

Historic Missouri Tour

Join our 4-day tour of Historic Missouri
June 11 - 14, 2017



Our summer motorcoach tour heads down to Missouri to visit the historic towns of Hannibal and Ste. Genevieve! We will enjoy an evening of dancing on a river boat, meet Mark Twain, visit his boyhood homes, and be guided through the French colonial buildings of Ste. Genevieve.

At a Glance:

A 4-day, 3-night tour through Missouri aboard Royal Excursion motorcoach. The tour fee of \$660* includes transportation, lodging, all dinners and breakfasts, most lunches, all admission fees, taxes and gratuities.



Attractions include:

- * Mark Twain River Boat
- * Mark Twain Cave Tour
- * Mark Twain Interpreter
- * Mark Twain Home Museum Complex
- * Dinner and a Classic Movie at the Historic Star Theatre
- * Ste. Genevieve Museum & Colonial Buildings

*Members' price, per person, double occupancy. \$145 single supplement.



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Hannibal and Ste. Genevieve

Day 1 – June 11 (Sunday)

We depart the History Center parking lot in Berrien Springs right at 8 a.m. for Hannibal, Missouri. We will head straight there, arriving between 3 and 4 pm. Don't fret, we will be making a couple of rest stops and one for lunch along the way.

We will keep entertained with a movie on the motorcoach DVD player and win great prizes with some Useless Trivia Games. As always, Cluck the Rubber Chicken will supervise the motorcoach stops.

For this tour we will be travelling in style aboard a Royal Excursion motorcoach. Their coaches are impeccably maintained, their drivers are wonderful, and they're great to work with. The coaches have air-conditioning, wi-fi, comfortable seats, and a bathroom for emergencies (we always make rest stops every 2 to 2 ½ hours).

Dinner this evening will be on the Mark Twain River boat. Bring your dancing shoes because we will enjoy live music and dancing while we cruise into the sunset. Lodging in Hannibal is at the Best Western on the River. As always, our hotel offers a complimentary breakfast in the morning. You can have a hot breakfast or just cereal, or both.

Day 2 – June 12 (Monday)

After breakfast at the hotel we'll depart promptly at 9 a.m. for our cave tour. The Mark Twain Cave is Missouri's oldest show cave and is a national landmark. We will be guided on a 60-minute tour. Though the walkways are smooth, the caves are not wheelchair accessible and there are no steps. Make sure you wear comfy walking shoes and bring a light jacket-even in July the caves remains a cool 52 degrees faerenheit! We will enjoy a hot catered lunch at the cave site winery where we will be joined by a 1st-person Mark Twain interpreter.

After our delicious meal, we will head over to Mark Twain's Boyhood Home Museum Complex. This site



includes Mark Twain's home, the Becky Thatcher House, Huckleberry Finn House, J.M. Clemens Justice of the Peace Office and a museum gallery and interpretive center. In case you haven't seen



enough of Hannibal, we will have the remainder of the afternoon to explore on our own. Or, after such a fun-packed, adventure filled morning, you may want to rest up for our evening at the Star Theatre.

The Star Theatre began as a vaudeville theatre owned by John B. Price in 1906. After forty years, it was sold to Frisina Theaters who remuddled it for some reason. After 11 years, the theatre sat as an empty storefront for a few years and then operated as a bar for 30 years and was destroyed in flooding in 2000. One day before demolition, the theatre was purchased and renovations began. Since 2005, the theatre shows classic movies and has a full restaurant. After our dinner and movie, we will return to our home-away-from home at the Best Western on the River. Make sure you get plenty of rest, for tomorrow we leave extra early!

Day 3 – June 13 (Tuesday)

Now that we've had our fill of Mark Twain to last a lifetime, we will board the bus at 7:30 a.m., bright-eyed-and-bushy tailed! Make sure Kelsey has had some coffee before we leave-she might not be quite herself otherwise! Today we will be touring Ste. Genevieve. Our first stop will be at the welcome center where we can get out, stretch our legs, and tour the facility before our guided tour of the Ste. Genevieve Museum and Colonial Buildings.

Ste. Genevieve is the oldest town in Missouri, being settled in the early 1700's. Charm exudes the village as you will discover excellent preservation of the original log structures surrounded by fenced gardens. We will tour the buildings followed by lunch on your own and an afternoon to venture out alone or with a group.

Dinner tonight will be at the Audubon's Grill & Bar-originally "Hotel Audubon", a two-story structure built in 1903. The name Audubon is inspired by America's famous ornithologist, John James Audubon, who, for a time, worked as an artist and owned a merchant shoppe in downtown Ste. Genevieve.

For our last night in Missouri, we will stay in the Microtel Inn. Rest-up! Tomorrow we will return to Berrien Springs and every day living.

Day 4 - June 14 (Wednesday)

This day will be spent on the road. We leave our Microtel Inn at 9 a.m. to get back to Berrien Springs by 6 p.m. Make sure you bring your camera so you can show your friends and family the fabulous time you had!

Yes! Sign me up for the History Center's Historic Missouri Tour!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

A \$100 per person deposit will reserve your place on the tour. Balance will be due at the reservation deadline, May 20, 2017. Deposits are fully refundable 15 days before departure.

____ Reservations at members' price, \$660.00 per person ____ Reservations at non-members' price, \$710.00*

____ \$145 single supplement* **Join now and take immediate advantage of the members' discount**

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ Please charge \$ _____ to my Visa/Mastercard/Discover

Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

. We cannot refund deposits or payments made after May 26, 2017.

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Join the History Center Today!

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Address: _____ Fax: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

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Historic Missouri Itinerary

Day 1, June 11 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Depart Berrien Springs for Hannibal, MO
12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own en route
3:00 p.m. Check-in at Best Western on the River
6:00 p.m. All-aboard the Mark Twain River Boat
8:30 p.m. Return to Best Western on the River

Day 2, June 12 (Monday)

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Mark Twain Show Caves
9:15 a.m. First group of 20 tour cave
9:30 a.m. Second group of 20 tour cave
10:45 a.m. Meet Mark Twain 1st person interpreter
11:45 a.m. Hot catered lunch at cave site winery (included)
12:45 p.m. Depart for Mark Twain's Boyhood Home
Museum Complex
1:00 p.m. Tour 6-building museum complex
1:30 p.m. Free Time to Explore
5:30 p.m. Dinner and movie at Star Theatre
8:00 p.m. Return to Best Western on the River

Day 3, June 13 (Tuesday)

7:30 a.m. Depart hotel for Ste. Genevieve
10:10 a.m. Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center
10:45 a.m. Guided tour of Museum & Colonial Buildings
12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:45 p.m. Free time to Explore Ste. Genevieve
4:15 p.m. Check-in at Microtel Inn
5:30 p.m. Dinner at Audubon's Grill & Bar
7:00 p.m. Return to Microtel Inn

Day 4, June 14 (Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Berrien Springs, MI
12:00 p.m. Lunch en route
6:00 p.m. Arrive at History Center at Courthouse Square

Questions? Call us at (269) 471-1202
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