Experience the heart of America GREAT RIVER ROAD in Illinois

From Chicago to Galena and quaint river cities... follow the mighty Mississippi River on a 7 day itinerary
8:00 am  CHICAGO
Eat like a local. Serving breakfast since 1923, Lou Mitchell’s is known around the world for delicious homemade foods and their signature coffee.

1:15 pm
A Chicago landmark, Gino’s East on Superior Street serves up the best deep-dish pizza experience in Chicago. Sink your teeth into the legendary golden, flaky crust filled to the brim with melted cheese and your favorite toppings.

4:30 pm
Relax in an urban oasis. Chicago’s Riverwalk, extending from Lakeshore Drive to Lake Street, provides a tranquil pathway leading to recreational amenities, shopping, wine bars and eateries.

8:00 pm
View the visually stunning transformation of theMART, as the building’s river facing façade becomes Art on theMART, the world’s largest digital art project (Wednesday through Sunday at dusk).

9:30 am
Experience Michigan Avenue’s Magnificent Mile. Chicago’s iconic shopping destination is lined with a mixture of shops offering everything from apparel, toys and electronics to designer brands and home goods.

3:00 pm
Take it all in on a Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruise. Sit in the shadow of the city’s iconic buildings while floating along the Chicago River as docents interpret more than 50 iconic structures.

6:00 pm
Taste true Italian in the heart of Chicago at Nonnina, where the recipes have been passed down for generations and the atmosphere makes you feel like family.

8:00 pm
Get the ultimate view of the city from 1,000 feet (305 m) above at the 360 CHICAGO Observation Deck, located in the former John Hancock Center. For an even bigger thrill, step out onto TILT. This glass platform extends from the building, tilting 30 degrees over Michigan Avenue.
7:45 am CHICAGO

Bring your appetite. From banana nut bread French toast to five egg omelets, *Yolk* (Marina City location) is the place to fuel your day, and it’s been voted “Best Breakfast in Chicago.”

10:00 am

Explore Millennium Park on foot or cruise its pathways on a rental bike. Known as one of the major free attractions in the city, its iconic stainless steel clad, Frank Gehry designed bandshell auditorium offers free cultural performances. The ever-popular outdoor art installations include Cloud Gate (The Bean), Crown Fountain and the Boeing Galleries.

12:00 pm

Choose from casual menus to dishes created by award-winning chef Tony Mantuano at The Art Institute of Chicago. The Institute’s dining options range from contemporary *Terzo Piano*, to the more casual *Museum Café* and *Caffè Moderno*.

6:00 pm

The warm atmosphere of Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse makes it a favorite of locals and celebrities alike. With generous portions, towering desserts, superb martinis, fresh seafood and a full selection of regionally sourced cuts of Gibsons Prime Angus Beef, no one will leave unsatisfied.

9:00 am

Step out onto The Ledge, a glass box extending 4.3 feet (1.3 m) outside the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower – the second tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. The experience provides unparalleled views of Chicago.

10:30 am

The Art Institute of Chicago displays compelling collections from around the world, including an extraordinary assemblage of recognizable works, sculptures, artifacts, textiles, and much more. As one of the oldest and largest art museums in the country, housing over 300,000 works, utilize the app to plan your route to specific exhibits, but give yourself some time to wander and enjoy the unexpected ones, too.

1:30-4:30 pm

Overlooking Lake Michigan, the 57-acre (23 ha) Museum Campus is home to world class attractions. Sit back and relax in the Adler Planetarium’s Grainger Sky Theater and view the solar system on the largest single seamless digital image in the world. The Field Museum of Natural History opened in 1894, and today it contains nearly 40 million artifacts in its collection, including Sue, the largest, best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. Nearby at the Shedd Aquarium, find freshwater and marine fish, aquatic animals from around the globe, and the largest indoor marine-mammal pavilion in the world.

