

Private Dome to Hannibal, MO

Saturday, May 3, 2014



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Full Length Private Varnish Dome Car



Mark Twain Riverboat

Catch this rare opportunity to sample “Private Varnish” luxury on a reasonably priced trip! Private Varnish is the term used by railroaders to describe the plush, privately owned cars used in the glory days of railroads.

Rise above the crowd, literally, when you board a restored, full-length dome car coupled to Amtrak’s morning *Carl Sandburg*. Board at Chicago Union Station, La Grange Road, or Naperville and take your deep cushioned seat *upstairs* under the arching windows. Enjoy your included continental breakfast. It’s 258 scenic miles of Illinois farms, small towns and generator windmills on the way to Quincy.

Transfer there to a chartered motorcoach for the half-hour ride to Hannibal. Cross the Mighty Mississippi into Missouri on the Mark Twain Memorial Bridge. A guide boards the coach to show you around before lunch and time on your own. The Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum is an eight-structure complex at the heart of Hannibal. The house on Hill St. is where the Clemens family and young son Sam lived for nine years beginning in 1844. It’s been a museum since 1912, and is a National Historic Landmark. Beside it is the Tom Sawyer board fence. The Becky Thatcher House is across the street. Check out marktwainmuseum.org for more information.

On Main Street, visit the Mark Twain Museum. Its Norman Rockwell Gallery holds 15 original paintings made for the 1935 centennial editions of *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn*. The bookstore stocks huckleberry jelly! Taste huckleberry ice cream at the shop across the street. Other stores sell antiques, works by local artisans, and Mark Twain souvenirs. Pose for pictures at the Tom & Huck statue at the end of Main.

Relive Clemens’ years as a steamboat pilot and Twain’s *Life on the Mississippi* with an optional, hour-long ride on the *Mark Twain Riverboat*. This three-deck, 120-foot riverboat sails from the landing just beyond the 30-foot levee. Notice the massive flood gates by the levee opening.

For railfans, another Hannibal highlight is the Big River Train Town Museum and Gift Shop. This model train layout and store is also downtown.

After several hours in Hannibal, the motorcoach returns you to the Quincy Amtrak stop. A refreshing glass of champagne with hors d’oeuvres welcomes you back into the dome. A full dinner is served at your seat as you ride the dome home this evening.

Trip price includes round trip rail fare, dome car food service, motorcoach transfers to/from Hannibal, and guided tour.



Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum

TRIP 14-C

May 3, 2014

\$299 per person

Optional Riverboat Tour \$14

Full Payment Due: April 3

20th Century Railroad Club

Order Form

P.O. Box 247
Arlington Heights, IL 60006
Phone: 312-829-4500
www.20thcentury.org

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➤ FULL names of ALL persons in your party

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (cell) _____

(home) _____

*REQUIRED so we can contact you quickly
with questions and/or itinerary changes*

Email _____

TRAVELERS	PERSON(S)		TOTAL
Number of Travelers	X	\$299.00 =	
Optional Mississippi River Cruise	X	\$14.00 =	

TOTAL = _____

Boarding at Chicago LaGrange Naperville

>>> Last Day to Receive Order – April 3 <<<

PAYMENT METHOD: Check Money Order MasterCard VISA Discover
— make check or money order payable to “TCRC”—

Account No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's signature x _____

MAIL ORDER TO: Trip 14-C • 20th Century Railroad Club • PO Box 247 • Arlington Heights, IL 60006

We will mail trip information on April 19th

NOTICE: Your trip order is subject to the “General Information, Terms and Conditions” attached.

Travel Protection Plan

SCHEDULE OF COVERAGES & SERVICES

Plan Benefits	Maximum Coverage Per Person
Underwritten by Stonebridge Casualty Insurance Company	
Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Up to 150% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Delay	\$1,000
Missed Connection for Cruises Only	\$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$250
Emergency Medical Expenses	\$50,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$250,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services**	Included

**Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by Travelex's designated providers.

ELIGIBILITY & EFFECTIVE DATES

Who Is Eligible For Coverage

A person who has arranged to take a Covered Trip, completes the enrollment form and pays the required plan payment.

