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**Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline Celebrates its 84<sup>th</sup> Season Cruising  
Chicago's Waterways**

*Chicago's premiere sightseeing experience announces season schedule filled with epic fun for all ages starting April 26*

**CHICAGO**, April XX, 2019— From summer-time cruises with dogs, to Instagram-worthy views of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, [Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline](#) launches its 84<sup>th</sup> season on Friday, April 26 with a schedule full of fun, special-themed daytime and evening cruises and tours for all ages. Known for lively tour guide narrations, Mercury Cruises offers tourists and Chicagoland residents front row seats to the city's breathtaking skyline, historic landmarks and modern marvels.

"As one of the first permanent tenants of the Riverwalk, we're honored to continue providing Chicago families and visitors epic fun as they experience Chicago's dazzling skyline and make lasting memories with their families and friends," said Bob Agra III, Mercury Cruises' vice president.

Mercury 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. Tours feature unparalleled views of iconic landmarks and skyscrapers – from the Willis Tower and Marina City to the John Hancock Building and Museum Campus – and are led by professionally trained tour guides that offer a local's take on Chicago, informing guests about the city's best dining options, sports and entertainment destinations and more that will help guests maximize their time in the city.

Mercury Cruises offers the following daytime and evening tours for the 2019 season. For a complete schedule and to purchase advance tickets, visit [MercuryCruises.com](#).

**Urban Adventure Cruise ®**

Mercury Cruises' signature tour dazzles guests with stunning views of legendary skyscrapers and bridges while gliding along the main branch of the Chicago River, through the Chicago Harbor 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 view of the famous Chicago skyline.

- April 26 – Oct. 14: Departs daily at 10:15 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; 2:15 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- \$36 for adults; \$15 for kids under 15; free for children under five.

**CHICAGO BY NIGHT! Cruise**

Guests will be captivated by the sparkling skyline and Buckingham Fountain's dazzling light display on this 90-minute, river and lakefront evening cruise with live commentary. Wave your complimentary "neon light wand" as you feel the night breezes and see Chicago's skyline transformed into a glittering jewel. Mercury Cruises' boats also have beer, wine and soft drinks available to complement the entire family's voyage.

- May 24 – Aug. 30: Departs at 8:15 p.m. (excludes Wednesdays and Saturdays).
- Sept. 6 – Oct. 11: Departs at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays only.
- \$38 for adults; \$16 for kids under 15; free for children under five.

- Special Offer: "Wine Down" with any Thursday or Friday evening (through Aug. 31) or any Friday evening (Sept. 6 - Oct. 11) and enjoy a special date night offer: two tickets + a bottle of wine to share for \$60 (retail \$94)!

### **3D Fireworks Cruise**

Cruise on to Lake Michigan for a two-hour evening getaway that begins with a lakefront tour of the skyline and concludes with the most unique way to see Chicago's Wednesday and Saturday night fireworks – through the lens of "3D" glasses.

- May 29 – Aug. 28: Departs Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m.
- May 25 – Aug. 31: Departs Saturdays at 9:00 p.m.
- \$40 for adults; \$16 for kids under 15; free for children under five.

### **Mercury's Canine Cruise**

A fan favorite, pooches and their people embark on a 90-minute getaway with plenty of spacious outdoor seating, water bowls and newspaper-lined restrooms. The canine-centric cruise includes a narrated tour of the city's famous skyline and dog-friendly sites. Leashes are required on this cruise. Guests receive a Chicago dog-friendly map and guide at the conclusion of the tour.

- July 6 – Oct. 7: Departs at 10:15 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- \$36 for adults; \$15 for kids under 15; \$8 for dogs; free for children under five.
- Pet owners can also bring their dogs aboard for two Halloween Canine Cruises departing at 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 6 and 7.

### **Science Is Fun Cruise**

School, summer camp and scout groups can reserve this 90-minute science-themed cruise that gives children a memorable, educational experience through hands-on, interactive science experiments and sweeping skyline views. Led by Professor Mercury, the cruise turns kids into scientists for the day and educates them about the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, how a skyscraper is built and the invasive species that threaten city waters.

- April 26 – Oct. 14: Tour is available for groups only and scheduled by request. Individual tickets are not offered. For group reservations and additional information, please contact 312-332-1368 or [grouptours@mercurycruises.com](mailto:grouptours@mercurycruises.com).

### **Boarding Location**

Mercury Cruises departs from Chicago's Riverwalk at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive. Look for the street-level blue awning at the southeast corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge and follow the stairs down to the Riverwalk. Discounted parking with validation is located at 111 E. Wacker Dr.

### **Tour Tickets**

Guests may purchase tickets in the following ways:

- Online at [MercuryCruises.com](http://MercuryCruises.com)
- At the Mercury Cruises ticket window, 112 E. Wacker Dr., Riverwalk level, beginning April 26
- For groups of 20 or more, please call 312-332-1368 or email [grouptours@mercurycruises.com](mailto:grouptours@mercurycruises.com) for special rates and additional information

### **Visuals**

High-resolution photos of Mercury Cruises' tours can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mxe4humcycw7y9r/AACAAqy5NTkiAzlqDT3Y8Amga?dl=0>

Video of Mercury Cruises' tour offerings can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/096hn4wknjyikkq/Mercury%20Cruises%202018.mp4?dl=0>

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

Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline, brings Chicago's stunning views and vibrant culture to life through a variety of fun, narrated family-friendly cruises and special tours for both visitors and Chicagoland residents. A cornerstone of the city's Riverwalk for more than 80 years, Mercury Cruises is a fourth-

generation owned and operated cruise line. It is also the sister company of Chicago's First Lady Cruises, an authentic tourism experience that explores the city's rich architectural history through the official Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruise. Both cruise lines are committed to fueling their vessels with only clean energy sources. All vessels are operated by a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain and crew. For more information on Mercury Cruises, visit [MercuryCruises.com](https://www.MercuryCruises.com) or call 312-332-1353.