7:45 pm

Broadway in Chicago helps you select the perfect seat for plays direct from Broadway and world premieres of productions destined for Broadway. The Downtown Theatre District consists of numerous venues including shows held at the Oriental Theatre, the Cadillac Palace Theatre, CIBC Theatre, the Auditorium Theatre and the Broadway Playhouse.
10:00 am  **GALENA**
Delve in to Galena’s historic past aboard a **Tri-State Trolley Tour**.
Travel the hills and valleys of this former lead mining community as the narrator showcases historically and architecturally significant points of interest.

11:00 am
Curving past nearly 100 19th-century storefronts, **Galena’s Main Street** looks much as it did during the time of the American Civil War. Today, the historic red brick buildings are home to charming boutiques, art galleries and restaurants.

1:30 pm
From meaty lasagna to stuffed cheese manicotti, these made from scratch recipes, passed down five generations, are served in an intimate Italian setting, earning **Vinny Vanucchi’s** the title of “little Italy.”

2:30 pm
Step back in time at the **Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site**. The restored red brick dwelling was once the home of Ulysses S. Grant, prior to his becoming the 18th president of the United States. Original furnishings remain throughout, including Grant’s favorite green chair. (closed Monday and Tuesday)

4:00 pm
The rolling hills, farmlands, and forests of Jo Daviess County are in full panoramic view with **Galena on the Fly**. Their hot air balloon excursions rise 3,000 feet (914 m) above it all, creating an unforgettable memory in one of the largest hot air balloons in the country. (2.5 hours total, 1-hour total flight time)

7:00 pm
Dine overlooking picturesque Lake Galena at the award-winning **Woodlands Restaurant**, situated on the expansive grounds of Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Relax and enjoy seasonal cuisine prepared with local ingredients, anchored with Black Angus beef, pork, duck, scallops or shrimp.
8:30 am  **SAVANNA**

The beauty of **Mississippi Palisades State Park** leaves so much to be explored. Take a short hike and discover the wooded landscape, or walk to a viewing platform perched atop the towering limestone bluffs. Oak Point Overlook provides dramatic views of the Mississippi River.

11:45 am  **MOLINE**

Travel the Mississippi River aboard the **Celebration Belle**, an authentic paddlewheel boat. Take in the beauty of the river while enjoying a buffet lunch. The captain is your narrator for the journey and provides historical insights of the Quad City area.

3:00 pm  **The John Deere Pavilion**

Celebrates farming pioneer John Deere’s 1830s steel plow innovation that revolutionized modern farming. Exhibits showcase the company’s history in Moline to the latest modern-day combines and tractors. Test your skills in a state of the art simulator, and experience the thrill of sitting in the driver’s seat of Deere & Company’s newest machines.

7:00 am  **GALENA**

**Otto’s Place** is considered the spot for breakfast. The cinnamon swirl French toast will satisfy any sweet tooth and the sweet potato hash is a true taste of the Midwest. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday)

9:30 am  **FULTON**

Tour the fully operational **de Immigrant Windmill**. Constructed in the Netherlands and then reassembled atop the levee in Fulton, this icon towers 90 feet (27.5 m) above the Mississippi River. Across the street, step into the Windmill Cultural Center to see a collection of more than 20 miniature windmills.

2:00 pm  **The Lagomarcino family** has been crafting chocolate confections, ice creams and sodas for more than 100 years. Slide into an original mahogany booth, or sit at the soda fountain, to enjoy a sweet treat at **Lagomarcino’s Soda Fountain and Deli**.

5:00 pm  **Far above average**, **Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse** provides a quiet and relaxing atmosphere for dinner and drinks. Johnny’s is famous for Steak DeBurgo — beef tenderloin medallions with roasted garlic, basil, and oregano, topped off with cream sauce.
7:00 am  ROCK ISLAND
Experience a Midwestern breakfast. From fluffy buttermilk pancakes to an array of breakfast skillets, the QC Pancake & Coffee House makes a great start to your day.

