

River Cruising with Wendinger Travel



July 13 - 19, 2018 • \$1,898 per Person

Itinerary

Friday, July 13

Peoria, IL

Live the dream and explore destinations up and down the river while aboard a riverboat. When you board our deluxe motor coach this morning, prepare to step back to a time when life moved a little slower and riverboats slowly churned the waters. With comfort stops and an included lunch buffet en route, we'll depart Minnesota, drive through our neighboring state of Iowa, arriving this evening at the Hampton Inn located within walking distance of the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino in Peoria, Illinois. The mega-yacht, located on the Illinois River, offers dining, slots, blackjack, craps, poker, and more.

from there our motor coach will transport us to our cozy accommodations at the Pere Marquette Lodge of Grafton, IL.

Saturday, July 14

Springfield, IL

This morning we'll rise early and check in at the Spirit of Peoria Landing, where a hot breakfast buffet is prepared for us. We'll lock through the Peoria Lock & Dam – the second Lock & Dam structure on the Illinois Waterway when heading upstream from the Mississippi River. A noon "Build your own Sandwich" buffet is provided; and a hot dinner buffet is served in the evening. Live musical entertainment, a wine and cheese reception, and professional river lore compliment the excitement of today's excursion. Upon arrival at Meredosia Landing, we'll board our motor coach and travel to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois for our overnight stay.

Monday, July 16

Hannibal, MO

Our motor coach once again transports our group to enjoy breakfast, lunch, an afternoon snack, and dinner aboard the Spirit of Peoria. Enjoy the experience of Lock and Dam 25, which is the third southern-most dam in the system on the Upper Mississippi River. After a full day of taking in the sights while cruising, we'll arrive in Clarksville where our motor coach awaits to drive us to the Best Western Plus in Hannibal, Missouri for our two night stay. The evening is free to wander and explore the town at your leisure.

Sunday, July 15

Grafton, IL

Illinois means Lincoln's Heritage. After breakfast at the hotel, our motor coach will transport us to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum for our morning tour. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum documents the life of the 16th U.S. President, and the course of the American Civil War. Following the

Tuesday, July 17

Hannibal, MO

An early morning hot breakfast buffet is available at the hotel. Our step-on guide will meet us for a city tour of Hannibal; home of the American writer, Samuel Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain. A noon hot lunch buffet, afternoon snack, scheduled entertainment, and dinner is again aboard the Spirit of Peoria. Today we lock through Lock & Dam 24, the first dam on the Upper Mississippi River 9-Foot Channel Project constructed without roller gates. Upon arrival at Hannibal, MO, we'll disembark the riverboat for our evening stay once again at the Best Western Plus. You will have more free time this evening to explore the town or choose from several optional tours which will be suggested later; or simply relax at the hotel.



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

tour, we'll depart for the Spirit of Peoria in Florence, IL. A hot lunch buffet, entertainment, late afternoon snack, and dinner are all included with today's excursion. An approximate 7:30 p.m. arrival at Grafton Landing is expected; and

Wednesday, July 18

Waterloo, IA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will tour the historic properties and museums while visiting Mark Twain's Boyhood Home & Museum, a National Historic Landmark. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is an 1876 novel about a young boy growing up along the Mississippi River. The setting is in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, inspired by Hannibal, Missouri, where Mark



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rooms unless
otherwise specified.**

Indicate tentative pick-up point: ___ New Ulm ___ Hutchinson ___ New Prague

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Twain lived. Before departing Hannibal, we'll enjoy lunch and be entertained with a show at the Historic Star Theatre. This afternoon's drive will continue on to our overnight accommodations at the Isle Casino in Waterloo, Iowa.

Thursday, July 19

Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel while visiting with friends, and then board the motor coach for our drive to the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum which honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa Veterans from the Civil War to present. The Sullivan Brothers were serving on the vessel USS Juneau, during World War II. On November 13, 1942 the light cruiser sank



and all five siblings were killed in action. After a self-guided museum tour, we continue on to Austin, MN for lunch on our own. This afternoon, the new 14,000-square-foot SPAM Museum is excited to share a new, nine gallery interactive experience with SPAM fans! Mid-afternoon we'll head homeward, "canning" our week-long adventure into lasting memories.



GO ON A BOAT RIDE!

General Information:

Tour price: \$1,898.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are \$288 additional charge.

Deposit and Payments:

A deposit of \$200.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by May 1, 2018. Credit cards are not accepted.

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Your Trip Includes:

- 7 Days days round trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Six nights accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Luggage handling
- Breakfast each morning
- Lunch buffet on first day
- Four days of cruising the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers aboard The Spirit of Peoria - including music, entertainment and meals.
- Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum
- Spam Museum - Austin, MN
- Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum
- Mark Twain's Boyhood Home
- Step on guide tour of Hannibal, MO.
- Fully Escorted

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