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October 6-11, 2025

Step aboard the Celebration Belle Riverboat for a scenic cruise into Cincinnati, OH, and embark on an unforgettable journey through America's heartland. As part of the America's River Roots Festival, we'll experience a vibrant celebration of the rich culture, music, and cuisine that have shaped the river cities over the past 250 years. From Cincinnati to Covington, KY, this special event will kick off the nation's 250th anniversary with a fusion of live music, local flavors, and historical experiences along the picturesque riverfronts of Cincinnati, Covington, and Newport. This is more than just a festival—it's a journey through time, honoring the cities that helped shape America. Join us as we celebrate the spirit of our rivers and the people who made them flow with history, creativity, and culture.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Celebration Belle Full Day Cruise
- America's River Roots Celebration
- Riverfront Hotel Property
- Riverboat Parade
- 3 Tall Stack Riverboat Cruises
- Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Multi Cultural Regional Food Vendors
- Celebrity Chef Presentation
- Music and Craft Beer & Bourbon

MAP AT A GLANCE



Monday, October 6th - We depart Wisconsin for Madison, IN, where the excitement of **America's 250th birthday** celebration begins! This historic riverside town sets the stage for a weekend of music, culture, and festivities. Get ready for an unforgettable start to a journey through America's rich heritage—let's celebrate together! **(D)**

Tuesday, October 7th - Today, we board the **Celebration Belle Riverboat** for a scenic, day-long cruise along the Ohio River, taking us 95 river miles to Cincinnati, home of the **America's River Roots Festival**! Enjoy live entertainment, the captain's narration, and fascinating stories as we pass through lock & dam systems, spot local wildlife, and take in stunning river views from four observation areas. Throughout the day, indulge in three full meals onboard—breakfast, lunch, and a delicious prime rib dinner. This journey is the perfect blend of relaxation, history, and celebration as we head toward the heart of the River Roots Festival! **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, October 8th - Today is all about experiencing the America's River Roots Festival! The festival will feature vibrant performances across multiple stages along both sides of the river, with the iconic tall stacks riverboat, cruises providing a unique perspective. Dive into educational programs highlighting The Freedom Journey and the **National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**, offering powerful insights into our nation's history. We will have lunch while cruising on the **Belle of Louisville**. Enjoy celebrity chef presentations, savor bourbon and craft beer tastings, and explore a variety of multicultural food vendors and regional artisans. It's a day filled with music, culture, history, and, of course, delicious flavors—an unforgettable celebration of America's River Roots! **(B,L)**

Thursday, October 9th - Today, enjoy even more time to explore the America's River Roots Festival in Cincinnati! Climb aboard some of the majestic riverboats for exciting excursions and sightseeing along the Ohio River. Don't miss the highlight of the day—the **Riverboat Parade**! We will cruise on the **Belle of Cincinnati** and be apart of the parade. Watch in awe as an incredible collection of riverboats from Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Louisville, Cincinnati, Quad Cities, St. Paul, and Memphis journey together down the river. These beautifully crafted vessels, with their nostalgic designs, powerful paddle wheels, and regal presence, will showcase the rich history and culture of America's river heritage. It's a stunning celebration of the riverboat tradition—one you'll never forget! Our dinner will be on the **River Queen** this evening. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, October 10th - On our final day in Cincinnati, take in the vibrant festival atmosphere one last time. We partake in the race aboard the Steamboat Natchez which brings the spirit of Mardi Gras from her home port in the heart of the French Quarter. This is a celebration of the best of New Orleans featuring Creole and Cajun favorites. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and flavors of the riverfront as you explore the festival's many attractions. Spend your day marveling at the stunning riverboats docked along the Ohio River, each one a testament to America's rich riverboat heritage. Whether you're enjoying a peaceful stroll along the river, snapping photos of these majestic vessels, or simply soaking up the festive energy, this day will leave you with lasting memories of an unforgettable journey through America's River Roots. **(B,L)**

Saturday, October 11th - After an incredible journey through America's River Roots, it's time to head home. Reflect on the amazing experiences, the rich history, and the vibrant celebrations we've shared. **(B)**

TOUR PRICE:

\$2379 Per Person Double
\$2899 Per Person Single
\$500 Per Person Deposit with Reservations
Final Payment Due August 1st, 2025

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- All Attractions & Admissions Per Itinerary
- 5 Breakfast, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- Services of Personalized Tour Director
- Luggage Handling Where Available
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation



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