

American Queen Voyages[™] Premieres "The Field of DreamsExperience" on Upper Mississippi River Voyages





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Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 5, 2022) – American Queen Voyages™, part of the Hornblower® Group, is now offering an extraordinary experience on its Upper Mississippi River sailings that's certain to be a home run for sports fans and movie buffs alike. The new *Field of Dreams* Experience premium shore excursion is available beginning with the *American Countess®* arrival in the Iowa port of Dubuque on July 22, 2022. Starring the iconic baseball diamond in nearby Dyersville, made famous by the 1989 film starring Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones and the late Ray Liotta, the *Field of Dreams* Experience is available on eight, nine-day voyages between St. Louis (Alton) and Minneapolis (Red Wing) through October 2022. Additional ports include Hannibal, MO; Bettendorf, IA; La Crosse, WI; and Burlington, IA.

"Our guests always enjoy strolling in the footsteps of Mark Twain's classic characters in Hannibal and spotting bald eagles near Red Wing," said Isis Ruiz, chief commercial officer, American Queen Voyages. "Adding the *Field of Dreams* Experience premium excursion in Dubuque promises to create even more memorable moments on this popular Upper Mississippi River itinerary."

Upon docking in the city of Dubuque, where much of the movie was filmed, a local guide will point out many iconic locations from *Field of Dreams*, including the local elementary school, University of Dubuque, and Central Avenue, which was transformed into Boston for the film. Departing the city with countryside views of cornfields and farmlands weaving through the Iowa bluffs, guests will arrive at the "If You Built It" exhibit to explore the story that inspired the film and view behind-the-scenes photos that delve into the making of *Field of Dreams*.

At the actual *Field of Dreams* baseball diamond and farm from the film, guests may walk the bases like Shoeless Joe Jackson, emerge from the corn and take a break on the bleachers for an Instagram moment. The *Field of Dreams* Experience is available on Upper Mississippi River itineraries of the *American Queen*[®], *American Duchess*[®] and *American Countess*[®] between St. Louis (Alton) and Minneapolis (Red Wing) embarking July 18, 30, Aug. 28, Sept. 10, 11, 24, 26 and Oct. 16, 2022.

"Dubuque has played an important part in the rich history of riverboating in the U.S. and we are proud to be hosting American Queen Voyages' paddlewheelers this season," said Keith Rahe, president and CEO, Travel Dubuque. "A visit to *Field of Dreams* adds even more to the experience for American Queen Voyages guests, and we look forward to welcoming the fleet starting with the *American Countess* on July 22."

To recreate the ballpark dining experience at home for the upcoming *Field of Dreams* game with the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds on Aug. 11, American Queen Voyages Culinary Ambassador, Chef Regina Charboneau, is sharing a pair of special hot dogs celebrating the two cities with the recipe found at blog link.

The *Field of Dreams* Experience premium shore excursion is \$99 per person. Independence Day Sale fares from \$1,350 per guest are available on nine-day voyages between St. Louis (Alton) and Minneapolis (Red Wing) when booked by July 14, by contacting a travel professional, 833-598-0119 or visit www.AOVoyages.com.

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