

MILDURA HOUSEBOATS

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SUGGESTION FOR 7 NIGHT ITINERARY *Upstream & 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. If you want to stay overnight at the Mildura Ornamental Lakes River front just 20 minutes downstream from the Mildura base and straight across from the Willandra base. Stroll up to the Mildura restaurant precinct or book in to Stefano's at the Grand Hotel and enjoy an easy night for everyone. Ph: 5023 0511 for bookings. Or enjoy a pleasant cruise upstream to the award winning Gol Gol Hotel (approx-893kms) 45 minutes easy cruise upstream. Camp the night at their grassed moorings, walk up and enjoy a fantastic meal in the restaurant or enjoy alfresco dining. Ph: 5024 8492 for bookings. Or, if the outdoors is more to your taste, then cruise for 1.5 hours from base then moor next to the sandbar opposite Bruce's Bend Marina. This spot is ideal for swimming and waterskiing or canoeing, and in the cooler months you can finish the day around the campfire.

Day Two

Wake up to the peaceful river, and then head for lunch at Trentham Estate Winery and Restaurant, approximately 2.5 hours from base (901kms). Good moorings available. Dine in the restaurant overlooking the river, or alfresco (available lunchtime Wednesday – Sunday). Bookings are advisable at popular times and through the peak season. Sample the many wines at the cellar door, and the children will always enjoy a Trentham ice cream from the Streets freezer. **Remember .05** 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. Travelling further upstream another hour is Red Cliffs, which is sensational at sunrise.

Day Three

Enjoy the sunrise, best view from the NSW side of the river. Maybe have a bushwalk or a swim. Then you can make your way back down to Gol Gol for the evening. At the Gol Gol Hotel on the NSW side of the river (right hand side traveling back downstream) you can plug into shore power at a cost of \$1.00 per hour. Walk up the lawns 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 Four: A one hour cruise back downstream for your next adventure 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 Johnsons Bend (approximately ½ hour cruising) are both good spots that we can show you on the river maps.

Day Five & Six

Continuing on downstream 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. 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 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.

Day Seven

Cruise back upstream towards Mildura and catch the lock by 4.30pm on the half hour. **Please remember that the Lock entry needs to be booked.** Stroll up to town for dinner or pick up gourmet fish and chips from Seasons Restaurant in the Grand Hotel and dine on board.

Day Eight

Cruise back across the river at 9:30am in time for a 10am departure, after a great relaxing break.

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