



FALL ALONG THREE RIVERS

New England-style travel experience featuring the fall foliage, white-spired churches, and limestone bluffs of the Missouri, Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, while following in the footsteps of Lincoln, Twain, Lovejoy, Douglas, Wadlow, Tibbetts, Churchill, Penney, James, Lewis, Clark, Marquette, Joliet, Disney, Bradley & others

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Some Observations:

This exciting and history-filled itinerary has been created as a result of members of the Please Go Away™ Vacations travel team visiting these areas at least 4 times a year over the last 18 years. It is our opinion this is by far the best short fall foliage tour available anywhere in America. This is a bold statement, but one we welcome the opportunity of proving to our travelers. The foliage and white-spired churches are comparable to New England. (In fact, one of the picturesque churches you will be shown has been selected as one of the top 6 New England style churches anywhere in America, outside New England.) In addition to vibrant fall foliage colors, you will enjoy the history of the Civil War through visiting sites like the location of the last Lincoln-Douglas debate, the stark standing remaining walls of one of the most-infamous Union prisons, and the memorial and grave of the first martyr to the causes dividing the North and South. Earlier history is present in areas visited by Marquette and Joliet as they discovered the Piasa Bird; while the more current history of the grave site and story of "the World's Tallest Man", the location of Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech, the birthplace of J.C. Penney and the location of Jesse James' death are also revealed to you. And, there is much more.

Your Itinerary:

Day 1 - Home/Jefferson City, MO Travel through the central plains on your way to an overnight in Missouri's Capitol City. En route you will learn many interesting bits of Kansas and Missouri history; and will begin to learn about the important influences rivers played in our nation's growth.

Day 2 - Jefferson City, MO/Alton, IL Today an early start allows you to visit the location of the Churchill Memorial and the location of Churchill's famous speech that created the phrase, "The Iron Curtain". You'll also walk through a portion of the infamous Berlin Wall created by Churchill's granddaughter. You'll also learn how this Missouri location played an important role in world history after the Wall was torn down. Soon, you will cross over the Mississippi River on the newly constructed cable stay bridge and enjoy a tour of some of the busiest locks and dam on the river. Later, you will enjoy a City Tour of Alton, the site where one of the famed Lincoln-Douglas debates took place, a visit to Mississippi Mud Pottery and much more. You'll also learn about the "World's Tallest Man", stand beside his life-sized statue, compare shoe sizes, and visit his very private grave. You will also visit the grave of the first martyr to the causes of the Civil War, Elijah P. Lovejoy. You'll learn about The Underground Railroad and see a remnant of one of the most infamous of all Civil War prisons. Also to be experienced is the high water mark of the recent floods that surpassed all previous records. A highlight of the day promises to be a visit to the "first winter quarters" of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. If you like,

you'll be transported to the Alton Belle Casino this evening to visit "Lady Luck". (B)

Day 3 - Alton/Great River Road/Hannibal, MO This morning experience a marvelous River Museum and tour of working locks and dam. The Great River Road and some of North America's most beautiful scenery also await you today. Relax on board your comfortable motor coach as you travel one of America's most-scenic highways with the Mighty Mississippi on one side and towering limestone bluffs on the other. You will journey through a quilt of foliage, which cover the soaring white bluffs along the river. See and learn about The Piasa Bird. Stop in the quaint and private village of Elsah and travel through the bustling river town of Grafton. See a huge pumpkin patch and pick out one you can carry. Apples from the orchards of Illinois will be "up" for you to enjoy in fresh cider or by bringing some of them home with you. Enjoy included family-style fried chicken lunch amid foliage at Pere Marquette while overlooking the meandering Illinois River. Travel on to Hannibal, boyhood home to legendary author, Mark Twain. You will learn the true meaning of his name. A special included visit to Mark Twain's home will be experienced. While in Hannibal you will have the opportunity to enjoy a very easy walking tour of many of the locations of Hannibal forever immortalized in Twain's books and characters. This evening you will actually cruise the Mighty Mississippi River on the Mark Twain Riverboat for your included Farewell Dinner Cruise and entertainment. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Hannibal/Home This morning you will wind your way home past the home of The Unsinkable Molly Brown and learn about the founder of J.C. Penneys, Walt Disney and Jesse James as we pass through the areas of their boyhood homes. You're sure to enjoy visiting with new found friends about all you have seen and experienced along the way. It will also be a grand time to plan your next Please Go Away™ Vacations adventure. (B)

Tour Highlights:

Alton city tour .. World's Tallest Man .. legend of the Piasa Bird .. Pere Marquette State Park and Lodge .. Mississippi Mud Pottery .. gambling on The Alton Belle .. walk "through" The Berlin Wall .. Churchill Museum .. Elijah P. Lovejoy Monument and grave .. cable stay bridge .. The Great River Road .. Mark Twain's home .. Mississippi Riverboat dinner cruise .. pumpkins and apples .. Melvin Price Dam and Locks .. Civil War history .. at least 5 included meals .. more.

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