



MEDIA RELEASE

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UNIQUE LAKE CROSSING CRUISE - GOOLWA IN 2015

For the first time since the 1930's, the PS Marion is offering an overnight cruise across Lake Alexandrina to Goolwa in readiness for the Wooden Boat Festival over the weekend of 21 & 22 of February.

The PS Marion will be providing passengers the unique opportunity of travelling across Lake Alexandrina to Goolwa with a short overnight "Valentines Lake Crossing" cruise departing 14th February and arriving on 16th. (Returning from Goolwa on 23rd of February and arriving in Mannum 25th).

A 4 day overnight trip to the magnificent iconic Big Bend cliffs (near Nildottie) and return to Mannum is also included for 2015. Take in the scenery onboard the deck of the PS Marion and see the amazing myriad of birdlife as we ply the waters of the majestic Murray River. Departing Mannum 16th October. All meals and activities included for an incredible price of \$599.00 per person twin share.

"We are very excited to offer a lake crossing in 2015 for our cruise schedule". "It will be an opportunity for our passengers to capture the beauty Lake Alexandrina has to offer" said Rob Bowring, Mannum Dock Museum Chairman.

Due to popular demand, a range of picnic day cruises are scheduled in support of the Swan Reach Country Music Festival; bring your own lunch and enjoy a full day cruising on the Murray! Short cruises and 3.5 hour lunch cruise featuring live country music on board are also scheduled at Swan Reach during the festival.

Special Steam Days at the Mannum Dock Museum are scheduled throughout the year and provides visitors the opportunity to combine the visit to Mannum with a cruise and Museum entry. Experience the days of Blacksmithing at the Mannum Dock Museum where a fully operating Blacksmith Shop and historic steam engines will be running in Randell's Steam Works shed.

2015 Cruise Outline:

- Short 1 hour Cruises – January (Australia Day Weekend), February (Wooden Boat Festival) March (Adelaide Cup Weekend & Swan Reach Country Music Festival) April (Easter Weekend), May (Floatfest Event), June (SA Ute & Truck Festival), October (Labour Day) & November (All Steamed Up Festival).
 - 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 one hour cruises, Mannum Town Wharf
 - Devonshire Tea and bar facilities available Mannum Short cruises
 - \$15.00 Adult \$7.50 Children (children under 4 free).
 - Museum & Short Cruise pass \$20.00 Adult \$10.00 Children (Mannum)

Cont.....2015 Cruise Outline

- Mannum - Goolwa (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Saturday 14th of February and return Monday 16th)
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Goolwa to Mannum) included
 - \$499.00 per person twin share.
- Goolwa - Mannum (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Monday 23rd of February and return Wednesday 25th
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Mannum to Goolwa) included
 - \$399.00 per person twin share.
- Mannum – Swan Reach (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Friday 20th and return Sunday 22nd of March
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Swan Reach to Mannum)
 - \$399.00 per person twin share.
- Lunch Cruise (3.5 hour cruise)
 - Depart Swan Reach Thursday 26th of March 11:00 return 2:30 pm
 - Lunch included, bar facilities on board
 - \$59.00 per person
- Day Picnic Cruises \$49.00 per person + \$10.00 bus transfer
 - 29th March Swan Reach to Walker Flat
 - 30st March Walker Flat to Mannum
- Mannum – Big Bend and return (4 days 3 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Friday 16th of October and return Monday 19th
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - \$599.00 per person twin share.
- PS Marion Christmas Lunch Cruise (4 hour lunch cruise)
 - Depart 11:00 from Mary Ann reserve and return 3:00. Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th.
 - Includes Christmas fare, buffet lunch \$85.00 per person no BYO. Bar facilities available.

2015 is certainly the year to experience cruising on the Murray on one of our Nation's icons, the PS Marion; lovingly operated and maintained by over 100 volunteers.

The historic paddle steamer "Marion" is a fully restored heritage vessel built in 1897 This vessel is one of the last operational, original, heritage, steam driven; wood fired overnight passenger carrying side paddle steamer remaining in the world!

Don't miss this truly unique Murray River experience!

For further information and detailed itineraries contact Jenny Callander at the Mannum Dock Museum on 85692733 or museum@psmarion.com. Visit our website www.psmarion.com to access full cruise itineraries.

