



MARIETTA, OHIO:

A Riverboat Town

Bold Beginnings. New Adventures & RICKY SKAGGS

OCTOBER 15 - 18, 2026 (4 days)

Established in 1788, Marietta is the oldest city in the state of Ohio, and the first permanent organized settlement in the Northwest Territory. Known as the "Riverboat Town," it is located at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers. Marietta was the starting point for westward expansion. It's remarkable place with a legacy of discovery that goes back to ancient times when it was home to early tribes of Native Americans. In 1788 it was settled by the Ohio Company of the Revolutionary War veterans and renamed for the French queen Marie Antoinette. In honor of France's support of the colonies during the Revolutionary War.



Day 1: A Beautiful Fall Drive, Arriving in Marietta Ohio for a guided City Tour. Ride through charming streets with grand historic homes, scenic fall beauty of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers and cherished community landmarks. Dinner at the **Levee House Bistro**. Located on the riverfront in Historical Marietta, it is the only remaining original riverfront structure. The federal style architecture was built in 1826,



for Dudley Woodbridge, the first merchant of the Northwest Territory, a dealer in dry goods. **Day 2:** Visit the **Campus Martius Museum**. Built on the site of the original stockade by the Ohio Company between 1788 and 1791. The original fortification was built to house and protect the members of the Ohio Company during the Ohio Indian Wars of 1790 to 1794. The museum showcases the history of America's migration west. Lunch on



your own in the Riverboat Town. This afternoon, we will board the **Major Riviera**, a combination vessel unit working in tandem. The Major is a genuine sternwheeler, and the Riviera is a passenger barge. Our captain provides a narration

highlighting historical sites along our 2-hour sightseeing tour on the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers. **The Castle**, a Gothic Revival home was built in 1855 and home to some of Marietta's most prominent and influential citizens. The property was leased as early as 1808 by a potter and his family, making it one of the earliest pottery manufacturing sites in the entire



Northwest Territory. Tonight, dinner at the **DaVinci's Italian**. **Day 3:** **Peoples Mortuary Museum** an eclectic collection of early funeral customs. Horse drawn and motorized vehicles, period clothing and funeral home equipment, all tastefully displayed.



Cross the Ohio River to **Parkersburg, W. V.** where we visit the **Blennerhassett Museum**

of regional history. Board the **Island Belle Sternwheeler Ferry** to **Blennerhassett Island**, on the Ohio River. A box Lunch will be provided as we cruise to the Island. Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, wealthy Irish aristocrats, settled on the island in 1798 and began building a magnificent mansion and estate. However, he became entangled in a mysterious military enterprise with Aaron Burr



in 1805. As a result, President Thomas Jefferson accused both men of plotting treason to establish an empire in the Southwest. We have a tour of the Mansion and a wagon ride around the island. Ferrying back to the mainland for a visit to the **Henderson Hall Plantation** Home. An unprecedented and untouched view of the early American Victorian Era. The elegant 8,000 square foot pre-Civil War Italianate mansion boasts 16 rooms and was the centerpiece of the original 2,600-acre



farm, oil field and river port. Spanning six generations and 200 years, the Henderson family homestead features original furnishings from the frontier life of the 1700s to the oil boom days of the 20th century. A special evening with Dinner & Entertainment at the **Ohio Valley Opry**. See Grammy award winning Musician, producer and bluegrass legend **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder**. A child prodigy from eastern Kentucky,



Skaggs began performing on the mandolin but has mastered the fiddle, guitar and banjo as well. He rose to mainstream fame in the early 1980's helping revive traditional country music with a string of chart-topping hits such as "Don't Get Above Your Raisin", "Highway 40 Blues" and "Heart broke". **Day 4:** A



Travel Day home with a stop at the famous **Schmidt's Sausage Haus** in Columbus OH for a traditional German Lunch. In 1880, Fred Schmidt embarked on a significant journey to America. With a deep-rooted passion for quality meats and a desire to share the rich culinary traditions of his homeland, Schmidt took a bold step in 1886 by opening the J. Fred Schmidt Meat Packing House in the heart of the historic German Village. In 1914 he open a food stand at the Ohio State Fair. The restaurant opened in 1964. **A BEAUTIFUL ADVENTURE!**

Tour Includes:

- All Attractions,
- 8 Meals (3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunch, 3 Dinners),
- 3 Nights Quality Lodging,
- Travel via Motorcoach.

Departs: Goshen, Kendallville, Auburn, Ft. Wayne

\$1150. per person **DOUBLE**,

Triple \$1069., Quad \$1028., Single \$1395

Deposit of \$100 per person due with reservation
Balance Due September 15, 2026.