1:00 pm  QUINCY
With picturesque views of the river and the Bayview Bridge, the casual atmosphere of The Pier is the perfect backdrop for a leisurely lunch. Cantilevered from shore over the Mississippi River, the restaurant provides a one of a kind experience.

10:30 am  NAUVOO
Step back in time at Historic Nauvoo. Situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, this quaint community offers exciting and educational insights into life as a pioneer in the 1840s. Often considered the most accurately restored and intact 1800s town in the U.S., the period dressed docents bring history to life as they provide interpretive demonstrations at the blacksmith, post office, brickyard, bakery, school and more.

3:00 pm  GRAFTON
Rising above the Illinois River is the lush, dense forest of southern Illinois. This wooded landscape is home to the state’s largest park, Pere Marquette State Park. Situated at the park’s entrance, the historic Pere Marquette Lodge resembles a smaller version of iconic lodges found in national parks in the U.S. After a stop at the Visitor Center, enjoy a hike on the Goat Cliff Trail leading to McAdams Peak and sweeping views of the river.

5:00 pm
Authentic Cajun food comes the Midwest at the Grafton Oyster Bar. Seating on the patio lets you take in the river while watching the sunset. Try the crawfish enchiladas, beef po’boy or fried oysters, and pair it with a signature drink or wine. Enjoy live music on weekends.
**DAY 6**

**9:00 am ALTON**

Located at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, the National Great Rivers Museum tells the story of life on the Mississippi River. See how the flowing waters shaped the regional culture, history, economy and ecology. Watch the 30-minute film before heading out at 10 am on a guided tour, taking you eight stories (26.4 m) above the Mississippi River, on one of the largest lock systems on the waterway.

**12:30 pm**

The last of seven debates between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas was held in Alton in 1858. At Lincoln-Douglas Square, the final debate is frozen in time as lifelike bronze statues depict Lincoln listening intently, while an animated Douglas, with hand raised, makes his argument.

**2:20 pm COLLINSVILLE**

Take a journey through the visible remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. At the Visitor Center, view artifacts, informative exhibits, a replica life-size village and a short film on the rise and fall of this city from the Mississippian culture. Across from the Visitor Center, reaching a height of 100 feet (30.48 m), is Monks Mound, the largest earthen monument in the Americas. Take the stairs to the top to experience the views of this designated World Heritage Site. (Visitor Center closed Monday and Tuesday, grounds open daily dawn to dusk)

**7:00 am GRAFTON**

Take in the beautiful scenery and enjoy breakfast at the on-site restaurant located within Pere Marquette Lodge. Choose your adventure as the menu takes on an explorer theme.

**11:15 am**

Experience real Americana with lunch at My Just Desserts. Known for serving sweets and their famous half-pound chicken salad sandwich, they also offer soups, salads and sandwiches. Leave room for dessert and try a Toll House brownie or a piece of made from scratch pie.

**1:00 pm HARTFORD**

Guided by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the Corps of Discovery departed in 1804, near the present-day location of the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, into the wilderness of the western U.S. Trace their journey through exhibits, get up close to a full-scale replica of their 55-foot (16.76 m) keelboat and view the film chronicling their travels.

**5:30 pm ALTON**

Castelli’s Moonlight Restaurant at 255 offers classic Italian dishes including handmade toasted ravioli, but they’re equally famous for their trademarked recipe fried chicken.

