



The Murray River & Around

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Stefano's Restaurant (p287)
- ➔ Oscar W's Wharfside (p297)
- ➔ Spoons Riverside Café (p291)
- ➔ Pickled Sisters Café (p301)
- ➔ Parkers Pies (p300)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Houseboat in Mildura (p286) or Echuca (p296)
- ➔ Quality Hotel Mildura Grand (p286)
- ➔ Adelphi Boutique Apartments (p297)
- ➔ Linesman's Cottage (p301)
- ➔ Tuileries (p300)

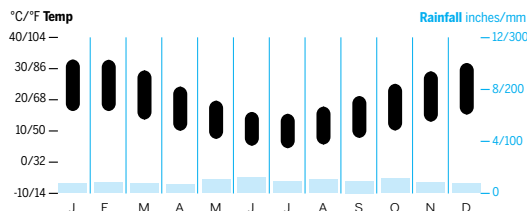
Why Go?

The mighty Murray is Australia's longest and most important inland waterway and arrayed along its shores are some of Victoria's most captivating towns. It's a stirring place of wineries and orchards, bush camping, balmy weather and river-red-gum forests.

The Murray changes character constantly along its 2400km route. Here, history looms large in towns such as Echuca and Glenrowan, food and wine dominate proceedings around Rutherglen and Mildura, and national parks enclose soulful desert expanse in the far west. It's a world of picturesque river beaches, of paddle steamers that were once the lifeblood of Victoria's inland settlements, and of unending horizons that serve as a precursor to the true outback not far away. It's an intriguing, if relatively far-flung mix, one that enables you to follow in the footsteps of some of Australia's earliest explorers who travelled along the river.

When to Go

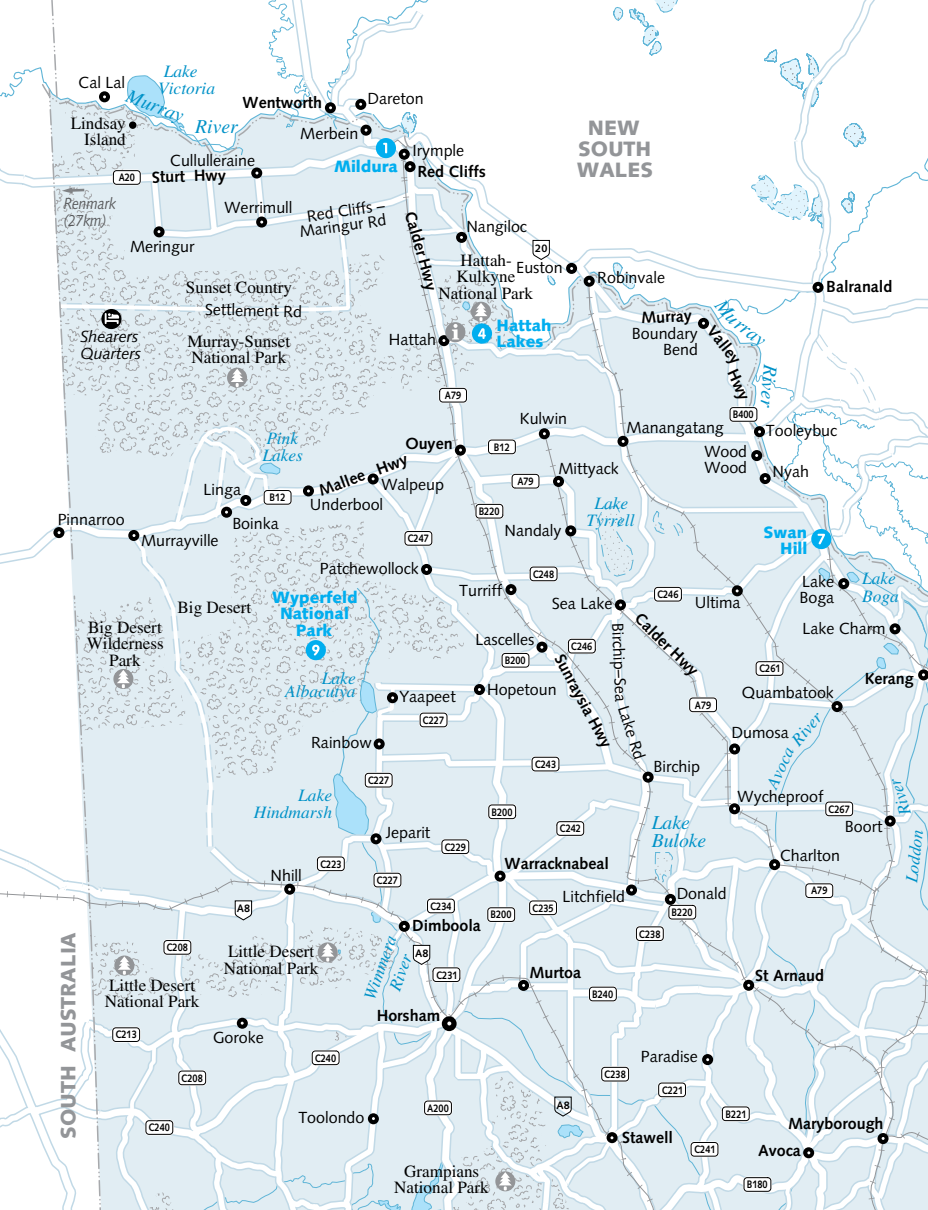
Mildura



All year The Murray region enjoys year-round sunshine, especially in Mildura.

Feb–Mar A good time for camping on the river after the holiday crowds have left.

Sep–Nov Spring sees some of the best local festivals, without the heat.



The Murray River & Around Highlights

1 Relax on a houseboat and dine out on 'Feast Street' in sunny **Mildura** (p284)

2 Ride an original paddle steamer from the **historic Port of Echuca** (p292)

3 Time your visit to **Rutherglen** (p299) for one of the great winery festivals

4 Spot the many species of waterbirds at beautiful **Hattah Lakes** (p289)

5 Set up a bush camp and a fishing rod on the banks of the Murray at **Gunbower National Park** (p292)