

## Victorian-style river cruising captures the magnificent beauty, flora and fauna of the Mighty Mississippi.

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The Riverboat Twilight is considered the Midwest's best kept secret, offering a stunningly unique and affordable two-day, overnight cruise on the upper Mississippi River. Explore and discover the Upper Mississippi River Valley and its wondrous and rich history, a place that Native Americans, fur traders, and lead miners once called home. The Riverboat Twilight offers three decks with comfortable dining salons and sundecks with lounge chairs for those who wish to sightsee, sip a favorite libation or just daydream and drift along the river bluffs. Bird enthusiasts will delight in the many varieties of birds that can be seen nesting serene sections along the river.

While summer is spectacular to cruise North America's mightiest river, the fall on the Riverboat Twilight delivers a stunning yet fleeting display of the season. Marvel at pristine, woodland pigments as both sides of the river are bathed in rich reds, fiery oranges, captivating yellows and woodland browns. The Riverboat Twilight puts you front and center to nature's seasonal show!

## You'll Fall For the Twilight Special One-Day Cruise! October 27 – November 2, 2013

Join the Riverboat Twilight for an all-day cruise departing and returning to Dubuque's waterfront. For a pleasant change of pace, the Twilight will head north from Dubuque and take in some of the best scenery along the Mississippi River. Unlike the bustling commerce towns of the Lower Mississippi River, the Upper Mississippi River is a place of quiet splendor. Once past the Wisconsin bridge on the north end of Dubuque, not another bridge crosses the river for 62 miles. The Twilight will depart at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m., docking only once in the idyllic and historic town of Guttenberg, Iowa. Tucked between the Mississippi River and the limestone bluffs that edged the frontier, the area now known as Guttenberg is listed as an Iowa Great Place.



In keeping with its original mission, the lowa Great Places program brings together the resources of state government to invigorate and invest in the infrastructure and cultural amenities of lowa towns and neighborhoods. In six years, it has proven to be an effective program, and distinctly different from others offered by the state of lowa.

No matter which way visitors enter Guttenberg, they are welcomed by dramatic overlooks of the town, and the plethora of natural resource treasures that surround it. This historic German community is nestled in the heart of the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, next to US Army Corp of Engineer Lock and Dam Number 10 and numerous local, state and private natural resource areas. Step off the boat and into the historic downtown with shopping, restaurants, one of the world's most beautiful city parks - plus so much more! Guttenberg is a shining example of an lowa community that embraces its past, welcomes its future and recognizes its potential. Be sure to bring your binoculars and camera for some great picture taking opportunities.

Make Travel Memorable and Marvelous on the Riverboat Twilight! Reservations for this tour should be made in advance.

- Fare includes entertainment, complete narration by the Captain, continental breakfast, snacks and full lunch.
- \$139 per adult/\$69 children 4-14 years.

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