



MEDIA RELEASE

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NEW DESTINATION AND COUNTRY MUSIC FOR PS MARION IN 2016

The PS Marion will make her way upriver to the magnificent Border Cliffs near the South Australian / Victorian border in August/September 2016.

The 10 day overnight trip to the magnificent iconic cliffs (near Chowilla/Renmark) and return to Berri (bus transfer to Mannum) will also include a Borders Cliffs Customs House Wetland Walk. The trail meanders through a wetland supported by many creeks running through Chowilla Reserve.

Passengers will take in magnificent 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 26th August and coach return to Mannum via Berri 4th September. All meals and activities included for an incredible price of \$1699 per person twin share.

"We are so excited to be making our way to this breathtaking part of the Murray filled with maritime history of years ago" said Rob Bowring, Mannum Dock Museum Chairman.

"This long overnight cruise will be a photographers' delight as we pass through incredible natural backdrops and stopovers will include Wilkadene Brewery, Customs House and Chowilla Station for a woolshed barbecue".

Due to popular demand, a range of lunch cruises are scheduled in support of the Swan Reach Country Music Festival in April and Morgan's Living River Festival in May; enjoy a full day cruising on the Murray! Short cruises and 3 hour lunch cruise featuring live country music for the first time 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.

November 19 & 20th marks the return of the popular All Steamed Up Blacksmith, boat and engine festival. A full event program will be released in the New Year.

2016 Cruise Outline:

- Short 1 hour Cruises – January (Australia Day Weekend), March (Hot Rod Show & Easter Weekend), April (Swan Reach Country Music Festival, Floatfest) May (Floatfest Event) & June (SA Ute & Truck Festival).
 - 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 one hour cruises, Mannum
 - Bar facilities available
 - Devonshire Tea 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)
- Short 1 hour Cruises – accompanied by the PS Oscar W
 - Morgan Living River Festival 14th May
 - All Steamed Up Festival, Mannum 19 & 20th November
 - 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 one hour cruises, Mannum
 - Bar facilities available
 - Devonshire Tea available
 - \$20.00 Adult \$15.00 Concession \$8.00 Children (children under 5 free).
- Mannum to Swan Reach (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Tuesday 19th of April and return Thursday 21st
 - All meals and activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Swan Reach to Mannum) included
 - \$499.00 per person twin share.
- Swan Reach to Mannum (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Swan Reach Sunday 24th of April and return Tuesday 26th
 - All meals and activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Mannum to Swan Reach) included
 - \$499.00 per person twin share.
- Mannum to Morgan (3 days 2 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Wednesday 11th of May and return Friday 13th
 - All meals and activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Morgan to Mannum)
 - \$499.00 per person twin share.
- Lunch Cruises (3 hour cruise)
 - Depart Swan Reach Friday 22nd of April 11:00 return 2:00 pm
 - Depart Morgan Sunday 15th of May 12:00 return 3:00 pm
 - Lunch included, bar facilities on board
 - \$59.00 per person
- Lunch Day Cruises \$69.00 per person (including) bus transfer
 - 18th May Morgan to Blanchetown
 - 19th May Blanchetown to Ngaut Ngaut (Nildottie)
 - 20th May Ngaut Ngaut (Nildottie) to Mannum
- Mannum to Border Cliffs to Berri (10 days 9 nights; coach transfer to Mannum)
 - Depart Mannum Friday 26th of August and return Sunday 4th September
 - All meals and activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Includes coach return to Mannum
 - \$1699.00 per person twin share.

- Berri to Mannum (7 days 6 nights; coach transfer to Berri)
 - Depart Mannum Friday 7th of October and return Thursday 13th October
 - All meals and activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Includes coach transfer to Berri
 - \$999.00 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 3rd & Sunday 4th.
 - Includes Christmas fare, buffet lunch \$85.00 per person no BYO. Bar facilities available.

2016 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.

