



“GENTLEMEN OF GENIUS” ITINERARY – AN ADVENTURE ALONG THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY 36 CORRIDOR **FEATURING: MARK TWAIN, WALT DISNEY, JESSE JAMES, & THE PONY EXPRESS**

This itinerary can do east to west or west to east, and could start or end at any point. The trip below goes East to West)

DAY 1 HANNIBAL, MO – MARK TWAIN

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7:00 – 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel

9:30 am - Tom Sawyer & Becky Thatcher greet group at Mark Twain Museum

See one of the most famous literary couples act out their engagement in front of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home.

10:00 am - Explore the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum properties on a fun self-guided tour.

Begin tour of Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum Properties. This self-guided tour allows your group to explore the roots of Mark Twain’s genius. The tour includes 7 buildings, most notably the world famous Mark Twain Boyhood Home. It also includes two exciting, interactive museums whose collections include fifteen original Norman Rockwell paintings. Your group can also choose a docent-led tour for an additional charge.

11:30 am - Special Mark Twain Curator talk for group – can be arranged.

12:00 pm - Lunch on own downtown

[Click here for lunch options in Hannibal](#)

1:30 pm - Tour Mark Twain’s Cave where he came up with some of his fascinating story lines!

Explore the cave that Mark Twain made famous! This cave, which young Sam Clemens explored as a youth, was immortalized in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The Mark Twain Cave is also the oldest show cave in the state of Missouri, giving tours for over 114 years. Allow 1 hour for the tour of the Mark Twain Cave.

2:30 pm - Free time/downtown shopping

4:00 pm - Board the Hannibal trolley or use a step-on guide for a fun and informative sightseeing tour of Hannibal.

You'll see notable landmarks as well as learn some history you may not have known about Hannibal – Mark Twain isn't the only claim to fame the town has to offer!

5:00 pm - Enjoy a live stage performance from Mark Twain Himself!

This show will take you back to the days of Twain's famous stage shows. Richard Garey brings Twain alive as you enjoy a light Victorian tea. This live theater show has been performed to great reviews in over forty states and Canada and now makes its home in Hannibal. In this show Garey recreates the famous Mark Twain shows of 100+ years ago. Did you know in his lifetime Mark Twain was just as famous for his shows as he was for his writing?

6:15 pm - All aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat for a beautiful evening dinner cruise.

Return to the glory days of riverboats and enjoy the scenes of the Mississippi. Enjoy a buffet dinner and relax or dance while you enjoy live music. Stroll the decks or step up to the Pilothouse to meet the captain and be entertained with stories of the river.

8:40 pm - Return to Hotel

DAY 2 MACON & MARCELINE, MO – WALT DISNEY

7:00 -8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel

9:00 am - Depart for Macon, MO (55 miles)

10:00 am – Visit the Blees Hildreth Museum commemorating Col. William Blees

Located at 314 North Rollins, the Blees Still Hildreth Museum is filled with memorabilia from the turn of the century that especially commemorates the life of Col. William Blees. Festivals and special events take place at the museum throughout the year and open to tour groups and individuals traveling the Macon Area. For further information, contact **660-385-5706**.

11:15 am - Depart for Marceline, MO (30 miles)

11:45 am - Shop/free time in downtown Marceline 'Downtown USA'

12:30 pm – Lunch in downtown Marceline

**Contact: Kaye Malins
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2:00 pm – Visit the Walt Disney Hometown Museum and learn about one of America’s most-loved creators!

Walt, the man behind the Disney phenomenon, spent formative childhood days in Marceline, and even patterned Main St. USA in Disneyland after Main St. in Marceline! While perusing this special museum, you’ll feel transported to a simpler time and unlike the hustle and bustle of the Disney Theme Parks, you’ll feel closeness and get an intimate understanding of Walt Disney and his amazing life history & family.

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Kaye can help you spend an hour or a day in Marceline! Contact Kaye for all of your trip planning needs.

3:30 pm - Depart for St. Joseph

5:30 pm - Dinner at St. Joseph

[Click here for dinner options in St. Joseph](#)

8:00 pm - Check into hotel

DAY 3 ST. JOSEPH, MO – JESSE JAMES & PONY EXPRESS

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7:00 -8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel

9:30 am - Visit the Patee House Museum (home to the Pony Express headquarters) – to end the story of one of the West’s greatest innovations.

This former pioneer hotel and Pony Express headquarters was also a gathering spot for Jesse James’ family and the media during the Ford brothers’ trial after James’ assassination. Visit the “Streets of Old St. Joe,” enjoy art and antique toys and trains. And ride the vintage “Wild Thing” carousel.

10:30 am - Head to the Pony Express Stables to continue your journey through this piece of legendary American history.

The famous overland mail service by horseback began here on April 3, 1860. The state-of-the-art exhibits illustrate the need, creation, operation and termination of the Pony Express.

12:00 pm - Lunch in St. Joe

[Click here for lunch options in St. Joseph](#)

1:30 pm - Stop by Mount Mora Cemetery for a walk around.

Established in 1851, Mount Mora is one of St. Joseph's oldest operating cemeteries and the burial site of many prominent citizens. Three Missouri Governors, multiple Civil War veterans, two Pony Express riders, and an English Baronet are among those found.

2:30 pm - Visit the Jesse James House Museum where Jesse's story came to an end.

See the house where outlaw Jesse James was shot and killed by fellow gang member Bob Ford. Exhibits include artifacts from Jesse's grave.