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# P.S. "MARION"

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

**28<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Mannum to Mildura**  
**13 days 12 nights**

<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Lunch & Dinner Overnight Walker Flat	Embarkation aboard the PS Marion commences at <b>8:00 am</b> for <b>9:00 am</b> departure from Arnold Park, Mannum. We cruise upstream past Bowhill to our overnight mooring at Walker Flat. A popular holiday retreat for well known celebrities from Adelaide. Benjamin Walker established the Mannum Flour Mill in 1876.
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Blanchetown	Depart Walker Flat this morning and head towards Swan Reach. Join guides on tour through the Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Site and experience aboriginal culture as you journey through the ancestral home of the Ngunuraku people. Journey past the magnificent Big Bend cliffs as your back drop as we move towards Blanchetown where we negotiate through Lock #1 at approximately 3:30 pm. Enjoy a tour of Burke Salter Winery before dinner.
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Morgan	This morning we depart Blanchetown at approximately 10:00 am to the township of 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.
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Waikerie	Depart this morning as we head towards Waikerie and negotiate through Lock #2 at approximately 1:00 pm. The name "Waikerie" is said to mean "many wings" which is quite appropriate considering the teeming birds of the lagoons and wetlands that edge the river. Take time out to explore the town.
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Kingston	This morning we depart Waikerie and head towards Kingston on the Murray. We negotiate through Lock #3 at around 2:00 pm. Arrive Kingston on the Murray and whilst wood is being loaded, enjoy a tour at Banrock Station of the Wetlands and Visitor Centre / Wine Tasting.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Loxton	Relax and enjoy the passing river scenery and listen to the slap of the paddles as we make our way to Loxton. After lunch enjoy an excursion to 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.
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Lock #5	Depart Loxton as we make our way past Whirlpool Bend and through Lock #4 at approximately 11:30 am. Cruise past Berri and Lyrup on our way to Lock #5 where we will load wood and stay overnight. Berri gets its name from the Aboriginal description of the big bend on which the town has grown. Berri began as a fruit growing area in 1911. The little distillery that was set up by a handful of growers in 1918 grew to be the Berri Co-operative Winery, one of the nation's biggest.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Wiela	This morning we travel through Lock #5 on our way to Renmark – Australia's oldest irrigation settlement founded in 1887. Watch in awe as the bridge at Remark rises to give us passage to Renmark. After wood loading we journey further upstream past Chowilla which is rich in Aboriginal lore, said to mean a place of ghosts & mystery and was an Aboriginal burial ground. Overnight Wiela
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Yambry Creek	Depart Wiela this morning and travel through Lock #6 at approximately 8:30 am where we enter Bunyip Reach, a stretch of the river named for a tragedy on 8 December 1863. The sternwheeler, "Bunyip" with 2 barges in tow and Captain William Randell in command, caught fire in the bow. Randell tried to turn Bunyip out of wind to quell the vigour of the flames but had to leap for his life when fire engulfed the wheelhouse. 4 of the 20 on board died and Randell was run over by one of the barges but survived. Secure for the night at Yambry Creek
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Crozier Rock	Depart Yambry Creek this morning and travel through Lock #7 at approximately 8:30 am (first lock out of South Australian waters!) Travel past Ned's Corner that is a favorite spot for campers, fishermen and bushwalkers. We travel through Lock #8 at lunch time. At dinner time we arrive at our overnight mooring of Crozier Rock which is part of the Murray-Sunset National Park and is located far North-West corner of Victoria, on the border with SA & NSW.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Wentworth	Travel through Lock #9 at approximately 8:30 this morning as we travel towards Wentworth. Navigate through Lock #10 at approximately 4:30 pm. An hour later we arrive at our overnight mooring of Wentworth. The outback town of Wentworth lies at the junction of the Murray and Darling rivers.
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight Mildura	Depart Wentworth as we make our way to Abbotsford Bridge. This bridge crossing the Murray River is one of only two bridges in the Sunraysia area that enables you to pass from one state to another. Passing through Lock #11 at approximately 3:00 pm. Arriving at our overnight mooring at Mildura at approximately 4:30 pm The region of Mildura is known for its wineries and citrus groves, its river-centered recreational opportunities and its proximity to several national parks. Mildura means "red earth". Known as the centre of Victoria's Food Bowl, most of Australia's dried fruit, grapes, citrus, almonds, pistachios, olives, carrots and asparagus are grown in the Mildura region. The first wine grape varieties were planted in Mildura in 1888. The first vintage was established in 1891.
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast	After 8:00 am breakfast passengers depart by coach back to Mannum at <b>9:00 am</b> . Lunch stop enroute.

**Cost: \$2299.00 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:**

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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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