



# MISSISSIPPI RIVERBOAT CRUISE

September 20-23, 2010

The Mighty Mississippi keeps calling us back! This crowd-pleasing cruise begins in LeClaire, Iowa and takes us on a journey back in time to when steamboats were the fastest, safest and most luxurious transportation in the country. Our riverboat, the *Twilight*, is a replica of the lavish Victorian steamboats of a century ago. Her unique rounded stern and ornate architectural design are reminders of those classic riverboats that Mark Twain called "floating palaces". Fast, elegant, and quiet as she slips through the water, the *Twilight* has three decks with comfortable dining salons, and sundecks with lounge chairs for those who wish to sightsee or snooze in the sun during our two days on board. As the boat winds its way upstream from LeClaire, the river unfolds into many different forms, from shallow marshes teeming with wildlife, to palisades and high cliffs as we approach lead mining country.



During our trip we will discover flocks of pelicans; islands of cormorants, great blue herons and snowy egrets; and the captain will point out interesting sights along the way and explain the procedure of "locking through" as we pass through two series of locks and dams. We are welcome to visit the pilot house, and to enjoy a variety of folk musicians and humorists, and perhaps even an appearance by Mark Twain himself; and also partake in sumptuous lunches and dinners. Capping our first day on board the *Twilight* will be an overnight stay at a riverfront hotel in Dubuque, the oldest city in Iowa. While in Dubuque, we will be within walking distance of the Diamond Jo Casino; and on the morning after we arrive in Dubuque, we will have time to visit the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, shop at the array of appealing shops in Cable Car Square, take a ride on the Fenelon Place Elevator (the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway), or take in the historic sights of Dubuque while touring the town on a quaint trolley. We will reboard the *Twilight* to take in the sights, along with entertainment and activities, on our way back to La Claire, where we will spend the night before returning to Michigan. A camera and/or binoculars are highly recommended.

This cruise requires moderate stair climbing and walking, and dress is casual throughout the tour.

## TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip transportation – Hartzler Motorcoach
- 3 nights lodging: 2 in Moline, Illinois; 1 in Dubuque, Iowa
- 2 days touring aboard the steamboat *Twilight*
- On-board entertainment and activities
- Admission to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
- Shuttle service from our Dubuque hotel to various attractions
- Eight meals: 1 full breakfast; 2 continental breakfasts; 2 lunches and 3 dinners
- Luggage handling
- All taxes and gratuities on included items
- Services of a Hartzler Travel Tour Director



*\*Although unlikely, some items may be subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.*

## COST PER PERSON

Double occupancy per person.....\$7090	Quad occupancy per person..... \$659
Triple occupancy per person.....\$679	Single occupancy per person.....\$852

**DEPOSIT** - \$100 per person reserves your place

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND BALANCE DUE:** July 20, 2010; after this date please call for availability

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TENTATIVE DEPARTURES:

**Motorcoach #1**  
Clare..... 6:30 am  
Mt. Pleasant..... 7:00 am  
Lansing..... 8:20 am

**Motorcoach #2**  
Traverse City..... 6:50 am  
Cadillac..... 7:35 am  
Reed City..... 8:30 am  
Big Rapids..... 8:50 am

- \* Passengers will consolidate into one motorcoach in the Grand Rapids area at approximately 10:00 am
- \* Other pick-up points between Mt. Pleasant and Lansing as needed
- \* Motorcoach pick-up points and routes may be altered depending on registrations
- \* Return to final drop-off approximately 7:00 pm

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**TOUR REGISTRATION FORM – Mississippi Riverboat Cruise, September 20-23, 2010**

Make check payable to: **HARTZLER TRAVEL, INC** (231) 922-4911

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ MI Zip \_\_\_\_\_ PH: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

List Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

From the departure points listed above, I (we) prefer to board the motorcoach in \_\_\_\_\_

Special Lodging Request (not guaranteed)    Smoking \_\_\_\_\_    Non-smoking \_\_\_\_\_    No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

One bed \_\_\_\_\_    Two beds \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with payments to: Traverse City Senior Center, 801 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT CRUISE – September 20-23, 2010

**Day 1 • Monday, September 20, 2010 (D) We gain an hour when we leave Michigan**

Today we will travel to the charming river town of Moline, Illinois, located along the beautiful and mighty Mississippi River. We will spend the night here. We may bring a small carry-on bag onto the riverboat, if we choose. Each of us who brings a small hand-held bag aboard the riverboat is responsible for it.

**Day 2 • Tuesday, September 21, 2010 (CB, L, D)**

We're going rolling up the river! We will board the riverboat *Twilight* at 8:15 am to begin our 166 mile, northward cruise. You are welcome to bring a small carry-on bag onto to the riverboat to carry medications, etc. Sorry! No coolers allowed. A continental breakfast will await us, after which we will have time to enjoy musical entertainment and activities; and to snooze on the sundecks, photograph the river towns and wildlife that we pass, and soak up the scenery. On our way we will discover the Upper Mississippi River Valley, a place that Native Americans, fur traders, and lead miners once called home. Lunch and dinner will be served on board before we arrive mid-evening in Dubuque. We can spend the rest of the evening relaxing in our riverfront rooms, enjoying the splash of the pool and water park at the hotel or working in some recreational gaming at the Diamond Jo Casino, located across street.

**Day 3 • Wednesday, September 22, 2010 (B, L, D)**

There's plenty to see and do this morning along the port in Dubuque. Our adventure along the Big Muddy includes admission to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, which opens at 9:00 am; and where we can get "up close and personal" with native river animals, become barge pilots, and learn about the history of America's most famous river. A free shuttle service will be available to take us to the museum; as well as to the Diamond Jo Casino, the shops and galleries in Cable Car Square; and to the world's steepest, shortest, scenic railway, the Fenelon Elevator. We will board the *Twilight* before noon to make our return trip south to Le Claire, again partaking of lunch, dinner and assorted snacks and great entertainment. Tonight's lodging will again be in Moline

**Day 4 • Thursday, September 23, 2010 (CB) We lose an hour when we re-enter Michigan**

A bright-and-early start will put us on the highway to begin our homeward journey. We should make our first drop-off early this evening.

**Thank you for traveling with Hartzler Travel.**