

Ohio River Scenic Byway 3-Day Excursion with a bonus day on the Appalachian Scenic Byway!



Whether you are cruising by automobile or motorcycle, the Ohio River Scenic Byway is the perfect ride with exceptional river views, breathtaking hills and lush forest valleys connected by curvy routes dotted with charming river towns – ideal road stops with fabulous local food and interesting things to do. While the entire national byway spans 943 miles, half of the journey (or 452 miles) borders the great state of Ohio with near-constant views of the mighty Ohio River.

Start your international excursion by flying into Cincinnati, the largest city along Ohio's River Trail!

Day One: Cincinnati

Beginning in Cincinnati you'll find awe-inspiring river views – and something to delight every member of your traveling party. The third largest city in Ohio presents opportunities for

- watching a major league baseball game,
- spanning a historic bridge (or seven) or
- adventuring renaissance-style through art museums, live music and professional theater.

Cincinnati is home of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a museum built to tell the story of the Underground Railroad. It also provides exhibits and programs about the endeavor to prevent and stop all forms of slavery and human trafficking around the world.



Day Two: On your way to Marietta you'll find a beautiful drive in any season.

You'll drive through several Appalachian counties not only known for their natural beauty but also for their cultural resources. Rich in history and flourishing with activity, the beauty of the water attracts and inspires musicians and artists from all over the world. In Marietta, Washington County, Ohio you can create unforgettable memories!

The charming riverboat town showcases the first city in Ohio and the first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory. Since then, Marietta has blossomed into a revitalized main street community known for great food, eclectic shops, amazing music venues, vibrant nightlife and historic hotels.

Travel light and dress casual, but be prepared for a party! The people of Marietta have a celebration for everything that happens along the river. Festivals are frequent and most often free! Don't miss these Marietta experiences:

- A Stop at the Ohio River Scenic Byway Visitor Center
- Downtown shopping
- Campus Martius/Ohio River Museum
- Valley Gem Sternwheeler
- Mortuary Museum
- Basilica of St. Mary
- Historic Mound Cemetery
- The Castle



Day Three: Bonus! An opportunity to experience the Appalachian Byway!

The Ohio River Scenic Byway connects to The Appalachian Byway! Enjoy the rustic beauty of southern Ohio while traveling along the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The 105-mile Appalachian Byway joins the Ohio River Scenic Byway at the in Hannibal, Ohio.

- Hannibal Locks and Dam on State Route 7
- and moves up to State Route 78 to cross through Monroe County and Noble County.
- Byway travelers may also enjoy a short trip north of SR 78 along SR 83 to The Wilds in Muskingum County,
- Then head back to SR 78 into Morgan County- Historic downtown McConnelsville, The Twin City Opera House, Muskingum River Hand-Operated Locks and Dam, Burr Oak State Park Lodge ending in Nelsonville, Ohio
- A short drive places you back on the Ohio River Scenic Byway, and now you're on your way to the last leg of the trip, Historic Steubenville, before catching your next flight in Pittsburgh.

