



Utica - Peoria - Springfield - Hannibal

Spirit of Peoria with Starved Rock Lodge Mississippi & Illinois River Cruise



June 23 - 28, 2022 (6 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



3 Days of Cruising on the Spirit of Peoria Paddlewheeler

Overnight Lodging on Land

Sumptuous Meals on board including Prime Rib Dinner

Professional River Lore/Storytelling

Old-fashioned Hospitality

Unlimited Complimentary non-alcoholic Drinks

Historical Information

Wildlife Sightings

Indoor Comfort & Outdoor Relaxation

Live Entertainment including Old-time Banjo & Ragtime Piano

Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

Star Union Spirits Distillery Tour

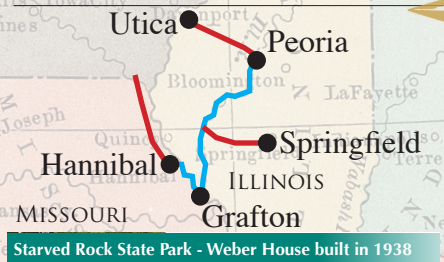
Starved Rock Trolley Tour

Westclox Museum

Mule-pulled I&M Canal Boat Ride

Weber House & Gardens

MAP AT A GLANCE



Starved Rock State Park - Weber House built in 1938

Grab a seat & take in the lovely view!



Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum



Game time!



Day 1 - Home to Utica, IL

Well, do we have an adventure for you! Today we'll travel to the rustic comfort of Starved Rock Lodge, the only lodging located in beautiful Starved Rock State Park. Enjoy a distillery tour & tasting at Star Union Spirits as well as a welcome dinner!

Included Meals: Welcome Dinner

Hotel: Starved Rock Lodge

Day 2 - Utica to East Peoria, IL

This morning we board a trolley at the Lodge's Great Hall for a historic tour with stops including Starved Rock Park Visitor Center, through historic downtown Utica, and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center. Then we tour the Westclox Museum to learn the history of the Western Clock Company who started "Waking Up America" in 1885! Next we'll take a journey back in time to the mid-1800's as we coast gently down the I&M Canal on a mule-pulled 1840's replica canal boat. Our period dressed guide will regale everyone with tales of the canal, while the deck hand, mule tender & boat captain guide the boat one mile up the canal to the Little Vermillion aqueduct and back. Kick back with mimosas at the Boat Captain's Luncheon, courtesy of the Lock 16 Cafe. Afterwards, we venture into the whimsical world of Ted Weber with his storybook-style house and over two acres of stunning English Gardens, complete with fountains, statues, and other ornamental features. This fun-filled day trip is the perfect way to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine! Then we travel to the riverfront town of Peoria, best known for being the boyhood home of author, Mark Twain. This evening we check into the Stoney Creek Hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Stoney Creek Hotel

Day 3 - Spirit of Peoria Cruise: Peoria to Springfield, IL

This morning we board the Spirit of Peoria Paddlewheeler and enjoy a hot breakfast buffet on the Main Deck. Our cruise begins as we travel through the Peoria Lock & Dam. Be sure to make your way to the Boiler Deck for entertainment throughout the day that will include: live piano, vocal, guitar/banjo music and professional river lore, as we cruise along the Illinois River. Feel free to bring your lunch to the Texas Deck to enjoy the passing scenery with the open-air seating. This afternoon join your fellow travelers on the Boiler Deck for a Wine and Cheese Reception. Before we arrive in Meredosia, enjoy dinner on board. This evening we will be staying at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, IL.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Wine & Cheese

Hotel: Abraham Lincoln Hotel

Day 4 - Spirit of Peoria Cruise: Springfield to Grafton, IL

This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we tour the impressive Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. We then board the Spirit of Peoria, in Florence, for another day filled with scenery and fun! Lunch, afternoon snacks, and dinner will again be served on board today with entertainment throughout the day. Tonight we disembark in Grafton and our overnight stay is at the Pere Marquette Lodge. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1930's, the Lodge is situated in Pere Marquette State Park, which is Illinois' largest State Park.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks

Hotel: Pere Marquette Lodge

Day 5 - Spirit of Peoria Cruise: Grafton to Hannibal, MO

This morning we board the Spirit of Peoria and have a hot breakfast. Our cruise today starts at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers and will be a northbound trip up the Mississippi

to Clarksville, MO. After some morning entertainment, we lock through Lock & Dam 25. Again, enjoy the scenery, meals, and snacks aboard the Spirit of Peoria. Tonight we will check into our hotel in Hannibal.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks

Hotel: Best Western Plus

Day 6 - Hannibal to Home

After breakfast at the hotel, we will continue back to Minnesota, recalling grand memories of our Spirit of Peoria cruise!

Included Meals: Breakfast



Like this barge, we will traverse through Lock & Dam 25!



2021 R&J Group



See Mary Lincoln's dresses!



2022 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	June 23 - 28, 2022 (6 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,099 Double \$2,029 Triple	\$2,449 Single \$1,979 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	13 Meals, Dessert, Wine/Cheese Reception Plus Snacks; Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit p/p at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$149 Double p/p	\$149 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$35 Travel Bucks p/p earned on this Tour	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	

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