

Historic Missouri Tour

Join our 4-day tour of Historic Missouri

April 22-25, 2018



Our spring motorcoach tour heads down to Missouri to visit the historic towns of Hannibal and Ste. Genevieve! We will 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 Cardinal motorcoach. The tour fee of \$675* includes transportation, lodging, all dinners and breakfasts, most lunches, all admission fees, taxes and gratuities.



Attractions include:

- * 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. \$135 single supplement.

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Hannibal and Ste. Genevieve

Day 1 – April 22 (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 5 pm. Don't fret, we will be making a couple of rest stops including 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. Our new mascot, the fluffy teddy bear disguised as a duck will supervise the motorcoach stops.

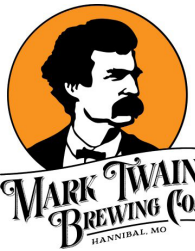
For this tour we will be travelling aboard a Cardinal motorcoach. Their coaches are impeccably maintained, their drivers are wonderful, and they're great to work with. The coaches have air-conditioning, wi-fi, comfortable seats, and a bathroom for emergencies (we always make rest stops every 2 to 2 ½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

Dinner will be at the restored 1909 Star Theatre. The Star Theatre began as a vaudeville theatre owned by John B. Price in 1906. After fourty 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, operated as a bar for 30 years, and in 2000 was destroyed in flooding. One day before demolition, the theatre was purchased and renovations began. Since 2005, the theatre shows classic movies and has a full restaurant.

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 – April 23 (Monday)

After breakfast at the hotel we'll depart promptly at 8:45 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 be joined by a 1st-person Mark Twain interpreter, followed by a hot catered lunch at the cave site winery.

After our delicious meal, we will visit 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 reamainder of the afternoon to explore on our own. Or, after such a fun-packed, adventure filled morning, you may want to rest up before dinner.

Dinner will be at the Mark Twain Brewery. Owned by one of the relatives of the founder of Hannibal, the Brewery seems like a place that Mark Twain himself would have enjoyed. After all, he did say, "Go to heaven for the climate, to hell for the company."

Make sure you get plenty of rest, for tomorrow we drive three hours to Ste. Genevieve.

Day 3 – April 24 (Tuesday)

Now that we've had our fill of Mark Twain to last a lifetime, we will board the bus at 9:00 a.m. Today we will be touring Ste. Genevieve. Our first stop will be at the welcome center where we can get out, stretch our legs, use the rest-rooms, 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 Jacques Guibourd House, Felix State Historic Site, Ste. Genevieve Museum, and the Historic Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church.

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 shope 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 - April 25(Wednesday)

This day will be spent on the road. We leave our Microtel Inn at 9:00 a.m. to get back to Berrien Springs by 6:00 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, March 22, 2018. Deposits are fully refundable 15 days before departure.

____ Reservations at members' price, \$675.00 per person ____ Reservations at non-members' price, \$725.00*

____ \$135 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

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. We cannot refund deposits or payments made after March 22, 2017.

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Join the History Center Today!

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Join our Historic Missouri Tour, June 11-14, 2017

Historic Missouri Itinerary

Day 1, April 22 (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
5:30 p.m. Dinner & Movie at Star Theatre
8:00 p.m. Return to Best Western on the River

Day 2, April 23 (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)
1:15 p.m. Depart for Mark Twain's Boyhood Home
Museum Complex
1:30 p.m. Tour 6-building museum complex
3:00 p.m. Free Time to Explore
5:30 p.m. Dinner at Mark Twain Brewery
8:00 p.m. Return to Best Western on the River

Day 3, April 24 (Tuesday)

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Ste. Genevieve
12:00 p.m. Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center
12:10 p.m. Step-on Bus Guide through Ste. Genevieve
12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:45 p.m. Free time to Explore Ste. Genevieve
2:15 - 5:00 p.m. Guided Tour of Ste. Genevieve
5:15 p.m. Dinner at Audubon's Grill & Bar
7:00 p.m. Check-in, Microtel Inn & Suites, Ste. Genevieve

Day 4, April 25 (Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Berrien Springs, MI
12:30 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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