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Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline Announces 2018 Season Schedule Filled with Epic Fun for All Ages

*Chicago's premiere sightseeing experience launches its new season April 27
with special-themed cruises*

CHICAGO, April 16, 2018— From daytime views of the city's skyline, to date nights under the stars with wine, to picture-perfect mornings with dogs on boats on Lake Michigan, [Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline](#) launches its 83rd season on Friday, April 27 with a schedule full of fun, special-themed daytime and evening cruises and tours for all ages. Known for lively narrations and panoramic views along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, Mercury Cruises offers tourists and locals front row seats to the city's breathtaking skyline, historic landmarks and modern marvels.

"Our family started giving Chicago families and visitors the opportunity to enjoy Chicago's waters 83 years ago, and we are honored to continue providing opportunities for epic fun for families of all ages with the backdrop of the city's breathtaking skyline," said Bob Agra III, Mercury Cruises' vice president.

Guests often praise Mercury Cruises' tours as helpful in planning the remainder of their Chicago trips, giving them the opportunity to orient themselves to the city by 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 guides who bring the city's rich history to life with entertaining narration.

Mercury Cruises offers the following daytime and evening tours for the 2018 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 a family favorite and offers a picture postcard view of the famous Chicago skyline.

- April 27 – Oct. 8: Departs daily at 10:15 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; 2:15 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- \$35 for adults; \$14 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. All guests receive a complimentary neon light wand. New this season: Mercury Cruises' boats transform into floating bars with weekly wine specials that make the cruise a night to remember for couples or friends.

- May 25 – Sept. 2: Departs at 8:15 p.m. (excludes Wednesdays and Saturdays).

- Weekly date night wine special available on Thursday and Friday nights, which includes two tickets and a bottle of wine for \$60.
- Sept. 7 – Oct. 6: Departs at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays only.
 - Weekly date night wine special available on Friday nights, which includes two tickets and a bottle of wine for \$60.
- \$36 for adults; \$15 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 7 – Oct. 7: Departs at 10:15 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- \$35 for adults; \$14 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.

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" holographic glasses.

- May 26 – Sept. 1: Departs Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 p.m.
 - \$36 for adults; \$15 for kids under 15; free for children under five.

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. 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.

- 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.

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 233 N. Michigan Ave.

Tour Tickets

Guests may purchase tickets in the following ways:

- Online at MercuryCruises.com, beginning mid-April
- At the Mercury Cruises ticket window, 112 E. Wacker Dr., Riverwalk level, beginning April 27
- For groups of 20 or more, please call 312-332-1368 or email grouptours@mercurycruises.com for special rates and additional information

Visuals

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

<https://private.filesanywhere.com/PCIPR/fs/v.aspx?v=8c6c648e8ca8737a6f6d>

Video of Mercury's Canine Cruise can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coDU26L1xDQ>

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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 locals. 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 enviro-friendly practices for continued sustainability. 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.