

DISCOVER MURRAY

River Country



Moama



4 DAY FAMILY DISCOVERY

Nestled on the banks of the mighty Murray River and set against a backdrop of idyllic natural bushland, the border towns of Echuca Moama exude a raw, timeless and authentic beauty that is unrivalled in Australia.

Day 1

THE TALE OF TWO TOWNS



An easy 2.5hr drive from Melbourne, Echuca Moama is a destination like no other. A place to bask in glorious, glorious sunshine, to experience the very best that life has to offer, and to reconnect with yourself, your family and your friends.

Echuca Moama itself offers a tale of two cities. One of good old-fashioned country hospitality borne out of a rich agricultural and river trade heritage. And another of modern-day sophistication, built on a growing demand for world-class wine, dining, nature-tourism and entertainment experiences.

Stay in the wonderful family friendly resort in a stunning bush land setting, Moama on the Murray. There are plenty of activities to keep the little ones entertained including water park, pedal cars, scooter track and Squiggles playhouse. Or stay at one of the many caravan parks along the river. Most have great playgrounds, bouncing pillows and family rooms.

Experience the river in any manner of ways (fishing, paddle boarding, fish and chips on the riverbank, canoeing, or a refreshing swim). Access Emu Outdoors SUP Vending Machine and enjoy a lazy afternoon paddle downstream. Float under the historic 140 year old train bridge, past the historic port and paddle steamers and get out at Victoria Park Echuca.

Try out your golf skills and have some family fun at Rich River Golf Club's mini golf. Open to all ages and skills, it is guaranteed entertainment and laughs. Stay for a meal at the golf club, Rich River Gold Club offers multiple dining options to suit all tastes & budgets.



Day 2

EXPLORE THE PORT OF ECHUCA



Start your day at the Port of Echuca, wandering this historic street, visiting blacksmiths and other signs of colonial life. The Port of Echuca is a living monument to the 1870's when it was Australia's largest inland port and indeed the third largest port in Australia outside Sydney and Melbourne. Head to the Discovery Centre and book a ride on one of the many paddlesteamer's. While you're waiting for the boat ride, learn about the history and importance of Echuca and the Murray at the impressive Port of Echuca Discovery Centre. There are several options for your paddlesteamer adventure; just choose the one with the starting time and duration that suits you.

After your cruise wander around the historic port area and drop into the shops and attractions in the area including Heritage Sweets and Old Penny Arcade.

After a busy morning drop into one of the many cafes, there are plenty of options depending on your mood from feel good plant based meals (The Sweet Meadow), modern Asian dishes (Monkee & Co), tastes of Mediterranean (Shebani's) or a classic home cooked pub meal (The Bridge Hotel).

Let lunch settle and enjoy a relaxing carriage ride along the streets of Echuca. Board Billabong Carriages at one of the hitching rails in Murray Esplanade. Clip clop along past the Bridge Hotel, turn left into High Street and take in the sites as you pass some of the beautiful old building before turning left at the Beachworth Bakery. Up the hill back towards the river up the hill, and follow the Murray Esplanade back to the Port of Echuca.

If you are after a unique museum experience look no further than the National Holden Motor Museum or Great Aussie Beer Shed. Echuca is fortunate to have one of the nation's largest collections of Holdens, putting the National Holden Motor Museum amongst the largest single brand car museums in Australia. Whilst the Great Aussie Beer Shed is one of the most unique and entertaining tourist attractions in Australia. Situated only 3k from the busy town of Echuca this tour will take you right back down memory lane with an unbelievable display of Aussie Icon paraphernalia including over 17,000 beer cans from Australia and around the world. Both these museums are sure to provide entertaining and memorable experiences.



Day 3

PICNIC POINT ON THE MURRAY



After a delicious breakfast at Three Black Sheep, (we recommend their chilli scrambled eggs and kids waffles) head north through Moama and up the Cobb Highway to Mathoura Picnic Point.

At Picnic Point, there's a fabulous little sport on a v-shaped bend, right where the Edward River branches off from the Murray. Here you can learn about the history of the Timber Cutters' Run, stroll riverside tracks or launch your kayak. If you've brought your rod and tackle, Picnic Point boasts excellent fishing.

Have lunch at The Timber Cutter Redgum Cafe Bar, a rustic restaurant overlooking the junction of the Murray and Edward Rivers. With a varied menu enjoying woodfired pizza's, fresh salads or a picnic platter.

After lunch head back toward Mathoura, take a Forrest Drive and stop off at the Reed Beds Bird Hide which features a raised boardwalk, signage, and interactive information regarding the spectacular birds in this area. If you're quiet, you might be lucky to see pelicans, kingfishers, yellow rosellas, ibis, spoonbills, superb wrens, swans cormorants, and ducks in the wetlands here.

In the Mathoura township pick up a coffee and head back to the eastern edge of the town to explore the beautiful, relaxing scenery on a walk along the Mathoura Heritage Trail, which highlights the history and ongoing importance of redgum logging in the area. The trail takes in the Mathoura Railway Station and railway sleepers, the main street, Pastoral Hotel, the old water tower, the Redgum Man and the Soldiers Memorial Gardens.



Day 4

BACK TO NATURE



On your last day in Moama, explore Echuca Moama's river bushland and the wide range of cycling and walking trails that wind their way along the banks of the Murray. A picnic and family bike ride at Moama's Five Mile Reserve and Mountain Bike Trail is a must! Five Mile Mountain Bike Trail offers 7km of purpose built trails suitable for all skill levels.

Or stay closer to town and go on a easy family bike ride through Horseshoe Lagoon in the heart of Moama. This wetland and floodplain reserve is a relaxing nature experience and an important productive ecosystem.

Lunch at Morrisons Riverview Winery and Restaurant is a must. Using seasonal produce from our local region, a brand new playground & huge grassed area everyone is kept happy! With a combination of its magical environment, outstanding quality of food and service, no wonder why Morrison's is one of Echuca Moama's most acclaimed restaurants.

Before heading home stock up on some local produce, pop into Pacdon Park who specialises in crafting their own range of gourmet traditional British pork products (such as pork pies and gourmet free-range pork sausages), St Anne's Vineyard (award winning wines from delicate crisp dry whites to full bodied reds and all styles in between, Local Produce Hub Located in the Echuca Moama Visitor Centre (selection of local wines, jams and preserves, honey and nuts) and Echuca Chocolate Company (handmade artisan chocolates).

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