

Echuca & The Mighty Murray

Monday 24th to Friday 28th March - 5 days / 4 nights

Tour Inclusions

- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- 4 night's quality motel accommodation
- Tour Escort
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All touring and Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Most Morning Teas
- Home Pick Up & Return (t&c's apply)



Tour Highlights

- Nagambie Rowing Club
- Tahbilk Winery guided tour & Eco Cruise
- Echuca Town Tour
- Guided Port of Echuca Tour
- Port After Dark Adventure
- Great Aussie Beer Shed
- Echuca Historical Society Museum
- Old School Winery, Meadery & Pottery
- Kyabram Fauna Park
- Paddle Steamer Cruise
- Shepparton Mooving Art
- Museum of Vehicle Evolution
- Tongala Murals
- Winery Lunch





Echuca was founded by one of the most enterprising characters of the early colonial days, an ex-convict named Henry Hopwood. In 1850 he bought a small punt, which operated across the Murray River near the Campaspe Junction. Originally known as “Hopwood’s Ferry” the name was changed to Echuca as the town grew. Hopwood worked to establish a town, which eventually had a major influence on the development of the great inland river system. When he died in 1869, he left a thriving town where nothing had existed 16 years earlier, when he built his first slab Inn.

Day 1: HOME TO ECHUCA

(L/D)

Get ready for an amazing adventure on our 5-day tour to Echuca! Our journey starts with a delightful morning tea stop on our way to Echuca. We'll then head to the **Nagambie Rowing Club** for a mouthwatering 2-course lunch by the picturesque **Nagambie Lake**. Afterward, we'll visit the incredible **Tahbilk Winery** for a tour of the winery and cellar door, where we'll learn about the fascinating history of Tahbilk and their winemaking process. Don't forget to pick up a few bottles of their exceptional wine! We'll also embark on an **eco cruise** through the **Tahbilk waterways** aboard an eco-friendly electric powered boat. As the afternoon winds down, we'll make our way to Echuca to be welcomed by our wonderful hosts. Our first night's dinner will be at the motel restaurant – get ready to indulge and enjoy!

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 2: ECHUCA

(B/D)

This morning, we have the pleasure of savoring a leisurely **cooked breakfast** before embarking on a **guided tour** of this historical town. Our journey continues as we visit the **Echuca Historical Society Museum**, where an abundance of photos depicting the early settlement of the area, along with paddle steamers and memorabilia of the river boat, timber, and wool trade of early Victoria await. After this enriching experience, we will make our way to **Beechworth Bakery**, offering the opportunity to procure a delightful lunch. Following this, we will set off to the river to board one of the stately old **Paddle Steamers**, renowned in this region, for an **idyllic cruise**. Our adventure then leads us to the **Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum** for a guided tour. Opened in 2003, this extraordinary attraction showcases an impressive collection of Aussie memorabilia. The owner, Neil Thomas, will lead us on an engaging tour, offering insights into the history and uniqueness of the items within this expansive 5,000 sq. ft. shed. Finally, we will return to our motel with ample time to unwind and refresh before coming together for another lovely dinner.

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 3: ECHUCA & WOMBOOTA

(B/L/D)

After savoring a delightful breakfast and enjoying some leisure time, we're off to explore the **Historical Port area of Echuca**. There, we'll have the pleasure of meeting a **local guide**, who will help us delve into the history and captivating stories surrounding the Echuca Port. Our guide will point out fascinating places and regale us with tales of the vibrant characters who once crewed the old river boats during the bustling trade at the turn of the century. Following our exploration, a scrumptious lunch awaits us at the **Echuca Workers Club** – it's on us today, so please indulge! After lunch, we'll make our way to Womboota to visit the **Old School Winery, Meadery & Pottery**. While here, we'll have the opportunity to delight in wine or mead tasting in the garden and admire the delightful creations of the onsite potters, which will be available for purchase. Returning to Victoria, we'll have some time to unwind before an evening full of excitement. After a delectable dinner, we'll join the **Port after Dark tour**. This fascinating tour will uncover the dark secrets of the past as we explore the hidden corners of Echuca's Port, rumored to be inhabited by lingering spirits. We may feel the hair-raising presence of orbs in a dimly lit alleyway and hear gripping stories of greed, murder, and betrayal, leading to the tales of lost souls and ghostly apparitions. Wishing you a restful night!

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca

Day 4: KYABRAM, SHEPPARTON & TONGALA

(B/L/D)

This morning, we'll explore the **Kyabram Fauna Park**, home to over 600 native animals, including kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, and crocodiles. Nestled on 55 hectares of bushland and wetlands, it offers a unique experience. After a delightful **lunch in the park**, we'll journey to **Shepparton**. Along the way, we'll visit the historic **Calder Woodburn Memorial Avenue**, one of the longest Avenues of Honour in Victoria. In Shepparton, our **guide** will showcase the town's treasures, from the fascinating **Mooving Art** to the impressive **Museum of Vehicle Evolution**, featuring a stunning collection of automotive history, Furphy Watercarts, Gramophones, Telephones and the new home of Loel Thomsons Costume Collection . As we make our way back to Echuca, we'll make a stop in **Tongala**, adorned with around 40 vibrant murals. To cap off our day, we'll return to Echuca for another exquisite 2-course dinner.

Overnight – Philadelphia Motel Echuca





Day 5: ECHUCA TO HOME

(B/L)

This morning after another hearty breakfast we say farewell to our lovely hosts as we begin our journey home. Enjoying Morning Tea along the way we head towards Healesville. Lunch today is at one of our **favourite wineries, Many Hands**. Enjoy a delightful lunch overlooking the Warramate Hills (The gnocchi here is amazing!) A fabulous way to finish off a lovely week together. We arrive home having enjoyed another lovely holiday with Daytripper Tours

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(\$300 single supplement)**

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