

Tom's Christian Tours

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Cruisin' the Mighty Mississippi

July 28-31 and August 11-14, 2025

\$1150 per person with double occupancy

Day One – Monday, July 28 or August 11 (L)

Today we'll begin our summertime tour as we look forward to relaxing days on land and water. Our first stop is near Janesville at the **Fermenting Cellars Winery**, where wines are made with several old family recipes. We will enjoy some **wine tasting, entertainment, and an included lunch**. Our travels continue toward the Mighty Mississippi. We will stop in downtown Moline, IL to experience the history and innovation of John Deere at the **John Deere Pavilion**. Anything "John Deere" can be found at the gift shop also located at the Pavilion. We will cross the Mississippi River to enter Iowa where dinner is on your own. There are several restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel. **Night in Davenport, IA.**

Day Two – Tuesday, July 29 or August 12 (B,L,D)

Get ready for a two-day cruise on the Mighty Mississippi!!! We are in for quite a treat. After an **included breakfast** at the hotel, we will head to Le Claire for our cruise on the **Riverboat Twilight**. Our cruise will navigate northward to Dubuque, IA. As we spend the day on the riverboat, be ready to enjoy the following: narration about the history of the river and river towns along the way, pass through two locks, a morning snack, a **plated lunch**, afternoon entertainment with live music, afternoon snack, and a **plated dinner**. We will arrive in Dubuque about 6:00 p.m. Included this evening is a **historical trolley ride** around the Dubuque area. Our accommodation this evening is at the historic and beautiful **Hotel Julien**. Our luggage will be waiting for us in our rooms. The remainder of the evening can be spent as you please. **Night in Dubuque, IA.**

Day Three – Wednesday, July 30 or August 13 (B,L,D)

After an **included breakfast** at the hotel, you will have some time to explore Dubuque, A couple block walk from the hotel is the Fenelon Place Elevator, Dubuque's historic cable car. For a small admission, you can ride to the top and view the Mississippi River and three states from the top of the bluff. Shuttles will be running to get you right to the **National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium** using your complimentary admission ticket. This beautiful Smithsonian affiliated museum explores the history, culture, and wildlife along America's river. A few steps from the museum you will be able to board the **Riverboat Twilight** for our 11:30 departure. Our trip down

river will go much faster. Highlights of the tour back include: a **plated lunch**, afternoon trivia contest, midafternoon snack, entertainment, and a **plated dinner**. We will be back in Le Claire about 7:00 p.m. Then we will spend the night at our downtown Moline hotel. **Night in Moline IA.**

Day Four – Thursday, July 31 or August 14 (B,L)

Following and **included breakfast**, we will relax and enjoy a beautiful morning drive across Illinois. We will arrive in the Lake Geneva area at the **Dancing Horses Theatre**. It will be time and an **included plated lunch** before we enjoy the Vegas-style **Dancing Horses show**. After the show, a **behind the scenes** experience awaits us to see how the performing horses are trained, ask questions of the head trainer, and meet the horses. Then it is time to return home. It is just a short drive to our first drop off point in Milwaukee and then we will continue north with our memories of our summer relaxation.

Important Information

BAGGAGE - Baggage is limited to one small-medium suitcase and one small carry-on per person. **NO LARGE SUITCASES ARE ALLOWED.** The Riverboat Twilight will take our one suitcase per person to the hotel in Dubuque and then take that same piece of luggage from the hotel to Le Claire. Anything else will be left on the bus or taken with you on the riverboat. Only a handheld bag may be taken on the boat. TCT does not assume liability for lost or damaged luggage.

GRATUITIES - Not included in the price are tips for the coach driver (average \$4 per person per day) and tour directors (average \$4-\$5 per person per day); meals and activities not listed in the itinerary.

RESPONSIBILITIES - This tour is arranged by Tom's Christian Tours Inc., 2835 Willard Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188. Tom's Christian Tours (TCT) shall not be liable for any inconvenience, loss, damage, injury, illness, accident, delay, or irregularity which may occur to any person while not on a motor coach. TCT reserves the right to make any changes or alterations in the printed itineraries, routings or in included features, prior to or during the trip, as may be necessary for smooth, efficient operation of the tour.

PRICE – Price per person is as follows: one person in a room-\$1225, two people in a room-\$1100, three people in a room-\$1050, four people in a room-\$1025.

CANCELLATION POLICY- Only recoverable expenses will be refunded after we receive your payment.



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Dear Mississippi River Enthusiasts,

Are you ready for four days of summer relaxation? How about joining us for a two-day cruise on the Mississippi River? Add in a winery visit, a Smithsonian-accredited museum, a Vegas-style show, delicious meals and some summer sunshine. This sounds like a perfect getaway!

In 2025, we are offering two ***Cruisin' the Mighty Mississippi*** tours. The dates are July 28-31 and August 11-14, 2025. When filling out your registration form, be sure to indicate which tour dates you are interested in. Once one tour week is filled, all other registrations will be reserved on the week that is still open. If you are unable to take the tour on the opposite week of your choice, also note that on your registration form.

The Riverboat Twilight has three levels; stairs are required to reach the upper decks. If you are not able to navigate steps, also note that on the registration form. Then we will know who needs a table reserved on the bottom deck of the boat.

Enclosed, with this letter, you will find the tour itinerary and a registration form for this tour.

Please return your **completed registration form** and your **deposit** to secure your seat for ***Cruisin' the Mighty Mississippi*** tour. Registrations will be made on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

We will send the following to you by the middle of May:

- Final payment forms
- Medical forms
- Rooming lists
- Pick up times and locations
- Luggage tags

TravelSafe Vacation Insurance. If you are interested in purchasing insurance, please call 1-888-885-7233. Be sure to mention the code TOMWI01 if you purchase insurance.

The riverboat is ready to cruise, our hotel rooms are confirmed, and the sightseeing attractions are beckoning. We hope you will look forward to escaping your everyday routine in exchange for a relaxing, informative, and exciting four days of travel.

We're looking forward to a wonderful tour!

In Christian joy

Scott and Tammy Monroe

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Registration Form – PLEASE RETURN

I/We are registering for: _____ July 28-31, 2025 OR _____ August 11-14, 2025

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$_____. (\$300 per person)

LEGAL NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____
First Middle Last mm/dd/year

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PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS: () Single () Double () Triple () Quad

ROOM TYPE: () One Bed () Two Beds

_____ Check if you are not able to climb steps and prefer first floor seating on the riverboat.

NAME(S) YOU WANT PRINTED ON NAMETAG: (Name you want people to call you on the trip)

ROOMMATE(S) _____
(List roommates here, if not spouse, but they should submit their own registration forms to TCT)

SHUTTLE PICK-UP: () DePere () Appleton () Oshkosh () FDL () Lomira () Allenton () Milwaukee

Send this form and \$300 per person deposit to Tom's Christian Tours, 2835 Willard Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188 to reserve space on our **Cruisin' the Mighty Mississippi** tour.

*Cancellation Fees

Until March 31, 2025

April 1-May 31, 2025

After June 1, 2025

Final payment is due June 1, 2025

No Cancellation Fee

\$300.00 Cancellation Fee + nonrecoverable expenses

No refund unless your seat can be filled

*If you purchase travel/cancellation insurance and cancel the tour for a covered reason, your policy may reimburse you for cancellation fees.