



# PS MARION CRUISE

*Cruise the magnificent Murray River on this heritage vessel!*

**Renmark-Wilkadene-Mannum 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

- 9 days 8 nights - All meals provided, bar facilities on board.
- On shore tours included at Blanchetown – Burk Salter Winery, Morgan Museum, Waikerie – Steam Engines at Waikerie & Districts Machinery Preservation Society, Loxton Historical Village, Renmark – Ruston Roses & Wilkadene Brewery Tour.
- **All inclusive only \$1,499 per person** twin share (including GST)

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More details & extended Itinerary: [www.psmarion.com](http://www.psmarion.com)

## General Information

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<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Lunch & dinner Overnight Wilkadene	Passengers (and luggage) board the bus at Mannum at <b>8:30 am</b> . (Vehicles parked in secure car park at Mannum). Arrive in Renmark to board the PS Marion approximately <b>11:00 am</b> . Depart Renmark upstream towards our overnight mooring at Wilkadene. Wilkadene was a famous sheep and wheat station, built and run by the Wilkinson family until being bought by the Freeman family in 1988. The Wilkadene shearing shed which is now the brewery, supplied steamers with wool and chaff, by way of a chute from the shed down the cliff to the river. A winery tour will be conducted at Wilkadene in the afternoon.
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> B, L & D Overnight Plush's Bend	Depart Wilkadene as we travel downstream to Renmark. Whilst wood is being loaded passengers will enjoy an excursion to Ruston Roses - marvel at the tremendous range of varieties of roses After lunch we navigate through Lock #5 and watch in awe as the Paringa bridge (near Renmark) rises to give us passage through. Renmark is Australia's oldest irrigation settlement founded in 1887. We leave Renmark to our bush mooring at Plush's bend- a lovely camping spot situated just after the lock – a wonderful place to take a bush walk.
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> B, L & D O/night O/night Loxton	After lunch we navigate through Lock #4 passing Berri. Berri was originally part of Cobdogla Station and a mooring place for paddle steamers. The town of Berri takes its name from the Aboriginal word "bery bery" meaning " bend in the river" and was proclaimed in 1911. We continue downstream to our overnight mooring at Loxton. Loxton, known as the "Garden Town of the Riverland". Explore the Loxton Historical Village whilst wood is being loaded. Dinner in the Loxton Hotel tonight.
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b> B, L & D Overnight Kingston	This morning we past townships Moorook and Cobdogla to our overnight destination of 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.
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> B, L & D Overnight Waikerie	This morning we navigate through Lock #3 and pass townships Banrock, Overland Corner & Akuna towards our overnight mooring of Waikerie or "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. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Waikerie and Districts Machinery Preservation Society's steam engines.
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> B, L & D O/night Morgan	This morning we navigate through Lock# 2 , passing the township of Cadell as 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.
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> B, L & D Overnight Blanchetown	We continue on our way further downstream towards Blanchetown where we navigate through Lock #1. Enjoy a Burk Salter winery tour in the afternoon.
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> B, L & D Overnight Wongulla	Relax and enjoy the passing river scenery and listen to the slap of the paddles as we cruise further downstream, passing the townships of Swan Reach, be amazed at the magnificent Big Bend cliffs as your back drop and experience the myriad of bird life on show as we pass through Nildottie on our way to our bush mooring at Wongulla – a small river shack town.
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b> B, L Mannum	This morning we pass the townships of Walker Flat, Caurnamont and Bowhill to the Marion's homeport of Mannum. 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. Arriving approximately <b>4:30 PM</b> where a bus will transport you to pick up your vehicle.

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