

Renmark

Let's escape reality for a moment...picture you and your family sitting back, aboard a luxurious houseboat immersed in the centre of nature, soaking up the sunshine, hearing the laughter of the nearby kookaburras as they sit in that old gum tree. The splash of the paddle as you kayak the untouched flourishing backwaters of the Murray River or the adrenaline hum as the squeals of laughter echo from behind the boat...At night, its star gazing while the smell of the crackling campfire fills the still air, you're sipping a local red and nibbling on the array of locally grown produce while the family card game is just getting started...Quit dreaming you say? Wrong! Your family houseboat escape in Renmark is calling your name...

If you're ready to recharge, reconnect and simply float away from the hustle and bustle of reality...gather the fam because it's time to hit road, for an easy three hour drive from Adelaide, along the Sturt Highway. As you get that little bit closer.. mallee scrub turns to lush, green, irrigated land that runs as far as the eye can see.. lined with grape vines, almond trees and citrus you'll soon arrive in the picturesque riverside town of Renmark in South Australia, the home of houseboat adventure plus so much more!

After chatting to a friendly local at the Visitor Information Centre, the inspiration for a return trip will already be on the cards as you realise there's so much more to explore. We recommend you allow yourself at least 4-5 days to truly absorb the beauty of Renmark and see all there is to discover.

The Murray River is the heartbeat of our riverside town and you too can enjoy some family river time on a self-paced houseboat holiday! After a detailed operating briefing, you're ready to captain your own river adventure! Renmark boasts the largest fleet in the state, with some of the most modern houseboats on the river at your fingertips. A houseboat holiday is a unique experience, no matter the season...but when you're not donning the captain's hat and cheering "All Aboard!" to the kids...take the opportunity to immerse yourself and the fam in some of the unique historical experiences, sample the extensive craft beverage and local produce, cycle or walk along the accessible paths or say hello to the local wildlife!

Settled in 1887, Renmark was established as the first irrigation colony in Australia by the Chaffey Brothers. Their home, Olivewood Historic Homestead and much of the irrigation infrastructure has stood the test of time. The outdoor Community Museum offers a hands-on opportunity for the kids to learn the history through play and without having to continually "shhh!" or instruct them not to touch!

Time your visit right and enjoy a ride on the historic Paddle Steamer Industry, where you can cruise the majestic Murray, hear the unique sounds of the paddle wheel hit the water, the hiss of steam and see the woodfired boiler being stoked, taking you back to the time when Renmark was a bustling river port.

Our local producers will make tasting your way around Renmark so inviting...with locally roasted coffee, almonds in all flavours, gin amongst the roses, wineries including the regional wine centre & tours from the vine to wine with the winemaker himself. Distilleries producing brandy, gin (and a violet one at that), vodka, rum, ouzo and whisky and our iconic craft brewery set in a historic woolshed on the rivers edge..*Sounds amazing you say, but what about the kids? While you're swirling and sipping, they are kept entertained with many of the venues offering kids their very own tasting experiences, lawn games, nature play zones and more.... We can hear you rejoicing already!*

The richly coloured golden limestone river cliffs are a must see! As you climb the tower and you're presented with the iconic Headings Cliff view, you'll be snapping 'insta' worthy family selfies with the most amazing background!

Keen for a pedal or just a stroll? The popular trails follow the winding river and connect with the nearby township of Paringa. If you're regretting leaving the bikes home, see the team at the Renmark Visitor Centre and hire one! Watch the kids smile as you spot pelicans, kangaroos, fish or maybe even a koala sleeping high up in the trees! When dusk hits, be sure to visit the cheeky possums as they make their way down the trunks of the old palm trees to munch on the pieces of fruit that get left for them daily.

So whether you're packing bikinis or beanies....anytime is a good time for some river time! With all this and so much more, Renmark is the ultimate destination for you and your family to escape reality, recharge and reconnect! Visit discoverrenmark.com.au for more!