



PS MARION CRUISE

Cruise the magnificent Murray River to Border Cliffs (near Victorian border)

Mannum to Border Cliffs to Renmark
26th August– 4th September 2016

- 10 days 9 nights - All meals provided, bar facilities on board.
- Tours include: Wilkadene Brewery stopover, Bush BBQ at Chowilla Station, Caudo Winery visit, Morgan Museum tour, visit Loxton Village.
- **All inclusive only \$1699.00 per person** twin share (including GST)

For bookings & detailed itinerary please contact:

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More details & extended Itinerary: www.psmarion.com



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Friday 26th Lunch & dinner Overnight Walker Flat	Embarkation 9:00 AM Depart Mannum 10:00 AM Mannum is the birthplace of the Murray steamboat trade. Steamboat building and navigation on the Murray began at Mannum in 1852 when William R Randell built and launched his Mary Ann at Noa No Landing. Overighting at Walker Flat - a popular holiday retreat for well known celebrities from Adelaide. Benjamin Walker established the Mannum Flour Mill in 1876.
Saturday 27th B, L & D Overnight Blanchetown	Relax and enjoy the passing river scenery and listen to the slap of the paddles as we cruise further upstream. Be amazed at the magnificent Big Bend cliffs as your back drop and experience the myriad of bird life on show. We continue our way further upstream towards Blanchetown where we navigate through Lock #1. Enjoy a tour to Burk Salter winery in the afternoon.
Sunday 28th B, L & D O'night Morgan	This morning we head towards Morgan where wood is loaded whilst a tour of the Morgan Museum will take place. The overlanders and the first coaches came this way from Sydney and the railway came from Adelaide in 1878. Morgan was instantly a port, the greatest on the Murray in South Australia.
Monday 29th B, L & D Overnight Waikerie	After breakfast take advantage of the river side wine tasting near Cadell provided by Caudo Winery. Navigate through Lock# 2 as we head for Waikerie. “Weikari” as the Aborigines knew it, loosely means many wings and it is easy to understand its importance. Magnificent lagoons – Ramco, Hart, Ross, Jaeschke and Holder, must have been highly prized hunting grounds for tribesmen. Today the lagoons are valued for the conservation of wildfowl and as a tourist attraction. Enjoy a tour of Waikerie and Districts Machinery Preservation Society’s steam engines before heading off to the Waikerie Hotel for dinner.
Tuesday 30th B, L & D O/night Kingston	This morning we continue upstream, through Lock #3 and cruise to Kingston on the Murray. The Village Settlement Scheme gave birth to Kingston in 1895. In 1914 it was taken over by the Irrigation Department for Development. Kingston was a ferry crossing from 1922 until 1973 when the new bridge was opened. Enjoy a bonfire, weather conditions permitting.
Wednesday 31th B, L & D Overnight Loxton	This morning we leave Kingston as we journey to Loxton, known as the “Garden Town of the Riverland”. Explore the Loxton Historical Village whilst the boat takes on supplies.
Thursday 1st B, L & D Overnight Paringa	Navigate through Lock #4 to Paringa, a small riverland town and is famous for its vineyards, almond, citrus and stone fruit orchards, and the steel bridge with a span that can be raised to allow houseboats and paddlesteamers to pass underneath and across the Murray River to Renmark.
Friday 2nd B, L & D Overnight Wilkadene	We continue upstream through & onward to Lock #5 and Renmark. Renmark is Australia’s oldest irrigation settlement founded In 1887. Watch in awe as the bridge at Renmark rises to give us passage to Renmark. After lunch we travel further upstream to Wilkadene where a Woolshed Brewery experience awaits you at our overnight mooring.
Saturday 3th B, L & D Overnight Chowilla	After breakfast we head to Border Cliffs & Chowilla, passing through Lock #6. Be amazed at this magnificent location with great stands of the majestic river red gum and hardy black box. Discover the peaceful waterways and observe the diverse birdlife. BBQ at Chowilla Shearing Shed for dinner is an amazing experience.
Sunday 4th B, L	Early start to head downstream to our final destination, Renmark where a coach will transfer you back to Mannum Depot. A wholesome packed lunch will be provided on the bus. Approximate arrival time in Mannum 3:00 pm