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**DAY 7**

**8:00 am ST. LOUIS**

Depart Alton for the St. Louis Lambert International Airport
HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

GALERNA

Chestnut Mountain Resort $-$$
8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Road
Tel: 800-397-1320
www.chestnutmtn.com

DeSoto House Hotel $$$
230 S. Main Street
Tel: 815-777-0090
desotohouse.com

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa $$-$$$$
444 Eagle Ridge Drive
Tel: 815-777-5000
eagleridge.com

Goldmoor Inn $$$
9001 W. Sand Hill Road
Tel: 815-777-3925
www.goldmoor.com

The Inn at Irish Hollow $$$
2800 S. Irish Hollow Road
Tel: 815-777-6000
www.irishhollow.com

The Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel $$$$$
9853 U.S. Highway 20
Tel: 866-284-7474
theirishcottageboutiquehotel.com

Jail Hill Inn $$$
319 Meeker Street
Tel: 815-534-1906
jailhillgalena.com

EAST MOLINE

Hyatt Place East Moline/Quad Cities $$
111 Bend Boulevard
Tel: 309-755-6000
www.hyatt.com

MOLINE

Element Moline $$
316 12th Street
Tel: 309-517-1659
www.marriott.com

Radisson on John Deere Commons $$$
1415 River Drive
Tel: 309-764-1000
www.radisson.com

NAUVOO

Hotel Nauvoo $$
1290 Mulholland Street
Tel: 217-453-2211
www.hotelnauvo.com

Nauvoo Villas $$-$$$$
2372 North County Road 900
Tel: 800-453-6717
www.nauvoovillas.com

QUINCY

Holiday Inn Quincy $$
4821 Oak Street
Tel: 217-223-7800
www.hilton.com/holidayinn

Quality Inn & Suites $-
201 S. Third Street
Tel: 217-222-2666
www.choicehotels.com

Stoney Creek Inn $$
3809 Broadway Street
Tel: 217-223-2255
www.stoneycreekhotels.com

Town & Country Inn and Suites $$
110 N. 54th Street
Tel: 855-214-0400
www.tandcinn.com

GRAFTON

Pere Marquette Lodge $$
13653 Lodge Boulevard
Tel: 618-786-2311
www.pmlodge.net

Ruebel Hotel $$-$$$$
217 E. Main Street
Tel: 618-786-2315
www.ruebelhotel.com

ALTON

Best Western Premier $$
3559 College Avenue
Tel: 618-462-1220
www.bestwestern.com

Hampton Inn & Suites
St. Louis/Alton $$
1904 Homer M Adams Parkway
Tel: 618-433-8999
www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com

$ = less than $100 USD  $$ = $100 to $299 USD  $$$ = more than $300 USD
**GALENA** FROM CHICAGO 163M 262.3KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Tri-State Trolley www.tristatetrolley.com/trolley
- Galena's Main Street www.visitgalena.org
- Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site www.granthome.com
- Galena on the Fly www.buyaballoonsride.com
- Long Hollow Canopy Tours longhollowcanopytours.com
- Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. www.blaumbros.com
- Shenandoah Riding Center www.theshenandoahridingcenter.com
- Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery www.galenacellars.com/winery

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Vinny Vanuchci's www.vinnyvansigalena.com
- Otto's Place www.ottospalace.com
- Courtyard Restaurant desotohouse.com/restaurants
- Generals' Restaurant desotohouse.com/restaurants
- One Eleven Main www.oneelevenmain.com
- Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill www.thelirishcottageboutiquehotel.com/galena-restaurant.aspx
- Log Cabin Steakhouse logcabinagalena.com
- Fritz and Frites fritzandfrites.com
- Fried Green Tomatoes www.friedgreen.com

**SAVANNA** FROM GALENA 31.3M 50.4KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Mississippi Palisades State Park www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/MississippiPalisades.aspx
- Poopy's Pub n' Grub www.poopys.com

**FULTON** FROM SAVANNA 18.4M 29.6KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- De Immigrant Windmill www.cityoffulton.us
- Windmill Cultural Center www.cityoffulton.us
- Heritage Canyon www.cityoffulton.us

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Krumpet's Bakery and Café www.krumpetsbakery.com
- Manny's Too www.mannyspizza.com

