**History Tour**

**Self Drive Riverland**

**THE VILLAGE, Loxton**

Leave the 21st century behind and travel back to when the first pioneering families arrived in the region during the mid-1800s. See how farmers battled heat, drought and rabbit plagues and how dry Mallee plains were transformed into lush citrus orchards. Everyday lives and how dry Mallee plains were transformed into lush citrus orchards. The everyday lives of the early settlers and their families are depicted in over 45 buildings and exhibits in The Village. See how they lived, where they shopped and banked, and the school their children attended. Open Tuesday—Sunday 11am to 3pm (Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday). Allen Hosking Dr, Loxton.

Ph: 8584 7194 | www.thevillageloxton.com.au

**1956 MURRAY RIVER FLOOD EXHIBITION**

Located within The Village, Loxton. View the amazing collection of photographs from all over the Riverland showing the destruction and heart break left as the waters of the River Murray rose by a mammoth height in between May 1956 and January 1957. Loxton river levels rose by 7.42m. The Village, Allen Hosking Drive, Loxton. Village entry fees apply.

**THE PINES’ HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDENS**

Built in 1909, this historic sandstone villa and its contents were bequeathed to the people of Loxton for display and entertainment purposes by former owner, Mrs Ella Kingdon. Sited on 2,000 square metres of beautiful gardens, the contents of the house represent a snapshot of the lifestyle of one of Loxton’s pioneering families. ‘The Pines’ is proudly maintained by enthusiastic volunteers and is open every Sunday afternoon at 2pm for guided tours.

18 Henry Street Loxton.
Ph: 8584 7785 | Email: info@thepinesloxton.com

**EAST TERRACE, Loxton**

The Rotunda in the centre of Loxton’s vibrant shopping precinct, was built to remember the soldiers who lost their lives in World Wars I and II as well as Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam.

**STURT MEMORIAL AND LOOKOUT**

Captain Sturt and his heroic crew rowed their 27 foot whale boat past this point on January 30th 1836 during their Murray River exploration. This large memorial at the end of East Terrace, Loxton overlooks the river and town wharf.

Loxton Visitor Information Centre | Ph: 8584 8071.

**TREE OF KNOWLEDGE**

View at a glance how severely a high river can affect this region. By studying the high river levels on the trunk of this magnificent old river red gum, you can begin to understand the cycles and impact of the Murray River system.

Lions Park, Grant Schubert Dr, Loxton.

**LOXTON’S PEPPER TREE**

There are many stories regarding the famous Pepper Tree. Renowned for its connection to William Charles Loxton who occupied a hut in close proximity to where the Pepper Tree stands.

Located on the exterior boundary of The Village, Loxton. Allen Hosking Drive, Loxton.

**KINGSTON BRIDGE LOOKOUT**

One of Australia’s greatest explorers, Captain Charles Sturt passed here on his Murray River expedition of 1830. The lookout that marks the spot offers good scenic views of the Murray River and backwaters.

Sturt Hwy, Kingston on Murray.
about two million being sufficiently cured that they would return to duty. Horses were heavily used in World War I and were involved in the war’s first military conflict involving Great Britain. A Memorial to commemorate the work of the Australian War Horses is placed in the gardens at the top of Barwell Ave.

Barmera Visitor Information Centre, Barwell Avenue, Barmera. Ph: 8588 2289 | www.barmeraturism.com.au

**BARMERA WAR MEMORIAL**

This war is approximately 4.5km long and includes a stroll through the foundations of Barmera discovering the struggles and triumphs of the town’s early settlers.

Available at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 8588 2289 | www.barmeraturism.com.au

**COBDOLGA IRRIGATION AND STEAM MUSEUM**

A site littered with history and heritage, the museum features a Humphrey Pump. With the focus being on early irrigation history and steam powered engineering principles. There is a 1908 Bagnall Steam Train offering rides through the extensive landscaped grounds on open days. Incorporated are dioramas depicting the regions development from pre-white settlement through the early years. Tours and train rides are also available.

www.cobdolgasteammuseum.com.au | Ph: 0403 036 949

**HISTORIC OVERLAND CORNER HOTEL**

Situated beside the Murray River this hotel has survived floods and rain. This local icon was originally built in 1859 by the Brand Brothers. Book in for guided tours of the hotel at 11am daily when open, $10pp. Enjoy the free campsites and 24hr toilet facility around the Hotel. Incorporates a museum relating back to the days of the Overlanders. Learn the stories behind the ghosts of Overland Corner.

Open for lunch Tuesday - Sunday from 12noon, Dinner Friday - Saturday from 6pm-8pm.

Other evenings by appointment. 205 Old Coach Road, Overland Corner. Ph: 8588 7021 | www.overlandcornerhotel.com.au

**HISTORY WALK OF BERRI**

***“STEP BACK IN TIME IN BERRI”***

This walk features:

• A Special Place for Jimmy James
• Benri Bridge Mural
• Benri Ferry Landing
• Post World War II Veterans Memorial
• Captain Charles Sturt & River Boat Trail

Available from the Berri Visitor Information Centre. Riverview Drive, Berri. Ph: 8582 5511

**RENMARK PARINGA COMMUNITY MUSEUM**

Old time farm machinery, come and see the implements of yesteryear, bringing history back to life. The museum is available for use by the community for picnics and BBQs. Spend a little time here, you will be glad that you did.

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am - 2pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm


**ARGO BARGE**

Renowned as the largest barge to operate on the Murray River system, the Argo was used mainly to pump water into or out of the main river; later in the 1920s the Argo Barge was employed in the construction of the locks, weirs and barrages. Open for inspection Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Weekends & Public Holidays 10am to 2pm. 84 Murray Avenue, Renmark | Ph: 8580 3060

**P.S. INDUSTRY**

Built at Goolwa S.A, the P.S. Industry was commissioned as a work boat for the S.A. Engineering & Water Supply Department in January 1911. The P.S. Industry played a major role in keeping the river open for shipping and later assisted to construct locks and weirs. Retiring in 1969 it became a floating static museum until the formation of a volunteer group in 1990. Due to the fantastic volunteers, it steams at regular times throughout the year and is moored on the Renmark riverfront.

For further information and cruising details please contact the Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre. 84 Murray Avenue, Renmark | Ph: 08 8580 3060