

## SUMMER IN CINCINNATI – “BOATS & BREWS”

July 19-21, 2010

For hearty German fun along the Ohio, come with us to Cincinnati, the “Queen City.” Dine and dance as you cruise on a majestic sternwheeler. Tour the famous Music Hall, home of the Symphony and Opera. Visit a quaint German shopping village, and tour an historic German church. Enjoy beer and cheese at Mecklenburg Garden, and live it up at America’s first authentic Hofbrauhaus. It would be a sin to miss Cincinnati!

**DAY 1:** Traveling west for hearty fun in Cincinnati, arrive at our accommodations for two evenings, the Drury Inn in Sharonville, OH (513-771-5601), which is on the north side of Cincinnati. (The inn has an indoor pool and a happy hour starting at 5:30 PM each evening with complimentary snacks and adult beverages.) This evening, head to the southern bank of the Ohio River to board the *Belle of Cincinnati*, a majestic triple-decker sternwheeler. As you cruise on the Ohio, enjoy a buffet dinner and entertainment, and watch the Cincinnati skyline roll by.  
(dinner)



**DAY 2:** After a deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel, head out with our local guide for a tour of Cincinnati, the “Queen City.” You’ll learn about the city’s heritage of immigrants, especially the successive waves of Germans from Pennsylvania, then northern Germany, then Bavaria. Discover the charms of this hilly riverfront city, with its beautiful parks and distinctive architecture. Enjoy a guided tour of the famous Music Hall (home of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Opera), which is known for extraordinary acoustics. Wonder at crystal chandeliers and lavish Old World décor as you walk through this historic building. Head next to Main Strasse Village, a quaint German-style village across the river in Covington, Kentucky. Start with a brief walking tour of this unique district, which has many specialty shops, then select from an abundance of restaurants for lunch (on your own). Heading back to Cincinnati, tour a proud creation of German immigrants: Old St. Mary’s Church in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. This historic Catholic church, with its typical Bavarian interior and long center aisle, was built in 1850 with bricks hand-fired by the immigrants in their kitchen ovens. German immigrant achievements are also celebrated in an exhibit we will tour at the Museum Center at Union Terminal (which was built as Cincinnati’s main rail station and boasts the world’s largest half-dome structure). Combine sightseeing and relaxation—German style—at Mecklenburg Garden, an old Germanic building with heavy beams, stained glass, and gardens where German immigrants gathered to sing.



Here we gather to consume a hearty brew, along with bier cheese and soft pretzels. German fun continues this evening back on the Kentucky side of the river. Dine, dance, and be entertained by a polka band at the Newport Hofbrauhaus, opened several years ago as the first authentic Hofbrauhaus in America patterned after the original in Munich.  
(breakfast, dinner)



**DAY 3:** After a deluxe continental breakfast, check out of the hotel, and head not far away to Jungle Jim’s, a unique world food market encompassing seven acres under one roof. Browse an overwhelming selection of wine, beer, cheeses, produce, and fresh baked goods, and keep an eye out for robotic gorillas and giraffes. Depart for home after royal fun in the Queen City, with expected arrival in New Cumberland is 8:20 PM, York 9:00 PM, Red Lion 9:30 PM.  
(breakfast)

