

River Cruises - USA



Explore Hidden Gems and History on the Scenic Ohio River Cruise!

9 Days | 8 Nights

Louisville, KY

Tour Operates: July to August 2025

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This tour is not customizable.

Discover the magic of the Ohio River on a cruise that takes you from the historic streets of Louisville to the vibrant cityscape of Pittsburgh. Immerse yourself in the beauty of serene riverbanks, uncover local histories, and enjoy delightful onboard experiences. From the flavors of Cincinnati chili to stories of early pioneers, each day is filled with new discoveries and shared moments. Ready for an adventure that inspires and relaxes?

Join us for an unforgettable river journey — book today!



Highlights

- Experience the joy of exploring historic towns and uncovering hidden gems along the river.
- Enjoy tranquil moments while cruising and soaking in panoramic river views.
- Dive into local culture, from tasting unique regional dishes to learning about local heroes.
- Deepen your knowledge of America's history through engaging tours and museum visits.
- Share unforgettable experiences with loved ones, strengthening family connections.
- Join a community of like-minded travellers who share your love for discovery.

Reserve your spot today for a memorable Ohio River journey filled with discovery and delight!

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Includes:

- ✓ 8-night's passage on the ship.
- ✓ A selection of shore excursions
- ✓ Dining services, snacks, and complimentary cocktail parties.
- ✓ Onboard entertainment.
- ✓ Gratuities aboard the ship.
- ✓ Taxes.

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Day 1 – Arrive at Louisville, KY.

Perched on the banks of the Ohio River, Louisville boasts a fascinating history of river commerce and celebration. The town, once centered around the treacherous Falls of the Ohio, now showcases the "Belle of Louisville," a historic steamboat still plying the waters. After check-in, travellers are free to wander and experience Louisville's dynamic atmosphere, filled with stories of its river past and lively present. Enjoy your trip!

Day 2 – Discover the Ohio River: Begin with a Friendly Reception and Peaceful Cruise

Highlights

- Start with a cheerful Welcome Reception to meet fellow travellers.
- Marvel at the picturesque scenery of the Ohio River while cruising.
- Unwind on deck, enjoying the calm river and stunning landscapes.

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- Embrace a relaxing afternoon, filled with river views and serenity.

Board the ship to a cheerful Welcome Reception, where meeting new friends is the first highlight of your journey. As the ship sails along the serene Ohio River, guests can unwind while admiring the scenic riverbanks. The calm waters and gentle breezes create a relaxing atmosphere, making this day a perfect start to a delightful cruise.

Day 3 – Discover Cincinnati’s Charm: Bridges, Gardens, and Local Flavors Await

Highlights

- Arrive in Cincinnati under the dramatic bridges that span the Ohio River.
- Immerse in the city’s rich culture with its museums, theatres, and unique architecture.
- Visit the Krohn Conservatory and St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica for scenic beauty.
- Delight in a taste of Cincinnati’s local favourites, from chili to historic ice cream.

Arriving in Cincinnati, guests are greeted by the stunning sight of bridges spanning the Ohio River, a fitting introduction to the "Queen City." Known for its vibrant culture, Cincinnati offers an array of attractions, from major sports franchises to the delightful zoo and botanical gardens. Visitors can explore theaters, museums, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Strolling through its charming streets, guests can admire the city's eclectic architecture and enjoy local delicacies like Skyline Chili and Graeter's ice cream.

Day 4 – Discover Maysville’s Secrets: From River Adventures to Historic Legends

Highlights

- Arrive in the charming town of Maysville, beautifully set on the hillside by the Ohio River.
- Discover its rich history with tales of the Underground Railroad and Harriet Beecher Stowe.
- Learn about local explorers like Simon Kenton and beloved hometown star Rosemary Clooney.
- Enjoy a glimpse into the past as you explore a town steeped in American heritage.

Upon arrival in Maysville, guests will see a quaint town filled with American history and nestled against the hillside. This historic town was a key location for the Underground Railroad, offering a safe passage for runaway slaves. Visitors will discover how Harriet Beecher Stowe’s time in Maysville inspired her novel, "Uncle Tom’s Cabin," and learn about local legends such as Simon Kenton and Rosemary Clooney, creating a memorable experience steeped in stories of courage and culture.

Day 5 – Enjoy the Tranquillity: Cruise Along the Ohio River’s Historic Landscapes

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Highlights

- Sail the Ohio River and take in the stunning views of greenery and small towns.
- Enjoy enriching onboard experiences, from historical talks to interactive sessions.
- Relax on deck and absorb the serene charm of the river's quiet waters.
- Feel the rhythm of the river as it leads you through landscapes full of history.

