

MILDURA HOUSEBOATS

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SUGGESTED 5 NIGHT ITINERARY for both up & downstream

Day One

Board the houseboat at 3pm . Next you will be introduced to the wonderful facilities on board, and given a comprehensive driving and mooring lesson before you relax and settle in to life on board.

The Gol Gol hotel is approximately one hours drive upstream and provides excellent moorings. Here you can plug into shore power at a cost of \$1.00 per hour. Walk up the grassy slope and dine indoors or outdoors alfresco at the Hotel. You may wish to finish the evening with a flutter on the pokies before strolling back down to the houseboat for a peaceful night's sleep.

Day Two

Located on the opposite side of the river from the Gol Gol Hotel is Riverside Golf Course. After mooring take a short stroll up the bank and you will come across the eleventh fairway. Follow this back towards the Club House 5022 1560 & Pro Shop 5023 4255. Or you may wish to explore King's Billabong (1 hour upstream) and take the Nature Walk. Another alternative is lunch at Trentham Estate Winery and Restaurant, approximately 1 hour. Good moorings available. Dine in the restaurant overlooking the river, or al fresco (restaurant open lunchtimes Wednesday – Sunday). Sample the many wines at the cellar door, and the children will always enjoy a Trentham ice-cream from the Streets freezer.

Wander further upstream or moor across the river and enjoy fishing, waterskiing bushwalking etc. Or explore the Psyche Pumps area approximately 30 minutes upstream from Trentham Winery. These pumps are a historic part of Mildura's history and are still in working order.

Day Three

Cruise back downstream to Mildura (approximately 3 hours) and book an afternoon lock.

This is a great experience and with one of our experienced staff to guide you, a very enjoyable one.

The last opening of the lock is approximately 4.00pm each day. Once you have passed through the lock travel further down stream & find a suitable mooring site for the night. Apex Park or Johnson's Bend (approximately ½ hour cruising) are both good spots that we can show you on the river maps.

Day Four

Travel downstream towards Coomealla. You may wish to walk up to Orange World or the Inland Botanical Gardens (keen walkers only), look out for the signs on the right hand side heading downstream. The Australian Inland Botanical Gardens is a garden of International standards and includes a fully developed rose garden containing 1700 rose plants and the historic Garnpang homestead is open on weekends from 10am-4.30pm with Souvenirs and tea, coffee and cool drinks for sale. The gardens are signposted between 878-880kms. There are many great spots to moor, beside a sandbar is ideal for swimming and waterskiing or canoeing, and in the cooler months you can finish the day around the campfire.

Day Five

Cruise back up towards Mildura, and moor for the night on Lock Island below Lock 11. Explore Lock 11 and learn the history of the Murray River Lock System.

Day Six

Return up through the lock at 8.30am or 9.30am – ring base to book the lock and arrange for assistance. Disembark at 10am after a memorable escape.