



P.S. "MARION"

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

Long Overnight Murray River History Cruise **Monday 7th – Friday 11th May 2012**

The Murray River History Cruise is an exciting long overnight cruise on board the PS Marion. Passengers can take a step back in time onboard the Marion which is a fully restored heritage vessel built in 1900 and could relive the lives of many that held the Murray so close and the lifeline it provided.

As we cruise, guest speakers will entertain you each day with historic themed stories from the Nganguraku people, golden days of paddlesteamers, trade on the Murray and the 1956 Flood. This cruise will provide passengers with an amazing array of the rich river history of the Murraylands region.

Long Overnight History Cruise (5 days 4 nights)

<p>Monday 7th</p> <p>Lunch & Dinner Overnight Piggy Flat</p>	<p>After you have settled into your cabin, meet your tour guide at Mannum Information Centre at 10:00 am for a History Walk escorted by Mannum Dock Museum history enthusiast of the town following a tour of the Mannum Dock Museum. Lunch will be served 1:00 pm PS Marion will depart from Arnold Park, Mannum at 3:00 pm. Cruising upstream to Piggy Flat.</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th</p> <p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Big Bend</p>	<p>Departing Piggy Flat early this morning we cruise past the settlements of Bowhill and Purnong to Big Bend where you will be treated to an evening experience on the banks of the Murray River with the magnificent Big Bend cliffs as your back drop and includes a nocturnal tour to see native Australian animals in their natural habitat at night. Provided by the team at Big Bend By Night.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9th</p> <p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Swan Reach</p>	<p>This morning we cruise on upstream to Swan Reach. This attractive river town was settled in 1899. During the first half of the 20th century the town fought a constant battle with flood, culminating in 1956 when most of the businesses in the main street were washed away. Passengers disembark to enjoy a tour of the Swan Reach Museum and Town Walk.</p>
<p>Thursday 10th</p> <p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Caurnamont</p>	<p>This morning we cruise downstream passing spectacular river cliffs and a myriad of bird life to Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. After lunch join guides on a tour through the Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Site and experience aboriginal culture as you journey through the ancestral home of the Nganguraku people before continuing downstream past the settlements of Wongulla and Walker Flat to our mooring near Caurnamont.</p>
<p>Friday 11th</p> <p>Breakfast and 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 steam back to our home port of Mannum. Meander through the Mannum Dock Museum before you are transported back to your vehicles.</p>

Cost: \$799.00 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



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.

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

