

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

BLANNERHASSETT ISLAND, CRUISE & TOUR

WED AUG 2, 2023

Departures, as applic: Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood/Orange, Macedonia.

Step back in history as we cruise aboard the *Island Belle*, crossing the Ohio River to Blennerhassett Island near Parkersburg, West Virginia. In the 1790s, Harman Blennerhassett, a wealthy Irish aristocrat who had fled from his native country to escape persecution, had a fabulous Palladian-style mansion constructed on the Island. This magnificent mansion was designed similarly to George Washington's Mount Vernon yet was constructed on a "wilderness island" for Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett. It was luxurious, with interior door hardware made of silver.

A lot of history, and possibly a plot that was undertaken, led President Thomas Jefferson to accuse the owner of plotting treason. While eventually declared innocent, it ruined the lives of those involved and, in 1811, this exquisite mansion accidentally burned down. It was not until 1974 that archaeologists rediscovered the foundations and the mansion has been beautifully re-created to view and tour. The tranquility of Blennerhassett encircles the island with rich plant life, huge trees, and varied wildlife.



This summertime motorcoach package includes ferry service aboard the *Island Belle Sternwheeler*, admissions to the mansion plus a horse-drawn wagon ride and a sit-down meal at an historic rivertown hotel.



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