

Mighty Mississippi River "From Source to Mouth"

Great River Road & Fall Colors

DEPART BEMIDJI, MN
END NEW ORLEANS, LA
1676 TOTAL MILES

Seaplane Flight • Fall Colors
Graceland • Live Broadway Show
Mark Twain • Natchez Trace

PER RV PRICE	2010	2011	2012
TWO PERSON	\$ 5195	\$ 5395	\$ 5595
ONE PERSON	\$ 3695	\$ 3795	\$ 3895
3RD PERSON	\$ 2395	\$ 2455	\$ 2595

Early Bird Discount-8 Months	\$50	\$50	\$50
Frequent Caravan Credits	\$100	\$100	\$100

TOUR DATES	
SEP 28, 2010 TO	OCT 28, 2010
SEP 27, 2011 TO	OCT 27, 2011
SEP 25, 2012 TO	OCT 25, 2012

31-DAY TOUR

TOUR DESCRIPTION

What a fantastic time of the year to traverse the full length of the mighty Mississippi River. The weather is ideal, you enjoy the peak season of Fall Colors and the crowds have thinned out because children are back in school.

The Mighty Mississippi River has always been a backbone of American history and very influential in the growth of this nation. We travel the entire length of this Mighty River from its beginning near Bemidji, Minnesota where it's only a few feet wide and we can actually step across it to the mouth where it dumps into the Gulf of Mexico at mile marker "0" in Venice, Louisiana. As we travel the "Great River Road," we take our time to enjoy the sights and sounds of everything it has to offer. We tour all the river's legends and history along the way. This trip is one exciting adventure you don't want to miss.

We rendezvous and start this exciting adventure with an orientation and welcome party in Bemidji, Minnesota. The following day our chartered motorcoach and naturalist guide takes us on a tour of the Itasca State Park. Here we enjoy the Fall Colors in all of its splendid glory plus visit many interesting sites including a walk across the Mighty Mississippi where this small creek in Minnesota starts its winding journey 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico.

Two days of touring in the Twin Cities take us on a highlights tour of the metro areas including a notorious gangster tour, a sightseeing cruise including Sunday brunch, the Minnesota History Museum, legendary Minnehaha Falls plus dinner and a popular live Broadway show at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.

We are in for a treat when we reach Davenport and the Quad Cities. We enjoy a guided Highlights Tour including the Arsenal at Rock Island plus John Deere Museum and Pavilion. Our third day in Davenport is one you won't forget as we enjoy a bus tour of the Amana Colonies including a family style lunch. On our way back we visit the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library.

Hannibal is Mark Twain country and hometown of Samuel Clemens. We relive his escapades and adventures as we spend quality time in the Historic District, take a sightseeing trolley ride and go on a romantic Mark Twain Riverboat Dinner Cruise complete

with live music and dancing. One evening we enjoy the Mark Twain Dinner and live stage performance featuring the story of Mark Twain and his famous characters in a show entitled "Mark Twain Himself." Two days of bus tours in St. Louis include the Gateway Arch, the Museum of Westward Expansion, Busch Stadium, the Budweiser Brewery and the August Busch Estate where you see the famous "Clydesdale Horses."

Tours in Memphis include many Elvis sites and the famous Sun Studios, "Birthplace of Rock n' Roll." We visit with Mr. Lansky, the man who sold Elvis his clothes, and spend another day at Elvis' Graceland and get to know the man behind the legend on our Platinum Tour which includes the mansion, pink cadillac, two custom jets, vintage vehicles and museum.

Tours of Vicksburg and Natchez include the famous battlefield, historic Cedar Grove Mansion, Longwood Mansion and an exciting Horse and Buggy tour.

We travel the famous "Natchez Trace" and "Great River Road" to New Orleans. Our tour of the "Big Easy" includes a guide who tells you interesting stories about the history and highlights you have heard or read about. We visit Mardi Gras World via a behind the scenes tour of the world's largest float building operation. We experience fun, food and folklore as we watch our hilarious Cajun/Creole Chef prepare traditional New Orleans dishes at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Afterward we enjoy the dinner our chef prepared.

Last, but not least, we take a bus deep in Cajun Country to Venice, the site of mile

marker "0" and the location where we enjoy a flight over the Delta and actual Mouth of the Mississippi River in a seaplane. This is followed by a fantastic farewell gourmet luncheon and tour at the famous Woodland Plantation. This plantation is pictured on the Southern Comfort bottle.

Come! Join us on the "Great River Road" from its beginning to end and enjoy a very unique trip.

Note: 2010 trip has a free day in Davenport instead of Memphis.



