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## Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline 2019 Fact Sheet

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

- Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline offers guests a front row seat to the city's breathtaking skyline, historic landmarks and modern marvels through a variety of fun, special themed cruises and tours for all ages.
- Notable landmarks seen on the tours include the Willis Tower, Aon Center, Marina City, John Hancock Building and the Museum Campus. Cruises zip across the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, offering 360-degree picture-perfect views of the city's skyline.
- Entertaining narrated cruises are 90-minutes to 2-hours and are offered during daytime and evening hours.
- The cruises' wide-ranging route helps guests plan the remainder of their Chicago trip by orienting themselves to the city and seeing other must-visit attractions.
- Mercury Cruises' tours:
  - The **Urban Adventure Cruise**®, Mercury Cruises' signature tour, dazzles guests with stunning views of iconic skyscrapers and bridges while gliding along the main branch of the Chicago River, through the Chicago River Lock and into the downtown harbor of Lake Michigan. The 90-minute narrated cruise is perfect for families of all ages and offers a picture-perfect postcard view of the famous Chicago skyline.
  - The **CHICAGO BY NIGHT! Cruise** captivates guests with views of the city's sparkling skyline, cool night breezes and complimentary neon light wands. Mercury Cruises' boats also offer soft drinks and adult beverages to compliment the voyage, making the cruise a night to remember for couples or friends.
  - The **3D Fireworks Cruise** gives cruisers a unique view of Chicago's Wednesday and Saturday night fireworks through the lens of "3D" holographic glasses. Cruise on to Lake Michigan for a getaway under bursts of color.
  - The **Canine Cruise** turns Mercury Cruises into a pooch's haven and an owner's adventurous escape with their best friend.
  - The **Science is Fun Cruise** is a special tour available for school, summer camp and scout groups that gives children a fun and educational experience through hands-on, interactive science experiments and sweeping skyline views.

**Pricing and location**

- Tours depart from Michigan Avenue on the Chicago Riverwalk at the dock with the blue awning (112 E. Wacker Dr.), just 3-blocks north of Millennium Park.
- Discount parking available at 111 E. Wacker Dr.



- Tickets may be purchased at [MercuryCruises.com](http://MercuryCruises.com) or at the dockside ticket office at 112 E. Wacker Dr.
  - **Urban Adventure Cruise** ®: \$36 for adults; \$15 for kids under 15; free for children under five.
  - **Chicago By Night Cruise**: \$38 for adults; \$16 for kids under 15; free for children under five.
    - Weekly date night wine special available on Thursday and Friday nights, which includes two tickets and a bottle of wine for \$60.
  - **3D Fireworks Cruise**: \$40 for adults; \$16 for kids under 15; free for children under five.
  - **Mercury's Canine Cruise**: \$36 for adults; \$15 for kids under 15; \$8 for dogs; free for children under five.
  - **Science is Fun Cruise**: For reservations and additional information, please contact 312-332-1368 or [grouptours@mercurycruises.com](mailto:grouptours@mercurycruises.com).
- Children under five years of age ride free aboard all cruises.

### **Company history and commitment**

- Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline is a fourth-generation family-owned and operated company for more than 80 years. The company was founded by Portuguese immigrant Arthur Agra and his wife Myrtle in the 1930s and remains the city's longest contiguous-running sightseeing boat company.
- Mercury Cruises is the sister company of Chicago's First Lady Cruises, which operates the official Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady and hosts private events.
- The company is committed to protecting Chicago's waterways by using enviro-friendly practices for continued sustainability.
- The company celebrates local businesses by selling Chicago-based food and beverages like Mama's Nuts and Revolution Brewing craft beverages aboard its tours.
- The safety of Mercury Cruises' passengers and crew is a number one priority. After more than 80 years cruising Chicago's waterways, the company is proud of their perfect safety record.
- The company's eight vessels are inspected annually by the US Coast Guard and undergo required stability testing to ensure all of their passengers and crew are safe during their waterway experience.
- The licensed captains and crew members go through a weekly drilling program that goes above and beyond the standards set by the USCG.