

MAINSTRASSE OKTOBERFEST

3 Day Motorcoach Tour

Sept. 11-13

\$569 Double

\$549 Triple

\$709 Single

MainStrasse Village Oktoberfest
Ohio River Sightseeing Cruise
Cincinnati German Heritage Tour
Mecklenburg Gardens Restaurant
Hofbrauhaus Beer Hall
Jungle Jim's International Market
6 Meals, Earn \$15 "Travelchecks"

Day 1: MainStrasse Oktoberfest, Mecklenburg Gardens.

Pickup at home begins our Oktoberfest celebration along the Ohio River. With a delicious lunch enroute, we cross Indiana to Covington, KY, just over the river from Cincinnati. Our hotel for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Riverfront. Just blocks away is MainStrasse Village, a restored 19th century German neighborhood with shops and restaurants. Nearly half of the area's residents claim German ancestry. Every year they celebrate their heritage with an Oktoberfest. Feast on a Bavarian-style dinner this evening at Mecklenburg Gardens in Cincinnati. Built in 1865, this historic restaurant was a social center for German immigrants. The evening is free to explore the MainStrasse Oktoberfest. (L,D)



Day 2: Zinzinnati City Tour, Ohio River Cruise, Hofbrauhaus. After breakfast at the hotel, we board our motorcoach for a narrated tour of the "Zinzinnati" area's rich German heritage. See Old St. Mary's Church, built in 1842 by German immigrants and now the city's oldest. Back in Covington, we celebrate Oktoberfest at the Hofbrauhaus and Beer Hall... the first of its kind in America. Enjoy hefty German foods, hearty German music, and heartfelt German hospitality. The Hofbrauhaus brews its own beers and even has a beer museum and gift shop. Spend some time at the MainStrasse Oktoberfest craft booths or music stages before we board B & B Riverboats' *Mark Twain* for a narrated cruise on the Ohio River. Sail under soaring bridges and past the riverfront baseball and football stadiums. The evening is free to return to the MainStrasse Oktoberfest for dining, shopping, listening and dancing on your own. (B,L)

Day 3: Jungle Jim's International Market. This morning after breakfast, we say "auf wiedersehen" to Oktoberfest and head for the most unusual grocery store in the world... Jungle Jim's International Market at Fairfield, OH. Seeing is believing this six-acre store with every type of produce, cheeses, spirits and kitchen gadgets. Its Aisle of Inferno has over 800 hot sauces and fire-fighting equipment "just in case." Shop for yourself, or buy gifts for others. After lunch along the way, we return home by transfers late this afternoon, filled with "gemutlichkeit" from our Oktoberfest in "Zinzinnati." (B,L)

CELEBRATION BELLE, JUMER'S CASINO

3 Day Motorcoach Tour

June 23-25

Aug. 25-27

\$479 Double

\$459 Triple

\$579 Single

2 Nights New Jumer's Casino Resort
Meal Discounts, \$10 Casino Play
Pride of Oregon Lunch Cruise
Amana Colonies
Celebration Belle Big Band Cruise
3 Meals + Discounts, Earn \$15 "Travelchecks"

Day 1: *Pride Of Oregon* Lunch Cruise, Jumer's Casino Resort.

Our three-day excursion begins this morning with home pickup before traveling to the Rock River near Oregon, IL. Here we board the paddlewheeler *Pride of Oregon* for a two-hour lunch cruise. With lunch, enjoy the scenery of Lowden State Park and hear the stories of the legendary Chief Black Hawk. This afternoon, check into the new, \$150-million Jumer's Casino Resort in Rock Island, IL. The hotel features a state-of-the-art casino with over 1,100 slots and 24 table games. Four restaurants, a large sports bar, plus an indoor pool and spa are yours to enjoy. Our gaming package includes two \$3-off coupons for breakfast, two \$5-off coupons for dinner, and \$10 in casino play! (L)

Day 2: Jumer's Casino Resort, Amana Colonies, Creamery Theatre.

Enjoy a free morning at Jumer's Casino Resort for gambling, relaxing, or visiting their spa and indoor pool. Later we enjoy a side trip to the Amana Colonies of Iowa. Here enjoy a legendary family-style lunch and visit the Amana Heritage Museum. We have free time to shop in this unique community, declared a National Historic Landmark in 1965. Stroll the quaint boutiques, bakeries and artisan's shops, and perhaps visit the 1857 Amana Woolen Mill. Later this afternoon enjoy a live performance at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana. In this comfortable 300-seat auditorium see "I'm All Ears: Songs From Disney" or Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." (L)

Day 3: *Celebration Belle* Big Band Cruise.

After a mid morning departure it's a short drive to Moline, IL, to board the *Celebration Belle* for a four-hour luncheon cruise. With four decks, the *Celebration Belle* is the largest luxury excursion vessel on the upper Mississippi River. While cruising, the *Celebration Band* takes you back to those wonderful sounds of big bands like Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller. Enjoy the boat's great cuisine with sticky rolls and fruit, a full, hot luncheon buffet and a late afternoon snack. Return home early this evening for your residence drop-off service. (L)