The day of cruising along the Ohio River offers guests a chance to immerse themselves in the tranquil beauty of the heartland. The riverbanks reveal a landscape of greenery and small, picturesque towns, perfect for viewing from the top deck. Enriching onboard activities, such as historical talks and engaging discussions, enhance the journey. The calm flow of the river adds a soothing rhythm to the day, with each mile travelled unveiling another chapter in the river's enduring story.

Day 6 – Step Back in Time: Explore Historic Marietta, Ohio's First Settlement

Highlights

- Experience Marietta, a charming town with a history that dates to 1788.
- Explore districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Discover its role as the first settlement in the Northwest Territory.
- Listen to stories that bring its rich past to life from "The Pioneers."

Visitors arrive at a charming town nestled where the Muskingum River meets the Ohio River. This town, with its five National Register Historic Districts, boasts buildings dating back to its founding in 1788. Guests can explore the first settlement in the Northwest Territory, uncovering stories of its early days. Tales from Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough's book, "The Pioneers," bring the town's rich history to life, offering a deep connection to America's past.

Day 7 – Journey to the Past: Discover Moundsville's Ancient Heritage and Scenic Beauty.

Highlights

- Explore Moundsville, a historic town along the Ohio River with deep cultural roots.
- Discover the largest conical burial mound in North America, built over 2,000 years ago.
- Learn about the Adena Indian mounds that gave the town its name.
- Enjoy the serene beauty of Moundsville's landscapes and charming neighbourhoods.

Set along the scenic Ohio River, Moundsville in West Virginia is a town steeped in history. Known for its remarkable Adena Indian burial mounds, constructed over 2,000 years ago, it boasts the largest conical burial mound in North

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America. Visitors can explore the town's quaint neighbourhoods and serene landscapes, where every corner holds a story from the past, blending heritage with the promise of an exciting future.

Day 8 - Journey Through Pittsburgh's Past: A Riverfront Tale of Industry and Innovation.

Highlights

- Dock at Pittsburgh, where the majestic Ohio River begins its journey westward.
- Discover how this city became a vital hub for national and international commerce.
- Hear about influential figures like Heinz and Carnegie who made Pittsburgh their home.
- Marvel at the stunning river views and hillsides that inspired early American explorers.

Pittsburgh welcomes guests at the historic confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, marking the beginning of the Ohio River. Renowned for its steel industry, this city flourished as a centre of commerce in the 18th and 19th centuries. Visitors can hear the stories of famous Americans like Heinz and Carnegie. As the ship moves onward, the charming hillsides provide a stunning backdrop, capturing the spirit of exploration that once marked Pittsburgh as the young nation's gateway to the West.

Day 9 - Farewell Breakfast in Pittsburgh: Share Stories, Savor Moments, and Head Home.

Begin the final day with a delicious breakfast on board, surrounded by the tranquil waters of the Ohio River. This peaceful moment offers a perfect chance to look back on the many adventures experienced and the wonderful memories created. As guests prepare for their journey home, they can cherish the new friendships made and the unforgettable moments shared during this remarkable cruise.

End of your Ohio River Cruise.

Tour Departures

2025
04 July 2025
11 July 2025
18 July 2025
25 July 2025

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01 August 2025
08 August 2025
15 August 2025

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals outside of the cruise.
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. Stars & Maple Holidays sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for Guides (expected).
- × Fares do not include all shore excursions.

American Riverboat – American Melody

Experience luxury like never before aboard the American Riverboat.

Each spacious stateroom offers all the comforts of a modern hotel, featuring full-size bathrooms, private balconies, and expansive picture windows for breathtaking views. With interior entrances and floor-to-ceiling glass doors, guests can enjoy uninterrupted panoramas from the privacy of their rooms.

The riverboat's stunning four-story glass atrium and diverse dining options, both indoors and outdoors, promise memorable culinary experiences. Stay active in the state-of-the-art fitness center or unwind in one of the multiple lounges. The crowning jewel is our top deck Skywalk, providing an unmatched vantage point for soaking in the majestic river vistas.

