



## Gladstone Parks & Recreation

### 50+ Travel

# *River Towns & Riverboats*

## September 17-20, 2014

### **Day 1: Wednesday, September 17th**

Dubuque, Iowa is your destination today, with a stop in the Amana Colonies. Settled in the 1850s by members of a religious sect mostly from Germany, the Amana Colonies are seven quaint and closely united villages. You will learn about the area and stop at several unique shops where you'll have an opportunity to sample wine, meats and cheeses. A delicious family-style lunch is included at the Ox Yoke Inn. Later you will depart for Dubuque. Dinner is on your own this evening. Your hotel is the Holiday Inn Dubuque. (Lunch is included today).

### **Day 2: Thursday, September 18th**

This morning you will board the Celebration Belle, the largest luxury excursion vessel on the upper Mississippi River. You will enjoy the beautiful sights along the river as you travel 100 miles downriver going through 3 locks. Your captain will point out and explain many things about the Mighty Mississippi, including the wildlife on the river, navigating on the river, the Lock & Dam systems, the river towns and their people, the history of the river and tales of the river. You will enjoy breakfast, lunch, an afternoon snack and a Prime Rib dinner, as well as activities and live entertainment. You will end your cruise in Moline, Illinois where the bus will be waiting. Your hotel this evening will be Jumer's Casino & Hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today).

### **Day 3: Friday, September 19th**

You will depart Moline and head for Quincy, Illinois. Nestled on the banks of the mighty Mississippi, Quincy is alive with history, architecture, the arts and nature. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at the Pier Restaurant before an afternoon of touring. You will visit Villa Katherine, Built in 1900 on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, it is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is modeled after the Villa ben Ahben in Morocco and has a number of interesting features, including a harem room and a courtyard with an overlooking balcony surrounding a marble mosaic reflecting pool. Next you will experience a guided driving tour of Quincy with a stop at Underbrinks Bakery. This quaint shop is adorned with antique baking tools and containers, the original display cases, antique ovens, refrigerators and gadgets from the 1930's. You will also visit St. Francis Catholic Church, founded in 1860 by Franciscan friars from Germany, St. Francis Parish is still in the care of the Franciscans of Sacred Heart Province. Later, you will depart for Hannibal, Missouri. This evening you will enjoy a dinner cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat. Your hotel this evening is the Holiday Inn & Suites. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today).

#### **Day 4: Saturday, September 20th**

Your day starts with a guided tour of Hannibal, followed by a visit to the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum. Sam Clemens (1835-1910) lived in Hannibal from the age of 4 to 17 before becoming a steamboat pilot, silver miner, journalist, and author. You will tour the historic buildings where he spent his childhood and see unique Clemens family artifacts and 15 original Norman Rockwell paintings of Tom and Huck. The Boyhood Home is designated as a National Historic Landmark. Your next stop is Rockcliffe Mansion, built between 1898 and 1900 in the Georgian Revival Style, it's a massive Gilded-Age grand residence, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The mansion boasts more than 30 rooms, 10 ornate fire places, and many architectural details that can never again be duplicated. Next you will visit the Molly Brown Birthplace, Margaret (Molly) Tobin Brown's birthplace in an original Irish immigrant's cottage that has been restored. Molly Brown was on her way home to Hannibal when the Titanic sank. Learn more about this "Unsinkable" heroine of the Titanic when you visit the place where one of America's most fascinating rags-to-riches stories began. You will have lunch at Ole Planter's Restaurant before starting back to Gladstone. (Breakfast and lunch are included today).

**Per Person Tour Price: Double - \$695.00**  
**Single - \$825.00**

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 9 meals, and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$50.00 will hold space with final payment due August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be issued if participant cancels before the deadline for final payment. After that time, a full refund cannot be guaranteed. It will be at the discretion of hotels, restaurants and attractions. A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any refunds issued.

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