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P.S. "MARION"

Enjoy a unique experience cruising the magnificent Murray River aboard this restored historic Paddle Steamer

19th – 26th October 2012
Berri to Mannum

Long Overnight Cruise to Mannum - 8 days 7 nights

<p>Friday 19th Lunch & Dinner Overnight Loxton</p>	<p>Passengers (and luggage) board the bus at Mannum at 8:30 am. (Vehicles parked in secure car park at Mannum). Arrive in Berri to board the PS Marion at approximately 11:00 am. Berri gets its name from the Aboriginal description of the big bend on which the town has grown. Travel through Lock# 4 as we make our way downstream to Loxton. The town was named after a boundary rider's hut and stock man William Loxton. Loxton was a well known and used spot in steamboat days.</p>
<p>Saturday 20th Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Kingston</p>	<p>This morning enjoy a tour of award winning Loxton Historical Village. A recent extension to the village provides a visual and tangible history of Loxton's development and irrigation practices that is now a recognised leader in the implementation of sustainable landscapes. After morning tea we depart to our overnight mooring at 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.</p>
<p>Sunday 21st Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Waikerie</p>	<p>Navigate through Lock# 3 and arrive at 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.</p>
<p>Monday 22nd Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Morgan</p>	<p>Depart Waikerie through Lock# 2 to Morgan. 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. Visit the Morgan Museum located in the historic Landseer Building and Town Heritage Walk tour as the crew load wood.</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd Breakfast & Lunch Overnight Blanchetown</p>	<p>Depart Morgan downstream to Lock# 1 located at Blanchetown. Blanchetown was a stopover and watering spot on the "Sydney Road" for mail contractors and coaches. It was also a point of departure for the exploration of the North. Governor Sir Richard Graves McDonnell named the town after his wife, Blanche, when he surveyed it in 1855. The port was declared in 1863 and considered as a railhead, but Morgan beat the historic crossing when it got the railway in 1878.</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th Breakfast & Lunch Overnight Swan Reach</p>	<p>Enjoy a Burk Salter Winery Tour this morning. Indulge yourself and take time to sample some fine Riverland boutique wine in a relaxed atmosphere overlooking the vineyard and Murray River. Departing Blanchetown we make our way to Swan Reach. After lunch be treated with a tour of the Swan Reach Museum and town walk.</p>
<p>Thursday 25th Breakfast & Lunch Overnight Caurnamont</p>	<p>Depart Swan Reach and cruise past the magnificent Big Bend cliffs as your back drop and a myriad of bird life on our way to Ngaut Ngaut. After lunch join guides on tour through the Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Site and experience aboriginal culture as you journey through the ancestral home of the Nganguraku people. Departing Ngaut Ngaut to our overnight mooring at Caurnamont. Caurnamont means high cliff to the Aborigines and Robert Thomson was known as the squire of Caurnamont in 1861. His first house was washed away in the 1870 flood and his family of ten lived in the woolshed until a new house was built.</p>
<p>Friday 26th Breakfast & Lunch</p>	<p>Your final day on board PS Marion. Relax and enjoy the passing river scenery and listen to the slap of the paddles as we make our way to Mannum, 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. Arriving in Mannum after lunch at approximately 1:30 pm</p>

Cost: \$1199.00 per person twin share (including GST)

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.

For bookings please contact:

Mannum Dock Museum, 6 Randell Street, Mannum SA 5238

Tel: (08) 8569 2733 email: museum@psmarion.com

More details: www.psmarion.com



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 50% 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. 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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