Deposit & Payment Policy

- On trips of 9 nights or less - A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation.
- On trips of 10 nights or more - A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation.
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to the sailing date.
- Any reservation made within 90 days of the departure date must be accompanied by full payment and is subject to Cancellation Terms.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- Up to 91 days – 100% refundable
- 90 – 46 days – 50% refundable
- 45 – sailing date – Nill refund
- Cancellation Administrative Charge of \$500.00 per person will be applied to all refunds in the table above.
- You may request changing your cruise itinerary or departure date up to 91 days before the scheduled sailing. Cruises may not be changed within 90 days of sailing. All changes will incur a \$250 per person administrative fee and will be subject to fare increases - if applicable.
- In the case of Non-performance of Cruises: If the Cruise Lines, Inc. cancels your cruise, or delays your cruise for more than 3 calendar days, and you do not accept an alternative cruise or choose not to travel on a delayed cruise, you are entitled to a refund of cruise fare and charges for accommodations, services and facilities (including port fees, taxes and other ancillary charges paid to the carrier relation to your cruise) for the cancelled or delayed cruise.

FAQ

- **How many guests does the cruise ship accommodate?** The Cruise Lines' ships are small and intimate and only carry between 90 and 180 guests.
- **Is your cruise all-inclusive?** It includes all shipboard meals, entertainment, tips and gratuities, alcohol, and other port charges and fees in the price of the cruise. Many shore excursions are also included in the cost of the cruise.
- **Are all meals included?** Your cruise is all-inclusive including all meals and snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from soft drinks and water to coffee and tea.
- **Are excursions included in the cruise fare?** The cruise has three categories of excursions: Featured, Premium, and Signature. Featured excursions are included in your cruise fare and there is at least one included in each port of call on cruises on the Mississippi River, Columbia & Snake Rivers, and in Alaska. Premium excursions typically cost between \$10 and \$99 per person, and Signature excursions are exclusive experiences for only very small groups of guests. These can be fishing charters, flight-seeing tours, and kayaking excursions, or farm-to-table culinary experiences, and are \$100 or more.
- **What should I pack for my cruise?** It is recommended that you wear casual sportswear during the day including comfortable walking shoes, windbreaker, hat, sunscreen, rainwear and umbrella, and a jacket or sweater for cool evenings. Casual country club attire is recommended in the evenings and for dinner. Staterooms are 110-volt household current and offer USB ports. Please remember to bring your own phone charger and photo identification.

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- **Is there a dress code requirement?** Casual resort attire is recommended both on the ship and ashore. For dinner, men's clothing might include a sports shirt and slacks, with a sports coat or sweater. Women can wear dress, or a top and slacks. We ask that you dress appropriately as if you were going out for a nice dinner.
- **Is there a luggage limit?** There is no restriction placed on luggage. However, it is recommended that you bring as few bags as necessary. Suitcases less than 10 inches high may be stowed under your bed.
- **When should I plan to arrive for boarding?** Cruises depart at 2:00 p.m. or earlier if all guests have arrived. Guests may board between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Guests are recommended to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Crew members will carry your luggage to your stateroom.
- **How early can I disembark the ship?** On most cruises, the ship arrives at the port of disembarkation the evening before the last day of the cruise. The morning of disembarkation, breakfast is provided, and guests may stay on board until 8:30 a.m.
- **What amenities are available in the staterooms?** Your cruise staterooms, most at more than 300 square feet, are by far the largest in their class. The majority of staterooms have spacious private balconies and feature a roomy private hotel-like bath and a large, opening picture window, allowing you spectacular up-close views of landscape, ports, river and sea. Each stateroom is tastefully designed with your comfort and convenience in mind and includes the following amenities: Twin or King-sized bed, twice-daily stateroom service, individual climate control system, spacious closet and four-drawer dresser, dual night tables, alarm clock, writing desk & stationery, remote-controlled satellite TV, USB ports and mini-refrigerator, in-room single serve coffee brewer (with coffee and tea pods), shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap and hair dryer (with grab rails in every bathroom).
- **Is there cellular service on board?** Cell phones can be utilized on board, but service is not always available and can be spotty depending on weather and location and can also vary depending on your service provider.
- **Is there TV and Internet on board?** All ships are equipped with satellite TV. TV service can be intermittent, particularly in remote areas. Internet Wi-Fi service on all ships is powered by Star link.
- **Are the ships accessible for those with disabilities?** The cruise company is committed to providing guests with a safe, secure, and comfortable cruising experience. Please see Vessel Accessibility under General Information for more information.
- **Is there an elevator on board?** The ships are also equipped with an elevator for ease of movement between passenger decks.
- **Can you smoke aboard the ship?** Smoking is only allowed in designated areas on the ships. Please note that smoking is strictly prohibited in staterooms and on private balconies.

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- **What is dining like aboard the ships?** Your cruise offers open seating at every meal in the spacious dining room, a great time to share your experiences with companions and build new friendships. Carefully selected fresh seafood, meats, and produce are often purchased in the regions we visit, allowing your chef to highlight the cuisine with local flavour.

