet meal with our 5 star onboard catering chef.

Day Five

Return to the marina to disembark by 10am.

3 Night Sample Itinerary

The average 3 night trip would allow you to travel from Mannum to Bowhill and return. This is approximately a 72km round trip.

Day One

Board houseboat at 3pm. Once settled on the instructor will take you through the boat and show you where everything is, how it works and teach you to drive it. You can then head off start your journey along the river and tie up before before sunset.

Day Two

Travel upstream at your leisure enjoying the spectacular scenery before finding a secluded mooring for the night around the township of Bowhill (4.5 hours).

Day Three

Travel back downstream before mooring around the township of Mannum. For your last night onboard you could enjoy a gourmet meal with our 5 star onboard catering chef, or perhaps enjoy dinner at the local hotel.

Day Four

Return to the marina to disembark by 10am.