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- ✓ Standard Features (See Page 3)
- ✓ RV Park Fees & Commemorative Tour Pins

DAY 1 - 2 Bemidji, MN

- ▶ Orientation, Briefing & Welcome Party
- ▶ Naturalist Guided Bus Tour Including Lunch (Day 2)
- ▶ Itasca State Park
- ▶ Fall Colors Tour
- ▶ Walk Across Mississippi River at its Source

DAY 3 Brainerd, MN

DAY 4 - 7 St. Paul, MN

- ▶ Chanhassen Live Broadway Show & Dinner Theater
- ▶ "The Gangster Tour" (Guided Bus Tour) (Day 5 in AM)
- ▶ Wabasha Street Caves Tour
- ▶ Federal Court House Tour
- ▶ Minnesota History Museum
- ▶ Guided Twin Cities Area Highlights Tour (Day 5 in PM)
- ▶ Capitol Building & St Paul Cathedral
- ▶ James J Hill Mansion (Photo Op)
- ▶ Minnehaha Water Falls
- ▶ "Sunday Brunch Cruise" on Mississippi River
- ▶ Free Day to Visit "Mall of America"

DAY 8 Prairie du Chien, WI

- ▶ Free Time to Visit Cabela's or Historic Red Wing, MN

DAY 9 - 11 Davenport, IA

- ▶ National Mississippi River Museum (En route)
- ▶ "Quad Cities" Highlights Bus Tour (Day 10)
- ▶ Arsenal at Rock Island
- ▶ Rock Island Museum
- ▶ John Deere Museum & Pavilion
- ▶ Amana Colonies Bus Tour (Day 11)
- ▶ Amana Colonies Heritage Museum
- ▶ Family Style Lunch at the Ronneburg Restaurant
- ▶ Amana Woolen Mill
- ▶ Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Tour

DAY 12 - 14 Hannibal, MO

- ▶ Sightseeing Trolley Tour (Day 13)
- ▶ Tom Sawyer & Becky Thatcher "Meet & Greet"
- ▶ Mark Twain's Historic Home, Museums & Buildings
- ▶ Mark Twain Riverboat Dinner Cruise with Live Music & Dancing

- ▶ Mark Twain's Dinner & Live Stage Show (Day 14)

DAY 15 - 18 St. Louis, MO

- ▶ St. Louis Area Bus Tour (Day 16)
- ▶ Forest Park & Tower Grove Park (1904 World's Fair)
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Busch Stadium Tour (St. Louis Cardinals)
- ▶ Budweiser Brewery Tour
- ▶ St. Louis Area Bus Tour (Day 17)
- ▶ "August Busch Estate" (Grant's Farm)
- ▶ Clydesdale Horses
- ▶ Gateway Arch & Tram Ride
- ▶ Museum of Westward Expansion

DAY 19 - 22 Memphis, TN

- ▶ Elvis' Graceland "Platinum Tour Package" (Day 20)
- ▶ Memphis City & Area Bus Tour (Day 21)
- ▶ St Jude's Childrens Research Center
- ▶ Peabody Hotel Ducks
- ▶ Lunch at "Arcade Restaurant" (Where Elvis ate in 50s)
- ▶ Sun Studios Guided Tour
- ▶ Lorraine Motel - (Where Martin Luther King was Shot)
- ▶ Beale Street & Cotton Row
- ▶ Mississippi River Museum at Mud Island (Day 22)

DAY 23 - 24 Vicksburg, MS

- ▶ Guided Vicksburg Bus Tour (Day 24)
- ▶ Vicksburg Battlefield Museum & Film
- ▶ Guided Vicksburg National Military Park Tour
- ▶ Historic Downtown & Old Corner Drug Store
- ▶ Cedar Grove Mansion

DAY 25 - 26 Natchez Trace, MS/Vidalia, LA

- ▶ Natchez Trace Scenic Drive
- ▶ Horse & Buggy Narrated City Tour
- ▶ Longwood Antebellum Mansion Tour
- ▶ Optional Isle of Capri Casino

DAY 27 - 31 New Orleans, LA

- ▶ Comprehensive New Orleans City Bus Tour (Day 28)
- ▶ Mardi Gras World (Watch them Build Floats)
- ▶ French Quarter Walking Tour
- ▶ Jackson Square
- ▶ Garden District & St. Charles Avenue
- ▶ New Orleans School of Cooking Including Dinner

Venice, LA

- ▶ Round Trip Bus Tour to Venice, LA (Day 30) (Mississippi River Mouth Location)
- ▶ Seaplane Flight Over Mouth of River & Delta
- ▶ Farewell Gourmet Luncheon at Woodland Plantation
- ▶ Woodland Plantation Tour & Video (This is the Plantation Pictured on Southern Comfort Bottle)
- ▶ Hitch-up Continental Breakfast, Hugs & Good-byes