**MOLINE** FROM FULTON 36.1M 58.1KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Celebration River Cruises www.cruisebelle.com
- Lagomarcino's Soda Fountain www.lagomarcinos.com
- John Deere Pavilion www.johndeereattractions.com
- John Deere Factory Tour www.johndeereattractions.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Johnny's Italian Steakhouse johnnyitaliansteakhouse.com/moline

**ROCK ISLAND** FROM MOLINE 3.5M 5.6KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Black Hawk State Historic Site www.blackhawkpark.org

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- QC Pancake & Coffee House qccoffeeandpancakehouse.com
- Riverfront Grille www.riverfrontgrilleqc.com

**NAUVOO** FROM ROCK ISLAND 112.2M 180.6KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Historic Nauvoo www.historicnauvoo.net
- Historic Nauvoo Visitors' Center www.historicnauvoo.net/visitors-center
- Baxter's Vineyards & Winery www.baxterwinery.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Hotel Nauvoo Historic Inn & Restaurant www.hotelnauvoo.com

**QUINCY** FROM NAUVOO 49.7M 80KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Underbrink's Bakery www.underbrinks.com
- East End Historic District (Historic Architectural Driving Tours) seequincy.com
- John Wood Mansion hsqac.org/tours-events/the-john-wood-mansion
- Villa Kathrine www.villakathrine.org

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- The Pier www.thepierrestaurant.com
- Boodalu Steakhouse www.boodalu.com
- Tiramisu www.tiramisuquincy.com
- Kelly's Tavern www.kellysquincy.com

**HANNIBAL** FROM QUINCY 21M 33.8KM

Drive across the river to Hannibal, Missouri, home of Mark Twain, for lunch and an afternoon of sightseeing including the Mark Twain Boyhood Home, Mark Twain Cave and Mark Twain Riverboat www.visit hannibal.com

**GRAFTON** FROM QUINCY 99.6M 160.3KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Pere Marquette State Park www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/PereMarquette.aspx
- Pere Marquette Riding Stables grafontrailrides.com
- Grafton Zipline at Aerie's Resort www.aerie'sview.com/zipline
- Eckert's Country Store & Farm www.eckerts.com/grafton-farm
- Hakuna Matata River Cruises www.graftonharbor.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Pere Marquette Lodge and Conference Center www.pm lodge.net
- Grafton Oyster Bar graftonoysterbar.com
- Grafton Winery & Brewhaus www.thegraftonwinery.com
- Aerie's Winery www.aerie'sview.com
- The Loading Dock www.graftonloadingdock.com

**ALTON** FROM GRAFTON 15M 24.1KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- National Great Rivers Museum and Melvin Price Locks & Dam 26 www.meetingoftherivers.org
- Lincoln-Douglas Square www.visit alton.com
- Robert Wadlow Statue www.visit alton.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- My Just Desserts www.myjustdesserts.org
- Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant at 255 www.castellis255.com
- Fast Eddie's Bon Air www.fasteddiebonair.com
- Gentelin's on Broadway www.gentelinsonbroadway.com
- Tony's Restaurant www.tony'srestaurant.com

**HARTFORD** FROM ALTON 10M 16KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower www.confluencetower.com
- Lewis & Clark State Historic Site and Interpretive Center www.campdubois.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower www.confluencetower.com
- Lewis & Clark State Historic Site and Interpretive Center www.campdubois.com

**COLLINSVILLE** FROM HARTFORD 17.9M 28.8KM

**WHAT TO SEE:**
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site www.cahokiamounds.org
- Willoughby Heritage Farm www.willoughbyfarm.org
- Brooks Catsup Bottle www.catsupbottle.com
- Fairmount Park Racetrack www.fairmountpark.com

**WHERE TO EAT:**
- Ravanelli's www.ravanellis.com
- Porter's Steakhouse www.porterscollinsville.com
- Sloan's Pub House Facebook @ Sloan's Pub House
- Bert's Chuckwagon Facebook @ Bert's Chuckwagon

**ST. LOUIS LAMBERT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** FROM ALTON 21.6M 34.8KM