When Coverage Begins

All coverages (except Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation and Post-Departure Trip Interruption) will take effect on the later of 1) the date the plan payment and enrollment form has been received; 2) the date and time you start your Covered Trip; or 3) 12:01 A.M. Standard Time on the Scheduled Departure Date of your Covered Trip.

Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation coverage will take effect at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time on the day after the date your plan payment and enrollment form is received. Post-Departure Trip Interruption coverage will take effect on the Scheduled Departure Date of your Covered Trip if the required plan payment and any necessary enrollment form is received.

When Coverage Ends

Your coverage automatically ends on the earlier of:

1. the date the Covered Trip is completed;
2. the Scheduled Return Date;
3. cancellation of the Covered Trip covered by the plan;
4. your arrival at the return destination on a round-trip, or the destination on a one-way trip.

All coverages under the plan will be extended if your entire Covered Trip is covered by the plan and your return is delayed by unavoidable circumstances beyond your control.

If coverage is extended for the above reasons, coverage will end on the earlier of the date you reach your originally scheduled return destination or seven (7) days after the Scheduled Return Date.

For a quote and more information, please call the 20th Century Railroad Club office at 312-829-4500

General Information, Terms and Conditions

ORDERING: Please mail your orders to us, on the original form mailed to you, or the one you printed from the PDF file on our Web site.

CHANGES: To avoid misunderstandings, requests for changes to any tour reservation must be made in writing, mailed to "Trip Manager," PO Box 247, Arlington Heights IL 60006-0247.

PRICES & DEPOSITS: All tours are priced per person as based on double occupancy of one hotel room, if applicable.

A tour price includes: All common carrier transportation, admissions and meals listed in the itinerary as being included, (CB=continental breakfast, B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), hotel accommodations, luggage handling for one suitcase, services of a tour escort, and all taxes for included features. Tips for tour guides and drivers are standard industry practice and are encouraged.

Tour prices and/or departure dates are subject to change at any time. Fuel surcharges added by common carriers, taxes added by governments, or other fees not included at time of printing will be added to the final balance as they are imposed, unless final payment has already been received.

All travel booked through 20th Century is priced at special group fares. No additional discounts of any kind are applicable, except for children ages 2–15, via Amtrak,

If you're looking for a roommate, write us a note, and we'll notify you if anyone else is looking.

A deposit per person (amount specified on trip order form) is due with a completed reservation form, unless stated otherwise. Final payment is due upon the date specified on the trip order form.

If you pay by MasterCard, VISA, or Discover please enter all 16 digits of your account number, and the expiration date, and your signature. We may call you for the three-digit security code on the back of your card. We'll mail a receipt to you.

Trip documents, including instructions, baggage tags, etc., will arrive by mail 10 to 12 days before departure.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: Items of a personal nature, meals and admissions not listed in the itinerary, and customary gratuities for the tour escort and motorcoach driver. Guidelines for gratuities are provided with tour tickets.

ENTRY INTO CANADA or OUTSIDE of the UNITED STATES: A passport, or passport card, valid six months after tour return date, is required for all tour travelers going to/from Canada. For application information, call 877-487-2778, or visit www.travel.state.gov/passport. Give yourself enough time before departure!

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you choose to cancel your trip reservation, you must notify 20th Century Railroad Club in writing — either by mail (Trip Manager, PO Box 247, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0247). or by email (trips@20thcentury.org). Your cancellation will be effective on the postmark date of your letter or the date of your email.

REFUNDS: Each trip description page has a "final payment due" date and on the trip order form. If you cancel before the due date, 20th Century will retain \$25.00 per person and refund your remaining collected balance. Some trips may charge a higher cancellation fee.

If you cancel after the final payment date, there will be no refund.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance, available on selected trips. Please call our office at 312-829-4500 for details.

LUGGAGE: Each trip member is allowed one large suitcase (weighing less than 50 pounds) and one small carry-on bag that fits in the overhead rack. Please attach the supplied baggage tag before departure. The 20th Century Railroad Club does not assume any liability for loss of or damage to your luggage or any other personal property.

SMOKING: Unless you specify otherwise on your order form, all hotel rooms are non-smoking. Every effort will be made to reserve a smoking room if you so request, however most facilities are entirely non-smoking. Smoking is not allowed on board any train, plane or motorcoach.

