

**SELF DRIVE**

# RIVER AND WINE

## – MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE



6 day itinerary includes Murray River, Clare Valley and Barossa.

### **DAY 1 > FROM SYDNEY TO ALBURY**

Travel from Sydney along the Hume Highway through Goulburn and Gundagai, ending the day's journey in the Murray River town of Albury.

**> Sydney to Albury:**  
*555 kilometres, 5 hours 30 minutes*

OR

### **DAY 1 > FROM MELBOURNE TO ECHUCA**

Travel to Echuca through the Macedon Ranges and Spa Country.

**> Melbourne to Echuca:**  
*220 kilometres, 2 hours 45 minutes*



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### DAY 2 > EUCHUCA OR ALBURY TO MILDURA

One of Victoria's oldest river towns, Echuca has fine examples of ornate 19th century architecture and you'll be able to see paddle steamers crawling their way along the river.

Continue on to Swan Hill, another historic town, and then follow the signs to Mildura. Set on the banks of the Murray River, Mildura is in the heart of a rich agricultural area and has plenty to offer visitors.

> **Echuca to Mildura:**  
*380 kilometres, 4 hours 30 minutes*

> **Albury to Mildura via Cobram and Echuca:** *620 kilometres, 7 hours 20 minutes*

Visit Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre near Kingston-on-Murray, where the wetlands can be explored with signposted walking trails. Taste Banrock Station wines and enjoy a light meal.

Visit the historic Overland Corner Hotel and discover stories of bushrangers and ghosts. Take an evening tour highlighting the nocturnal wildlife, scenery and lagoons surrounding the Big Bend area of the Murray River. There is a range of accommodation available along the Murray River.

> **Mildura to Renmark:**  
*140 kilometres, 1 hour 30 minutes*

> **Renmark to Blanchetown via Berri, Barmera, Waikerie and Morgan:**  
*160 kilometres, 2 hours 10 minutes*

Visit the charming village of Mintaro and enjoy a walk around its remarkable heritage buildings including the magnificent 19th century mansion, Martindale Hall. There are more than 30 cellar doors in the Clare Valley. The oldest vineyard of the valley is Sevenhill Cellars, which was established by the Jesuits in 1851.

Other favourites include Skillogee Wines, O'Leary Walker Wines, Pikes and Kilikanoon.

The valley has many small towns to explore. Auburn is recommended for its many heritage buildings and a self-guided walking map is available.

Accommodation in Clare Valley ranges from stylish self contained cottages, historical farm stay or motels and apartments.

> **Blanchetown to Clare via Burra:**  
*168 kilometres, 2 hours 15 minutes*

### DAY 3 > MILDURA TO BLANCHETOWN

Today you'll cross the border into South Australia's Riverland region. There are many towns to explore such as Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Barmera and Waikerie, where the region's fruit industry is on show at the many roadside stalls. Houseboating and water sports are favourite activities along the Murray River.

### DAY 4 > BLANCHETOWN TO CLARE VALLEY

This morning, continue on to Clare Valley via Burra. Clare Valley is one of Australia's premium wine regions, as well as an important pastoral region.

Explore the historic streets of Burra, one of the states oldest mining and pastoral towns. Browse antique stores or pick up a "passport" at the Visitor Information Centre that highlights 43 historical sites around the town for you to visit.

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### DAY 5 > CLARE VALLEY TO BAROSSA

An easy one-hour drive from Clare is the Barossa – one of Australia's famous wine regions.

There are more than 60 wineries in the region and you can start exploring them in Nuriootpa. You'll find places like Penfolds and Wolf Blass, where you can make your own wines.

The town of Tanunda is a delight, and a walk around is the best way to see its unique historic attractions. There are great cafés, bakeries and antique and craft shops along the main street. Other recommended wineries on the outskirts of Tanunda include Peter Lehmann Wines, Turkey Flat and Langmeil Winery.

For lunch or dinner, recommendations include 1918 Bistro & Grill or FermentAsian in Tanunda, Hentley Farm Wines in Seppeltsfield, Appellation at The Louise in Marananga and Vintners Bar & Grill just outside Angaston.

For a light lunch, or just to taste and purchase the regional produce, Maggie Beer's Farm Shop at Nuriootpa (run by one of Australia's best-known and loved cooks, Maggie Beer) is highly recommended.

Accommodation in the Barossa is varied and excellent. Pretty, historic self-contained cottages, hosted bed and breakfasts, heritage or resort style accommodation, luxurious retreats and homesteads, hotels and motels are all available.

> **Clare to (Barossa) Tanunda via Kapunda:** 97 kilometres,  
1 hour 20 minutes

### DAY 6 > BAROSSA TO ADELAIDE

Continue exploring the many wineries and attractions in the Barossa this morning. From Tanunda, on the road to Lyndoch, stop at the Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre or Lou Miranda Estate.

Other wineries along this road include Grant Burge Wines and St Hallett Wines, each known for their premium wines. Travel to Williamstown, where you will find the Whispering Wall at the Barossa Reservoir. The wall is a remarkable acoustic phenomenon - messages whispered at one side can be heard clearly at the other side, 140 metres away.

Continue on to Adelaide, taking the picturesque hills route through Kersbrook and Chain of Ponds.

> **Barossa (Tanunda) to Adelaide via the Adelaide Hills:** 70 kilometres,  
1 hour 15 minutes

#### ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Road side fruit stalls
- Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre
- Overland Corner Hotel
- Clare Valley wineries
- Martindale Hall
- Sevenhill Cellars
- Barossa wineries
- Make your own wine
- Maggie Beer's Farm Shop
- Whispering Wall

*\*Distances and times are approximate and do not include detours or stops.*

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