

## Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

### CRUISING THE ILLINOIS RIVER THROUGH THE ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY FROM PEORIA TO STARVED ROCK LODGE SUN-WED JULY 17-20, 2022

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby-Mayfield, Beachwood, Independence, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky, Toledo-Perrysburg.

Based on the continued success of our Mississippi River Cruises aboard the Twilight Riverboat that cruises from Le Claire to Dubuque, Iowa, we have added a second cruise itinerary several years ago for those who would like an all-new destination and vessel to explore. We will be cruising through the Illinois River Valley aboard the "Spirit of Peoria", a true paddle wheeler, mirroring a Mark Twain-era riverboat, complete with a 21-foot diameter paddle wheel. Entertainment includes live singing, guitar & banjo playing plus a ragtime piano and storytelling. There will be historical information at various towns as well as wildlife sightings.

**SUNDAY** – Peoria, Illinois – We will depart with a coffee break and lunch stop along the way. There will be an afternoon arrival in Peoria, Illinois, with a local dinner included this evening before checking into the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott for the evening. (D)



**MONDAY** – Cruising aboard the "Spirit of Peoria" – We will be boarding this vessel, a paddle wheeler, setting sail just as Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn did, oh so many years ago. We will be greeted with a breakfast on the Main Deck as the Riverboat departs the Peoria dock on our scenic cruise. During the day there will be entertainment and delicious food served by a Chef who takes pride in the meals that he serves, including his prime rib dinner offerings. No one ever "goes hungry" on this cruise.

The "Spirit of Peoria" is an elegant and quiet vessel as she relaxingly cruises 166 miles. It's a richly-appointed Riverboat that features Victorian Steamboat Architecture and three decks with lounge chairs to sightsee or to "catch a snooze" in the sun, being sure to see wildlife.

#### **GREAT DAY! TOURS & CHARTER BUS SERVICE . . . (440) 526-5350 . . . (800) 362-4905**

All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 7 AM and 9 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 7 PM to 9 PM, although this may vary.

This evening we will be staying at the historic Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, Illinois where our luggage will have already arrived and placed in our room. Take advantage of the Lodge's amenities including the indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, lounge and other offerings or, perhaps, enjoy a hike to the Starved Rock Historic Site. **(B, L, D)**

**TUESDAY** – Breakfast is served in the Lodge this morning before you have a “decision to make”. Would you like to join us as we depart for Starved Rock Historic Site or, if you prefer,



enjoy an additional hour of “shut eye” before heading back to the boat? While we had breakfast at the Lodge, you knew that we will be arranging for some light snacks and coffee as you board the boat. Again, there will be entertainment before, and after, our luncheon on the Main Deck. But, to hold you over as with our other river cruise packages, there will also be a late afternoon snack.

Our coach will be waiting for us when we arrive back at the dock in Peoria and will be taking us to the Bloomington-Normal area to check in at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel and to enjoy our dinner at nothing less than at Famous Dave's . . . and you get to select your entrée this evening, on us! Enjoy dinner. **(B, L, D)**

**WEDNESDAY** – After breakfast, we will depart and travel through Illinois and Indiana, with several stops along the way. Midday we will be arriving for our late afternoon dinner at a steak house along the way . . . and you, once again, get to select your entrée. Bon Appetit, or whatever they say in this part of the Midwest! Afterwards we will continue our trip homeward with many fond memories of the hospitality of the Illinois River Valley. **(B, D)**

## **CRUISING THE ILLINOIS RIVER – JULY 2022**

**Package includes 9 meals,  
including two select-your-own,  
& plenty of snacks**

**\$984 per person in a double  
\$969 per person in a triple  
\$954 per person in a quad  
\$1114 per person in single**

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