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**MERCURY CHICAGO'S SKYLINE CRUISELINE SHOWCASES CHICAGO
AT NIGHT WITH SPARKLING LAKEFRONT, HOLIDAY AND FIREWORKS
CRUISES.**

CHICAGO – Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline showcases a breathtaking Chicago at night with a variety of cruises beginning Memorial Day and departing throughout the summer from its Riverside Gardens dock at the southeast corner and lower level of the Michigan Avenue bridge and Wacker Drive.

Chicago by Night!

Timed to coincide with the sunset, the two-hour river and lake cruise provides unforgettable sunset views of Chicago's famous skyline. Hundreds of thousands of "stars" from lighted skyscrapers twinkle against the night sky affording avid photographers some memorable photo opportunities. The highlight of the cruise is a brief stop near Buckingham Fountain at 9 pm for passengers to view the nightly light show. The cruise runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day, plus 9 pm on Saturdays for a two-hour lakefront fireworks cruise.

The 2009 cruise schedule is: Memorial Day through Labor Day– Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 7:30 pm, plus 9 pm on Saturdays for a two-hour lakefront fireworks cruise. Tickets are \$25/adults; \$13/children under 12. Children under three are free.

Fireworks Cruises

Wednesdays and Saturdays in the summer, Mercury offers its popular commentated lakefront fireworks cruise providing digital shutterbugs unobstructed views of the peninsular pyrotechnics at Navy Pier. Passengers may bring along a picnic basket of goodies to enjoy during the cruise.

The 2009 cruise schedule is: Summer – Wednesday – 8:30 pm for a 90-minute lake-only cruise. Tickets are \$23/adults, \$10/children under 12. Saturday – 9 pm for a two-hour lake-only cruise. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$13/children under 12, Children under three years are free. Advance reservations are not necessary. Fireworks Cruise tickets go on sale at 9 am the day of the event at the Mercury ticket window.

Third of July Fireworks Extravaganza

Passengers BYO to eat, drink, be merry, toast our country's birthday, and digitally capture the colorful and explosive action during Chicago's annual mega-fireworks extravaganza with the synchronized *1812 Overture* simulcast on the boat's sound system. **Friday, July 3, 2009.** Three-hour lake-only cruise boards at 7:30 pm and cruises from 8 pm to 11 pm. \$40/person Ticket sales begin Monday, June 1st at Mercury ticket window, 9 am to 6 pm.

Venetian Night

Chicago's 60+ year traditional celebration of boating on Lake Michigan culminates with a spectacular fireworks finale, **Saturday, July 25, 2009.** Passengers can enjoy their own drinks and snacks during this 2 ½-hour lake-only cruise that includes a commentated tour of the lakefront, plus history on Chicago's Venetian Parade. While viewing of the Venetian Boat Parade is **not included**, Mercury positions its vessels for picture-perfect views of the fireworks. Boarding begins at 7:30 pm. Cruising from 8 pm to 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$29/adults, \$15/all children under 12.

For more information visit www.mercuryskylinecruiseline.com or phone 312-332-1353.