



MOTOR COACH

Great River Road

(to the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi River and back)

July 15 – 24, 2020 (10 days)

\$1,799 from Baton Rouge

Led by Wayne Barnes

Price is per person, double occupancy and includes deluxe motor coach with restroom, first class hotels, breakfast daily, one special lunch, full sightseeing, baggage handling, taxes and tips (including guides, driver & escort). Single supplement - \$555 per person Triple reduction - \$160 per person Quad reduction - \$225 per person

We follow the river to the headwaters, sightseeing on the east side going up and the west side on the return. This river is an American icon – more than 2,300 miles long – and the main highway for centuries for native tribes, traders, explorers and settlers. The Mississippi is the lifeblood of the American heartland. Explore its history and culture with us.

Day 1, Wednesday, July 15 – Memphis area – Morning departure with brief sightseeing in historic St. Francisville & Natchez, along the Natchez Trace, Vicksburg & through the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Brief visit to Helena, Arkansas.

Day 2, Thursday, July 16 – Collinsville, Illinois – Brief sightseeing in Memphis. View Graceland, Elvis Presley’s home. Through western Tennessee and on to Kentucky with stop in for a special lunch in Paducah, KY. From southern Illinois to Collinsville for overnight. Collinsville produces most of the world’s supply of horseradish and is the site of the Cahokia Indian Mounds.

Day 3, Friday, July 17 – Dubuque, Iowa – Morning drive through Alton and along the Mississippi River. Afternoon visit to John Deere Pavilion in Molina, Illinois.

Day 4, Saturday, July 18 – St. Cloud, Minnesota – Morning visit to President Grant’s home in Galena, Ill. Then into Wisconsin, visit Grandad Bluff, overlooking La Crosse and the Mississippi Valley (including 3 states – Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa). Through St. Paul, Minnesota and on to St. Cloud for a two night stay.

Day 5, Sunday, July 19 – St. Cloud – Morning drive north through beautiful scenery to **Lake Itasca, where the Mississippi River begins.** Wade across the river in crystal clear water. Enjoy this beautiful area, learn about great rivers of the world, visit Bemidji and see Paul Bunyan. Back to our hotel.

Day 6, Monday, July 20 – Red Wing, Minnesota – Today we’ll visit Minneapolis, enjoying the Mall of America, the world’s largest shopping mall – it’s easy to get around and even non-shoppers have plenty to see and do. Then on to Red Wing.

Day 7, Tuesday, July 21 – Davenport, Iowa – Highlights of Red Wing, noted for its boots & pottery. On to Wabasha, MN to visit the **National Eagle Center**, home to non-releasable eagles.

Day 8, Wednesday, July 22 – Hannibal, Missouri – Morning tour of the **Amana Colony** and an Amish village. Then on down the river to Hannibal (boyhood home of Samuel Clemens – Mark Twain to most of us) and the setting for Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn’s many adventures.

Day 9, Thursday, July 23 – West Memphis, Arkansas – Morning touring the Mark Twain historic district. Visit his interesting boyhood home and museum. Drive south to St. Louis, gateway to the west. View the Arch, the tallest man made monument in the west. Visit historic Chester, Illinois and Cairo, where the Ohio River joins the Mississippi. We’ll journey to New Madrid, Missouri, founded by the Spanish. Between 1811 & 1812 this city suffered some of the strongest earthquakes ever felt in North America (ranging up to a magnitude of 8). Then on into Arkansas.

Day 10, Friday, July 24 – Home – Drive through Arkansas and into Louisiana. Visit Poverty Point in northeast Louisiana – a World Heritage Site. Arrive Baton Rouge in late afternoon.

- \$100 per person required to reserve space, refundable until May 28, 2020, when full payment is due.
- Make checks payable to ZACHARY TRAVEL CENTER – 4257 Church St., Ste. 104, Zachary, LA 70791
- All payments are non-refundable after final payment date. 3% surcharge on credit card payments.

----- RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH DEPOSIT -----

REGISTRATION: Enclosed is my \$100 per person deposit for Great River Road – July 15-24, 2020

FINAL DUE: May 28

Payments are refundable until final payment date at which time trip is non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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