

## Riverboat Twilight

September 2–4, 2026

Dubuque, IA



### Description:

Step back in time and unwind in elegance on this unique small-group journey along the mighty Mississippi. The **Riverboat Twilight Getaway** is a 3-day escape that blends the tranquil beauty of river life, rich historical exploration, and warm, welcoming hospitality. From scenic bus travel to the breathtaking vistas at Four Mounds Estate and a full-day riverboat cruise with gourmet meals and live entertainment, this thoughtfully curated trip offers an unforgettable taste of the past with the comforts of today.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1 – September 2, 2026

- **10:00 AM** (*Time subject to change*) – Depart from **Watertown Plank Park & Ride**, with an additional pickup at **Pewaukee's Golf Road Park & Ride**.
- We enjoy a light picnic lunch (l) on the way to Dubuque. Upon arrival in Dubuque, we check into the **historic Four Mounds estate**, a hidden gem perched high above the Mississippi River.

This remarkable 60-acre property—once a 20th-century gentleman's farm—is known for its Craftsman and Colonial Revival architecture, sweeping views, and curated landscapes including gardens, prairies, and rare oak savanna.

- Settle into your unique room (note: rooms are upstairs and some have shared hall baths).
- Enjoy a delicious dinner at the **Grey House** (l), followed by a private **Trolley Tour of Dubuque**, offering a fascinating look at the city's storied past.
- Return to Four Mounds for a restful night surrounded by nature and history.

#### Day 2 – September 3, 2026

- **6:15 AM** – Early departure to board the **Riverboat Twilight**, one of the most elegant vessels on the Mississippi.
- Begin the day with **breakfast on board** as the boat departs northward through **Lock and Dam 11**, opening the gateway to a full day of scenic cruising.

Onboard Highlights:

- Continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch (all included)
- Expert narration about the river's history and landmarks
- Opportunities to spot bald eagles, river wildlife, and historic sites
- Live entertainment and time to relax in classic riverboat style
- Return to Four Mounds and enjoy cookout dinner (I) on the estate grounds—an idyllic end to a memorable day on the water.

**Day 3 – September 4, 2026**

- **9:30 AM** – Enjoy brunch (I) served in the Grey House.
- Take a guided historical tour of the Four Mounds estate, gaining deeper insights into its architecture, original family history, and preservation.
- Board the bus for the return trip to Pewaukee and Watertown Plank.
- A quick stop will be made for a grab-and-go bite (NI) before arriving back home filled with memories of Mississippi charm.

(I) Meal Included

(NI) Meal Not Included

**Inclusions:**

- 2 nights lodging at the historic Four Mounds Estate
- Riverboat Twilight full-day cruise
- 2 breakfasts, 2 snacks, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Guided tours of Dubuque and Four Mounds
- Small group size for a relaxed and personal experience

**Pricing:**

\$1,299 Person Double Occupancy

\$1,499 Per Person Single Occupancy

\$400 Deposit Will Hold Your Place.

Balance Due August 2, 2026

No refunds after August 2, 2026

**Additional Information:**

- Be prepared to register for trip insurance at the time of the trip sign-up. You will be asked your date of birth. Trip insurance is available only at the time you book the trip.
- There are no elevators at Four Mounds. You will have to walk up to the second floor to get to your room. We will do our best to accommodate.
- There is an above average amount of walking and stair climbing.
- The boat does not have an elevator. You can access the first floor and deck on the first floor if you have a hard time with stairs. You must be able to board the boat walking a deck and ramp.

**For more information or to sign up for the trip, and payment, call Lori at (414) 477-0155.**

**As seen on PBS:**

- **Historic Buildings of Iowa: Dubuque** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ka8xi9Irsol>
- **John McGivern's Main Streets - Dubuque, Iowa** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daszloKrE78>