***GRAFTON RIVER ADVENTURES***

***Open Now in Grafton, Illinois!***

**Tour Boat Rides** and **Boat Rentals** now offered at **Grafton Harbor**! Come experience the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers!

***Hakuna Matata*,** a 49 passenger tour boat can take you on a wonderful adventure on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. The ***Hakuna Matata*** is an all-weather, 53’ foot, 49-passenger Coast Guard licensed tour boat. There is seating and cafe tables on both the upper and the lower decks. The first level of the boat is fully enclosed with large windows and is seasonally air-conditioned and heated. The upper deck is a huge open air patio offering 360 degree views of the river, bluffs, islands and historical points of interest along the way making it perfect for nature, photography and family photos. The cruise is made even more comfortable as the boat has restrooms and the ***TIKI BAR***offering a cash bar, light snacks and souvenirs. Turn your cruise into a picnic by ordering a ***Picnic Lunch*** when you purchase your tickets in advance. Scheduled cruises will depart from ***Grafton Harbor and Pere Marquette Harbor.***  Arrangements can be made for cruises to depart from St. Charles, Alton and other local departure sights. The ***Hakuna Matata*** cruises run year round; weather and river conditions permitting. A variety of scheduled cruising opportunities will be offered and the ***Hakuna Matata*** will also be available to rent for private parties.

The name ***Hakuna Matata,*** originates from a Swahili phrase that can be translated literally as “No Worries!”. And that is exactly our attitude on Grafton Harbor’s new tour boat. As the song says:

***Hakuna Matata***, what a wonderful phrase

***Hakuna Matata***, ain’t no passing craze

It means no worries, for the rest of your days

It’s our problem free philosophy, ***Hakuna Matata***!

The ***River Rambler*** ***Tour*** is a fun and educational 45-minute boat ride on the ***Mississippi and Illinois Rivers*** highlighting the historical and geographical points of interest. Throughout the summer and fall, the ***River Rambler*** tour will be offered on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays each week. On the cruise, you may see animals such as deer, fox, eagles, blue herons, pelicans, geese, beavers, turtles and flying Asian carp. You will learn about the history and the legends of the river, including the expedition of Marquette and Joliet and the Native American population that once thrived along the river. The Mississippi and the Illinois Rivers provide an important economic and transportation function to our Nation. We may even pass a barge pushing a load up or down river transporting items such as fuel, grain or large mechanical equipment too large to be transported on the Nation’s highways. Turn your River Rambler cruise into a picnic by ordering a Picnic Lunch when you make your reservation. The cost is only $7.50 per person and lunch includes a Ham and Cheese or a Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich with Chips and a Gourmet Cookie.

The ***Hakuna Matata*** is also available to be rented for private groups, parties and events during the day and evenings for 2 to 3 hours and even longer if special arrangements are made.

***Brides-to-Be Take Note!* *Hakuna Matata*** is the perfect location for Weddings, Bachelorette and Bachelor Parties, Bridal Showers and Rehearsal Dinners. The Captainof the ***Hakuna Matata*** can marry a couple on board as authorized by Maritime Laws.

***Tour Consultants at Grafton Harbor*** are available to work with your organization to schedule cruises for Families, School and Church Groups, Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Parks & Recreation Departments, Senior Citizen Organizations, Retirement Communities, Corporate Functions, Family Reunions, Birthday Celebrations, Baby Showers, Anniversaries or any other fun reason to gather your group for a ***Celebration on the River***. If a group is larger than our occupancy capacity of 49 people, the group may be divided into smaller groups and be taken out separately in shifts. While one part of the group is cruising on the river, the other part of the group can be enjoying beverages and amazing food on the 2nd story deck at the ***Big Kahuna Bar and Grill***, Wine Tasting at the ***Grafton Harbor Floating Winery*** and enjoy a glass of wine or a cold beer on the dock patio and shop in the ***Grafton Harbor Gifts Ahoy Shop***, *“Whatever Floats Your Boat to Whatever Knocks Your Socks Off”.*

For those of you that depart from ***Pere Marquette Park Harbor*** you can look forward to exploring the largest State Park in the State of Illinois. Eating in their Dining Room brings the Lodge history to life and features a 700 ton stone fireplace, massive wood poles and picturesque views along with a wonderful menu featuring a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.

Special themed cruises will be scheduled throughout the summer and the fall. These include: Dinner Cruises, Music and Jimmy Buffet Parrot Head Cruises, Wine Tastings, Murder Mysteries, Sunset, Full Moon, Astrological Events, Star Gazing, Fall Foliage, Bird Watching, create your own theme. ***Hakuna Matata*** will be the place to celebrate special events and holidays such as: Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, 4th of July Fireworks, Christmas in July, Blessing of the Fleet, Veteran’s Day and Halloween.

Look for the summer and fall schedule for these cruises on our website: [www.graftonharbor.net](http://www.graftonharbor.net), contact us by email: [graftonriveradventures@gmail.com](mailto:graftonriveradventures@gmail.com)

or by phone: (618) 786-PORT (7678) and like us on ***Facebook – Grafton River Adventures*** to get schedule updates, special event information, pricing, photography and special deals!

***Captain Your Own Boat*** by renting one of our Pontoon Boats or Ski Boats and spend from 2-hours to an entire day on the river with your family and friends.

Prepare yourself for a perfect day on the river! Bring along a cooler full of cold drinks and a picnic lunch, invite 10 family and friends to spend the day in one of our brand new ***Landau Island Breeze 252 Pontoon Boats***. You will enjoy your experience on the Landau Pontoon Boat so much you’ll want to talk to Joe or Jan when you return to the dock since ***Grafton Harbor*** is now a licensed and registered ***Landau Boat Dealer*** making it possible for you to purchase a Pontoon Boat right at the Harbor! The Harbor even has Boat Slips available for you to park your boat on a daily or an annual basis.

If you’re looking for more sporting and physical activity, rent one of our***Ski Boats*** and enjoy a day with 6 family and friends of river sports, skiing, and inner tubing.

***The Grafton Harbor Crew look forward to spending time with you this summer on Illinois and Mississippi Rivers!***

***FOR MORE INFORMATION:***

***Visit Our Website:*** [***www.graftonharbor.net***](http://www.graftonharbor.net)

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