

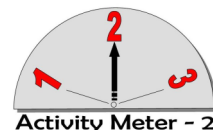


Mississippi River Cruise & More

3 Days: August 14-16, 2012



This travel package planned and escorted by Deb Harkness.



Enjoy the summer breezes of the Mississippi River as we cruise aboard the Celebration Belle Riverboat. We'll make a 100-mile, day-long journey from Dubuque to the Quad Cities, stopping at popular attractions both before and after the cruise in Dubuque and the Quad Cities area.



August 14 we pick up in our scheduled departure cities as we travel towards Dubuque. Our first stop will be the **St. Francis Xavier Basilica** in Dyersville, Iowa. This basilica is one of only 52 basilicas in the United States. We'll have a guided tour of the church. You will be intrigued by all the stunning Gothic architecture and the beautiful display of 64 large stained-glass windows. After lunch, in a popular Dyersville eatery, we're off to Dubuque. Our next stop is a visit to the **Park Farm Winery**. This family-owned winery is located in the rolling hills of the Mississippi River Valley. After a tour of the facility you'll have the opportunity to sample some of your



favorite wines, all while enjoying the panoramic views surrounding the area. After wine tasting we're off to satisfy our sweet tooth at **Betty Jane's Homemade Candies**. Since 1938 Betty Jane's candy store has thrilled patrons with their old-world candy-making traditions. Come see for yourself and pick up some chocolate for that special someone (or for your own chocolate fix!). We'll check into our riverfront hotel at the

Port of Dubuque. The remainder of the evening will be yours to do as you like. Try your luck at the Diamond Jo Casino, located nearby, or possibly take in the National Mississippi River Museum, also within walking distance. Or maybe just a nice dinner in one of the local restaurants is more to your liking, followed by a leisure walk along the Riverwalk.

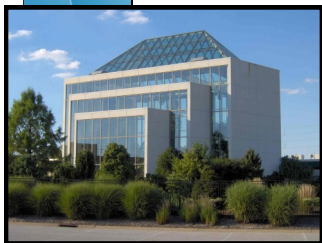


August 15 today's our **cruising day on the Celebration Belle**. Imagine the world of Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn for a full day of fun and adventure. Make the day yours- a learning experience or simply a leisure cruise down the Mississippi. During our **narrated** cruise the captain will point out wildlife, navigate the river, share its history and regale you with tales of the Mighty Mississippi. We also be going through the locks & dams and you'll have a first-hand look at how they work. Our cruise comes complete with 3 fresh meals (**breakfast, lunch and dinner**). Chefs stay busy all day long preparing food right onboard. In addition you'll enjoy music, skits, comedy and more. After we dock we'll check into our Quad Cities hotel. Our hotel tonight is once again on the waterfront. If you wish, you'll have the opportunity to again try your luck, this time at the Isle Casino.



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August 16 after **breakfast** at the hotel we're off to visit a few of the Quad Cities' area attractions. We start our day off with a visit to the **John Deere Pavilion** in Moline, IL. Explore, learn and reminisce. We'll visit the newly-renovated pavilion and share the story of John Deere's ongoing contributions to agricultural development. Next



we'll enjoy a visit to the stunning gardens at the **Quad Cities Botanical Center**. The Tropical Sun Garden boasts one of the nation's most uniquely-designed conservatories. Our visit will be an extra special "Chocolate Tour." This tour takes a closer look at the sweet lure of chocolate. We'll examine the fascinating history of chocolate, follow the chocolate-making process, take a visit to the chocolate tree and then we'll get to taste several tropical-flavored fudges. Mmmm...but save room for lunch. We'll **lunch** at a popular, family-owned restaurant where they serve "the best ice cream around." After lunch we have one

more stop to make before we depart for home. We'll pay a visit to the quaint little **Isabelle**

Bloom Sculpture Studio. The Isabelle Bloom handcrafted sculptures got their start right here in the Quad Cities area. Isabelle Bloom, a local artisan, designed the sculptures using clay excavated from the banks of the Mississippi and fired them in her family hearth. We'll have behind-the-scenes access to every step that goes into the making of this unique sculpture collection. After another fun-filled day it is time to say good-bye to the riverfront and make our way home, taking with us fun-filled memories and new friends made along the way.



Your 3-day Mississippi River Cruise & More package includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 2 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$640 per person, double occupancy

\$626 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$726 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$70 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due by: July 14

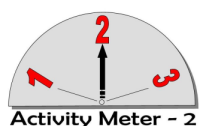
Cancel by: July 14 for penalty-free cancellation

Delayed reservation fee: after July 14, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$25 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo.

When circumstances arise beyond our control, Northland Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



Moderate itinerary - Some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking



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