You are also provided with complimentary wine and beer during lunch and dinner service. A complimentary cocktail hour with full bar is hosted each evening before dinner. Soft drinks, coffee/tea, water, and snacks are available 24 hours a day.

- **Can you accommodate special dietary requests?** The cruise company will work to cater to any special dietary needs you may have. Submit your special dietary requirements within the Guest Information Form found in your personalized online cruise portal. Refrigeration is available to store insulin or other medications requiring protection.
- **What common spaces are on board?** Your cruise features various oversized lounges aboard each of its ships, including internet stations and a well-stocked library. Many decks are available to guests, including a lounge deck and observation deck. Binoculars, guides, and additional reading materials are available throughout the ships.
- **Is there fitness equipment on board?** Yes, your cruise features new state-of-the-art fitness equipment in a designated exercise area aboard every ship. For exact details on the equipment available on your ship, please call your Cruise Specialist.
- **What onshore excursions are offered and how do I sign up?** Each of our small ships provides a genuine and customized exploration of areas inaccessible to large ships and crowds, allowing us to explore small towns in the most meaningful way possible. There are typically two to four excursion options at each cruise port that cater to a range of different interests and activity levels. Excursions range from educational experiences in partnership with local museums to active adventures that include ATV rides and kayaking. Every excursion is led by a local guide and accompanied by professional team member who is always available to assist.

We have taken steps to make the sign-up process as simple as possible. Guests receive a link to a personalized online cruise portal 90 days prior to embarkation date. There, guests can access valuable documents and information about their cruise. 60 days prior to embarkation, guests may pre-reserve their shore excursions in their personalized online cruise portal.

- **What entertainment options are on board?** To further enhance your cruising experience, your cruise has various forms of entertainment from onboard entertainers to local experts and historians with knowledge of American history, ecology, and the local culture. There are activities, lectures, presentations, and discussions that bring each region to life. Depending on the itinerary, onboard activities include Art Classes, App-titude Classes (Tech Made Easy), Cooking Demonstrations, Fitness, Trivia and more.

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- **If a medical emergency or incident happens, how quickly can we get ER care and to a local medical facility?** The cruise company has relationships with law enforcement agencies, local transportation companies, and medical service providers that put emergency services within close reach of our ships, whether underway or in port. Our health and safety protocols combined with our state and local partnerships enable us to provide safe travel experiences in more than 35 states across America. Our fleet of domestic ships travel U.S. waterways and only visit U.S. ports with ready access to medical and emergency services. We do not leave sight of land and do not clear customs or immigrate into the U.S. to dock our ships.
- **What medical care does the Cruise Line have on board?** Each ship carries a first responder and has defibrillators and oxygen. These individuals can identify and stabilize a situation for transport ashore. If medical treatment beyond the capability of the crew is required, shipboard personnel will arrange transportation and remain in contact with the patient.
- **Is there a ship cleaning policy?** The cruise company cleans staterooms daily and has regular sanitation schedules for all common spaces, with particular emphasis on high-touch areas. Hand sanitizer is available in multiple areas throughout the ship and at the gangway. Cleaning and sanitation policies are designed to limit the spread of germs. Masks and gloves are available to guests and crew upon request.
- **Is there Vessel Accessibility?** The Cruise Lines small vessels are designed to accommodate all guests while meeting United States Coast Guard construction standards. We strongly encourage guests to inform their Cruise Specialist of specific travel requirements and if they may require an accessible stateroom or other accommodation. Specific accessibility requests must be made at time of booking. Guests may inform their Cruise Specialist at the time of booking if they are traveling with any mobility equipment to ensure we can provide a stateroom that best accommodates their specific need. Advance notification allows for the crew to prepare for guests' arrival.

All vessels in the Cruise Lines fleet have designated accessible staterooms available. These rooms are based on need and are booked on a "first come, first served" basis. American Riverboats, Patriot Class, Coastal Cats, and Constellation Class vessels are equipped with two modern elevators that can accommodate mobility devices. The Cruise Lines vessels are designed to operate on shallow waters and dock at small facilities. The crew is trained in the use of boarding transfer chairs and guests are transferred from the dock to the vessel in the transfer chair.

Passengers must bring and be solely responsible for any necessary items related to all medical conditions or mobility challenges. Guests who are unable to care for their basic needs (e.g. dressing, eating, moving from wheelchair to seating and/or from seating to wheelchair or standing and attending safety drills) must have a capable traveling companion.

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- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – Stars & Maple Holidays, our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. Stars & Maple Holidays is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

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