SLEEPING CARS: Sleeping accommodations aboard Amtrak trains are an extra cost option, priced separately going and returning. All Amtrak rooms accommodate one or two persons (in upper and lower berths) and are priced per room. Meals in the diner are included in the cost of an Amtrak sleeping accommodation.

DELUXE MOTORCOACH: Many of our trips include travel on a deluxe motorcoach, in addition to train(s) or plane(s). A deluxe motorcoach is a large, comfortable, restroom-equipped bus designed to transport travelers and their luggage over long distances — it is not a city transit bus or a school bus.

MOBILITY: All of our trips involve some degree of walking and stair-climbing. If your mobility is limited in any way, please consult us before you reserve space.

CONDITIONS: The 20th Century Railroad Club reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a passenger on any of our trips. We reserve the right to alter a published itinerary if conditions beyond our control require such alterations.

We also reserve the right to cancel a trip prior to departure, in which case your entire payment to us will be refunded without further obligation on our part.

Some of the trips in this Catalog are arranged through professional tour operators which are in turn booking agents for various travel vendors. No liability shall be incurred by 20th Century Railroad Club, its agents or tour operators because of personal injury or sickness, death, loss of or damage to property, delay, inconvenience or other irregularity experienced by trip members.

What You Need To Know about traveling with "The Century"

WHAT WE ARE... If you enjoy trains and travel, we have a lot to offer you! The 20th Century Railroad Club is an educational and historical organization (incorporated not-for-profit) dedicated to promoting the advantages — and celebrating the history — of travel by rail.

WHAT WE DO... Since 1971, the 20th Century Railroad Club has specialized in planning unique rail-oriented trips for its members, their guests and the public. Most of our trips include at least one ride on a train or trolley.

In recent years, 20th Century has teamed up with tour providers for some of our trips, to offer superbly structured tours all around the U.S., with professional escorts.

Some of our trips are loosely-structured to allow our passengers to choose exactly how and where they will spend their time at a destination, In such cases we will provide information on available destination options.

You should think of traveling with “the Century” as an adventure — a unique experience that may not be entirely predictable, but is nearly always much more fun than you'd have on your own! WHO CAN GO? YOU CAN! Unless a trip is marked “for Club members only,” anyone may travel with us. Of course, our members receive advance notice of all our trips in our monthly newsletter, THE FAST MAIL, and are always first in line for the limited space available. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to sample our public trips and our members meetings before deciding to join our Club.

TYPES OF TRIPS... We offer five categories.

First are One-Day Adventures by various modes.

Second are Getaway trips: These are two to four-day trips via Amtrak and/or other carriers. They usually span weekends and are open to the public.

Third are “Vacations with the Century”: These special five- to ten-day trips, which are open to the public, are the most elaborate we offer. While the ideas come from our Trip Committee, all travel and lodging arrangements are made by a professional tour operator with special expertise in group travel by rail and other carriers. These vacation packages are among the finest available to the train-oriented traveler, and are designed to offer the highest value for your travel dollar.

Fourth are chartered trains, which are open to the public and usually travel to destinations not accessible by regularly scheduled service.

Fifth, we may offer trips available only to our members. Other trips may not be listed in this Catalog, and instead will be advertised in our monthly newsletter for members, THE FAST MAIL, or posted to our website.

Sixth are Private Varnish (PV) tours. What are they? Travel on special or historic railcars, rebuilt and upgraded to ride the rails in wood paneled luxury, complete with first class accommodations. Vista domes, observation cars, and meals cooked on board fit for royalty. Best of all, upon reaching your destination city the train itself is your hotel, centrally located for touring. Our PV train sets are quite possibly the finest rail passenger cars to ride American rails. Absolute elegance! We have taken the service, and rail cars of the past and upgraded everything to today's far higher standards ... for you!

WHY WE DO IT: There is still a special magic to traveling by train. It's a chance to travel in comfort and style; to slow down, settle back, watch the scenery and enjoy a journey the carefree, car-free way.

As Agatha Christie wrote, “Trains are wonderful... To travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns and churches and rivers...in fact, to see life.”

So, come on along for a ride on the railroad — it's the most civilized form of land transportation.