

## MILDURA HOUSEBOATS

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### **SUGGESTED 7 NIGHT ITINERARY *Downstream from Mildura***

#### **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. Your first adventure will be to pass through Lock 11. This is a great experience and with one of our experienced staff to guide you, a very enjoyable one. Please remember that the Lock entry needs to be booked, which we are happy to do for you or you can follow the directions in the "Good Book". Lock times are on the hour going downstream and on the half hour going upstream and there are some restrictions due to Paddle Boat use so booking is essential. The last opening of the lock going downstream is approximately 4.00pm each day. Once you have passed through the lock travel further downstream & 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 Two**

Travel downstream towards Coomealla, approximately 4 hours cruising from Apex Park. Mooring is available at the Coomealla Golf Club for the evening. A great photo opportunity for overseas visitors is when the kangaroos come down to graze on the fairway at sunset. For a meal or a flutter on the pokies visit the Coomealla Services club. A courtesy bus is available to pick up and drop off from your moorings.

**Remember the .05 rule if you are driving the boat.**

#### **Day Three**

Today you can enjoy a round of golf on the championship golf course. Non golfers can take a walk and enjoy the wildlife of possums, kangaroos, goanna etc.

#### **Day Four**

Travel downstream to Wentworth, approximately 2 hours (If you are on one of the larger houseboats you will need to arrange for the Abbotsford Bridge to be raised. Details and times located in "Good Book"). Here you will leave the Murray River and join the Darling River. Good moorings available between the rowing club and the boat ramp and stroll under the bridge. (Please Do Not travel under the Wentworth Bridge) Wentworth has plenty to offer, from the services club for meals & pokies, to the historic Wentworth jail, local museum and the Perry Sand Hills. You may wish to take a Harry Nanya Tour of the area and learn the culture of the local aboriginals. This is also a good time to stock up on supplies. New to this town is the Art Back Gallery and Café for local art and great food.

#### **Day Five - Six**

Return back to the mouth of the Darling and join the Murray River. Cruise back up towards Mildura. You may wish to walk up to The Australian Inland Botanical gardens. 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 Gampang 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 Seven**

Continue cruising 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 Eight:** 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 week.