

# Mississippi River July 8-11, 2025



*Get ready for 4 Days of Summer Fun!*

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## Tuesday, July 8 (Day 1) – Home to Dubuque, IA (D)

As we make our way to Dubuque, we will first stop at the Field of Dreams movie site. It's the feelings that touch you and the memories you recall as you immerse yourself into this field and this farm. Later we will check into our hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner to acquaint ourselves with our new traveling companions.



## Wednesday, July 9 (Day 2) – Dubuque – Cruising to LeClaire, IA (B, L, D)



Our excitement for the day builds as we enjoy breakfast at the hotel. First, we will visit the beautiful Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, a nonprofit organization, that was established in 1980. The 57-acre campus is maintained 100% by volunteers. Their labor of love has created a living museum that symbolizes devotion to the growing things of the earth. Their mission is to establish, preserve, and maintain a place that is a source of information, education, enjoyment, and beauty for all.

Then we will spend a special day aboard the Riverboat Twilight. Since 1985, the Riverboat Twilight has delivered one of the most exceptional cruise experiences in the Midwest. And it's not just a cruise; it's a conduit to reconnection, relaxation, and renewal. Marvel at the majestic Mississippi river while relaxing in style aboard a stunningly replicated



Victorian Riverboat. Allow yourself to be pampered by the Twilight's attentive, informative, and welcoming crew. Delicious meals are prepared on board in the lower galley, while a full bar complete with top shelf liquors provides custom drinks to enhance your experience. The Riverboat Twilight is a family-owned and operated business, with a focus on providing entertaining and quality cruises. The 140-passenger vessel has ample indoor and outdoor seating on all three decks, and wrap-around windows give way to amazing views. This all-day cruise heads south from Dubuque, allowing us to experience towering bluffs, two Locks & Dams, and quaint river towns along the beautiful Mississippi River. Our cruise includes a full lunch, snacks, and dinner as well as historical narration by our captain who has been piloting riverboats for 30 years on the Upper Mississippi River.

## Thursday, July 10 (Day 3) – LeClaire to Fort Atkinson, WI (B, L, D)

Enjoy breakfast before we make our way to Antique Archeology. It's the birthplace of Buffalo Bill. The two-story former fabrication shop is the home base for the American Pickers Show on the History Channel. It now houses some of their best picks and a new merchandise store. After our visit we will stop in Rockford, IL for lunch before checking into our overnight accommodation for the evening.



After a brief stop to freshen up at our hotel, get ready for a wonderful buffet dinner and show at the Fireside Dinner Theatre. Since 1964, the Fireside Dinner Theatre has been the premiere entertainment destination in the Midwest for superb musicals featuring Broadway performers, fine dining, and boutique shops in a one-of-a-kind setting. We will announce the performance we will be seeing as soon as they release it.



**Friday, July 11 (Day 4) – Ft. Atkinson to Home (B)**

Breakfast is served at the hotel before we depart for home. We will make a stop at a Cheese Shop so that everyone has a chance to stock up on Wisconsin cheese.

**Highlights Include:**

- Field of Dreams Movie Site
- Full-Day Cruising Mississippi River (Dubuque to LeClaire)
- Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
- Antique Archeology – American Pickers Home
- Fireside Dinner Theatre
- 8 Meals

**Price Per Person:**

**TBD**

**\$100 Deposit Per Person  
Final Payment Due  
4/18/25**



Personally Hosted  
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*Patty Chmielewski  
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