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# Riverboatin'

Take a trip back in time onboard the *Spirit of Peoria Riverboat*. Experience a slower pace with three peaceful days cruising the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers while overnighting at various ports along the river. Learn fascinating river history as told by a Riverlorian, be entertained by old-time banjo playing, ragtime piano and, don't forget, sumptuous food. This is the perfect early summer getaway, so don't miss the boat, sign up today!



June 12-16, 2020

## Vacation Includes

- ✓ Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
- ✓ 4 nights lodging
- ✓ 11 meals (4B 3L 4D)
- ✓ All sightseeing and attractions per itinerary
- ✓ Spirit of Peoria Riverboat cruise
- ✓ All gratuities for baggage handling, drivers. Local guides and Tour Manager
- ✓ Professional Tour Manager

## Tour Fare

- » \$1,335 — Double
- » \$1,528 — Single
- » \$350 Deposit due: **February 14, 2020**
- » Final Payment due: **April 24, 2020**

## Your Itinerary

### Day 1: Springfield, OH – Danville, IL – Peoria, IL

Depart Springfield this morning aboard your private motorcoach for **Peoria, IL**. Enroute, pause for an included lunch in **Danville, IL**. Afterward, enjoy a guided tour of the 12 sites commemorating Abraham Lincoln's 18 years practicing law while riding the 8th Judicial Circuit. "Danville knew Lincoln before they called him "Mr. President" and the city is a designated *Lincoln National Heritage Area*. Arrive in **Peoria, IL** for a one-night stay.



Lincoln National Heritage



Pere Marquette Lodge



Lincoln Museum



The Gateway City

### Day 2: Peoria-Meredosia, IL - Springfield, IL

After breakfast, depart the hotel and board the *Spirit of Peoria*, a full-blown replica of the nineteenth century riverboats. Boasting a traditional wedding-cake style with white decks and a 21-foot diameter red paddle wheel. The ship offers indoor A/C comfort and outdoor relaxation on the deck. You will cruise through two lock and dam systems while enjoying a wine and cheese reception. Stop for the evening in **Meredosia, IL** with an overnight stay at the *President Abraham Lincoln by Hilton Hotel* in **Springfield**. Your amenities include refrigerator, satellite TV, premium bedding, complimentary Wi-Fi, and a fitness center.

### Day 3: Springfield, IL – Grafton, IL

Following breakfast, enjoy an included tour of the *Lincoln Museum*. The museum contains life-size dioramas of Lincoln's boyhood home, areas of the White House and the presidential box at Ford's Theatre. Artifacts include the original handwritten Gettysburg Address, a signed Emancipation Proclamation, Mary Todd Lincoln's music box and wedding dress. Afterward return to the *Spirit* and continue your peaceful journey on the river. Did you know that 60% of our agricultural product and 30% of our petroleum product are delivered via our river

systems? It is the economic lifeblood of the country. A special treat is in store for dinner, the Chefs' prime rib with all the trimmings! Upon arrival in **Grafton, IL** your motorcoach awaits to transfer you to the historic *Pere Marquette Lodge* overlooking the Illinois River. The most unique, hand-made Lodge in Illinois! Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (the CCC) during the Great Depression in *Pere Marquette State Park*.

### Day 4: St. Louis, IL

Depart your hotel this morning for your final voyage aboard the *Spirit* as it enters the mighty Mississippi. You will travel through two more locks, concluding at "The Gateway City", **St. Louis**. Upon disembarkation, board your private coach for a tour of the *Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis*. It took 76 years and dozens of artisans to finish the mosaics by hand with over 41 million pieces! Your final overnight is at the *Drury Inn at Union Station*. Within sweeping archways, fresco and gold leaf detailing, mosaics and glass windows, you'll find your hotel provides a truly elegant experience.

### Day 5: St. Louis – Springfield, OH

A special stop is included before you depart St. Louis for your journey home

**Travel Insurance:** Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium is \$140 per person for double and \$181 for single.

**Refund Policy:** 100% of the tour cost will be refunded on all cancellations made prior to the final payment date. Cancellations made after the final payment date are subject to cancellation fees assessed by hotels, attractions and ground operators if insurance is not purchased.

**USS Tours Membership Requirements:** All those purchasing a USS Tour must have a current United Senior Services Membership. This policy was established to insure fairness and consistency with our members.

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