Cost: \$1699.00 per person twin share (including GST)

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Note: All itineraries and arrival / departure dates and times are subject to change at any time dependant on river conditions and at the discretion of the Captain. Overnight cruises costs include all meals and secure car parking at Mannum. Only 14 cabins twin share available. The PS Marion is a heritage vessel, exempted from complying with elements of the SA Harbours & Navigation Act and passengers agree to travel on that basis. Life jackets are provided on board the Marion for emergency purposes only, if passengers require life jackets or buoyancy vests they need to provide their own.

General Information

The paddle steamer Marion, a fully restored heritage vessel (hull built in 1897), is one of the last operational, heritage, original, steam driven, wood fired, with overnight passenger carrying side paddle steamer in the world and was fully restored by volunteers over many thousands of hours. Her crew are all volunteers.

Marion has three deck levels and passengers will need to negotiate stairs. Bottom deck is the entry point to the boat on most occasions, although at times, e.g. steep banks or wharf; entry is then made to the middle deck. The bottom deck houses the steam plant, this being the original steam plant fitted to the vessel in 1900. Also found on this deck are the galley and passenger dining room. Middle deck is the main accommodation deck. The passenger lounge with bar is on this deck along with cabins 7 to 20 and the shower and toilet facilities. Top deck is made up of the wheelhouse, a further passenger lounge (formerly the gentlemen's smoking room) and cabins 1 to 6.

Passenger accommodation aboard the PS Marion is in the form of bunk style twin share cabins and can accommodate a total of 40 people (including crew). Sole occupancy is limited for twin cabins, it incurs a 80% charge on top of the cruise price and is subject to availability.

Four separate toilets and four showers are available for passenger use on the middle deck. Toilets are equipped with wash basin, mirror and power points. Electric razors and hair dryers can be used. A further crew toilet and shower is situated on the bottom deck. Two cabins located on the top deck have power points which can be used for sleep apnoea machines.

Neat casual clothing and flat shoes are recommended.

Linen is provided. This includes bedding, towels, face washers and bathmats.





All meals are included in the cruise price quoted and detailed in the itinerary. Alcohol and soft drinks are not included. Bar facilities are available. No alcohol is to be carried aboard by passengers.

Secure car parking is available in Mannum and is included in the cost of the cruise.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, passengers must follow the instructions issued by the crew. Life jackets are stowed under the bunks of each cabin as well as in lockers on each deck. The PS Marion is a heritage vessel, exempted from complying with elements of the SA Harbours & Navigation Act and passengers agree to travel on that basis. Life jackets are provided on board the Marion for emergency purposes only, if passengers require life jackets or buoyancy vests they need to provide their own.

Smoking is prohibited in all areas except outside of the middle and top decks. The wheelhouse and galley are restricted areas and entry is only available by invitation from the Captain or the Chef respectively. If passengers require help in any way on board they should refer to the Purser.

To confirm your reservation a deposit of 20% of the total fare or \$100 per person (whichever is greater) must be paid at the time of the booking. Balance of payment is to be paid 30 days prior to cruise departure. In the event of cancellation the following fees are applicable:

-  Written notice of cancellation at least 60 days in advance of cruise departure date, no penalty. Passenger will be refunded full deposit paid.
-  Written notice of cancellation from 59 days to 30 days before the cruise departure date the passenger will forfeit the deposit paid.
-  Written notice of cancellation 29 days to 15 days before the departure date the passenger will be liable to pay 50% of the total fare.
-  Less than 14 days before the departure date the passenger will be subject to a cancellation charge equal to 100% of the total fare.

Comprehensive travel insurance is recommended.

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