



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Marion's last cruise for 2019**

One of South Australia's icons, the PS Marion built in 1897 is offering her last extended cruise for 2019 to coincide with the biennial Morgan Living River event in November.

Volunteer crew members will take you on a 3-day cruise experience through breathtaking Murray River scenery including the tallest cliffs and the longest single bend along the entire length of the Murray River, the iconic Big Bend Cliffs near Swan Reach.

Off boat excursions include a winery stopover at Burk Salter Winery at Blanchetown on the way to Morgan and a guided tour through the Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal site, the ancestral home of the Nganguraku people, on the cruise back to Mannum.

Supported by 150 volunteers, the Paddle Steamer Marion is a fully restored heritage vessel and is one of the last operational, heritage, steam driven, wood fired, overnight passenger carrying side paddle wheelers in the world.

Restored to the 1940's era, you will step back in time and enjoy the mystical journey that many have enjoyed in the past bustling days of river steam travel and trade. The everchanging river landscape as the paddle wheels sing their magnetic song creates a moving background as you relax on the top or middle decks.

All meals are included with homemade bread, sumptuous treats and traditional favorites cooked in the wood oven 'Esse' by Chef Derek who presents an extensive daily menu showcasing renowned culinary talents.

"The Mid Murray Council is extremely fortunate to have such a renowned heritage vessel in our backyard supported by so many volunteers", said Mid Murray Council Mayor Dave Burgess.

“The significance of the Marion’s connection to our Nation’s River trade overflows with the stories the crew share on these cruises”.

“When you step on board, you are welcomed by dedicated and passionate volunteers and instantly feel part of the river landscape”.

Ex Mannum to Morgan departs 13<sup>th</sup> November, 3 days, 2 nights - \$499.00 per person twin share, just in time for the Morgan Living River event to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> cruise ex Morgan to Mannum departing on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 3 days 2 nights, \$499.00 per person twin share [www.psmarion.com](http://www.psmarion.com) or 85692733.

For further information or bookings contact the Mannum Visitor Information Centre on 85691303 or [www.psmarion.com](http://www.psmarion.com).

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