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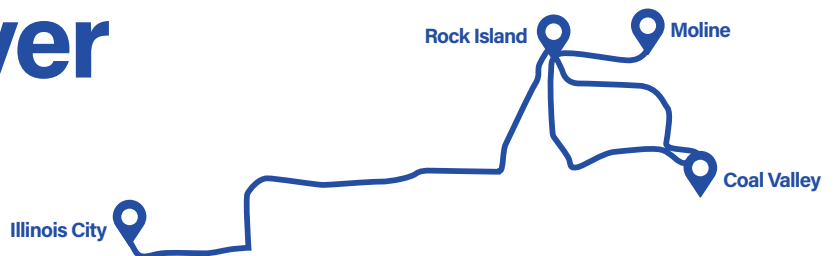
Great Rivers Country



## quad cities river adventure

**From the local experts  
at Visit Quad Cities**

In the Quad Cities, you are the captain of your boat. Over three fun-filled days, you'll experience the world-renowned Mississippi River and area waterways, discovering the history of this family of communities. Find out why the river bends to run directly east to west here; what plants and animals are native to the QC; and how this area grew up along the river. Take a break from exploring to enjoy QC favorites that are sure to satisfy.



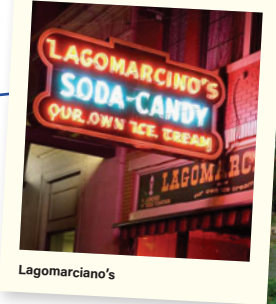
**3 days**  
**80mi**  
(Approx)

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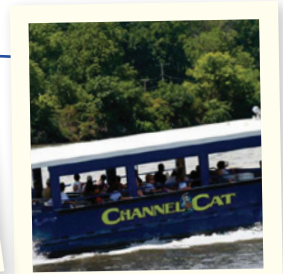
Celebration Belle



Lagomarcino's



Quad Cities Botanical Center



Channel Cat Water Taxi

Many attractions have reopened with limited capacity or different operating hours. Inquire with attractions ahead of time for up-to-date travel policies and health and safety information.

## 📍 Day 1 Moline & Rock Island

Get a great introduction to the Mississippi River with a ride on the **Celebration Belle** riverboat. The riverboat's captain narrates the cruise and shares some of the rich history of the area. You'll view the largest roller dam in the world at Lock and Dam #15. Get a treat at **Lagomarcino's**, a century-old soda fountain that will transport you back to the days of the Model T. Spend the afternoon at the gardens of the **Quad City Botanical Center** learning about beautiful native plants and some tropical ones too. Stay at the ornate **Axis Hotel**, which includes elements of the original 1920s building and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## 📍 Day 2 Moline & Rock Island

Follow the river on the **Channel Cat Water Taxi** where you can hop on and off at four different stops. Timeless trails at the **Black Hawk State Historic Site** lead you into one of the least-disturbed forests in Illinois. Six miles of hiking trails are now in the area once settled by the Sauk Native American nation. Take in views of the Rock River, reclaimed prairie, and pioneer cemetery. Start the QC Ale Trail at **Bent River Brewing Company**, a local microbrewery.

## 📍 Day 3 Coal Valley, Rock Island & Illinois City

Now it's time to direct your own boat. Lake George at the **Loud Thunder Forest Preserve** has a variety of boats to rent. Try jon boats (small two-person pontoon boats), kayaks, canoes, and regular pontoon boats. Spend the rest of the day at **Niabi Zoo's** outdoor exhibits with over 600 animals representing 200 different species. See species native to the Midwest and from around the world. End your QC River Adventure watching the sun set on the river at **Schwibert Riverfront Park** enjoying a sweet treat from **Whitey's Ice Cream**.



Blackhawk State Historical Site



Bent River Brewing Company



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Niabi Zoo



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