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**Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline Embarks on 81<sup>st</sup> Season**  
*Local family business committed to showcasing The Windy City since 1935*

**CHICAGO**—May 13, 2016—Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline sets sail on its 81<sup>st</sup> season. Chicago's premiere sightseeing company owned and operated by a local family for four generations; Mercury Cruises offers unique and affordable excursions appealing to Chicago residents and tourists alike. Last year, the city of Chicago honored the tourism company with its own "Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline Day" commemorating 80 years of significant growth since its inception in 1935; expanding its fleet from one to seven vessels and the creation of a sister company, Chicago's First Lady Cruises in 1991.

Known for inventive and engaging family oriented tours, Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline features lively narration of Chicago's rich history as told by professionally trained guides. Its flagship tours include the 90-minute Chicago River and Lake Michigan Urban Adventure Cruise and the popular Chicago by Night Cruise. Passengers can enjoy unrivaled views of the Willis Tower, Aon Center, John Hancock Building, Museum Campus, Marina City and more. The Chicago by Night Cruise glides along the Chicago River and Lakefront with breathtaking views of the skyscraper's dramatic sparkle and light display. Mercury's unique and regularly scheduled tours depart from Chicago's Riverwalk at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive

Additional exclusive tours include Chicago's only Canine Cruise, 3D Fireworks Cruise, Science is Fun Cruise and cost-efficient group tour packages:

- The Canine Cruise allows guests to enjoy quality time with their favorite companion while cruising on Chicago's waterways. This cruise offers safe outdoor seating, water bowls and special newspaper-lined restrooms for your favorite four legged family member.
- The 3D Fireworks Cruise provides an opportunity to have a front row seat to a summer evening spectacle. Enjoy 3D glasses that make Chicago's fireworks display and the skyline an unforgettable visual experience.
- The Science is Fun Cruise gives the ultimate educational cruising experience. Arrange a school field trip or summer camp group outing to spend a day of fun, science and learning.
- The Urban Adventure Package includes a visit to 360 CHICAGO's observation deck atop the storied John Hancock Building along with a river and lake cruise.

"We pride ourselves in providing unforgettable memories for every guest. Delivering the best sightseeing experience aboard our vessels is what fuels our family's passion for cruising for over 80 years and through four generations," said Cpt. Bob Agra, Mercury Cruises' President. "We have great anticipation for another spectacular season as Chicago's skyline continues to grow."

A special new offering this year is the Land, Lake and River Package that features the 90-minute Urban Adventure Cruise along with a downtown 48-hour Hop On Hop Off bus tour courtesy of Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co. For one discounted package price, guests can enjoy the ultimate tour experience exploring one of the world's great city skylines from every angle.

The 2016 season begins Friday, April 29, and ends Monday, October 10, with daily departures beginning at 10:15 a.m. For scheduling, pricing and advance ticket purchasing information with no added fees, please visit [mercurycruises.com](http://mercurycruises.com) or call the departure hotline, 312-332-1353. Group reservation information is available by calling 312-332-1368.

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### **About Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline**

Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline is a fourth-generation owned and operated cruise line. In its 81<sup>th</sup> season, the 125-passenger *Skyline Queen* and 149-passenger *Chicago's Little Lady* provides narrated daytime and evening lake and river cruises. Mercury Cruises is committed to green practices and recycles used oil, engine batteries, and beverage containers, cardboard and paper. All vessels solely use B11 biodiesel fuel, low-flush toilets and environmentally safe cleaning solutions. All vessels are operated by a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain and crew. Follow Mercury Cruises on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For more information on Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline visit [www.MercuryCruises.com](http://www.MercuryCruises.com)