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MERCURY'S URBAN ADVENTURE CRUISE OFFERS FAMILIES REFRESHING AND RELAXING WAY TO SEE CHICAGO

Cruise offers additional sky-high experience with partner John Hancock Observatory

CHICAGO - Families looking for a relaxing balance to the multi-stimuli of Millennium Park will find it just three blocks north on the family-friendly 90-minute *Urban Adventure Cruise* aboard Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline at Riverside Gardens at the southeast corner and lower level of the Michigan Avenue bridge and Wacker Drive.

Entertaining tour guides combine fun facts with colorful commentary, and perhaps a sing-a-long or trivia contest, to create a lively social atmosphere for passengers of all ages. The all-encompassing cruise with fascinating commentary takes passengers under a total of 17 of Chicago's world record 37 moveable bridges and by 82 significant skyscrapers and landmarks including: Site of Ft. Dearborn, Water Tower Place, Merchandise Mart, Marina City, Trump Tower, Wolf Point, John Hancock Center, Sears Tower, NBC Tower, and the Civic Opera House.

Passengers can move about the deck during the cruise to maximize photo and video opportunities as they are treated to a moving panoramic view of Chicago's skyline, Buckingham Fountain, Chicago's Museum Campus with the Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, and The Field Museum, plus passage through the Chicago River Lock System, the engineering feat that reversed the river's flow.

Visitors can also combine the Urban Adventure Cruise with top-of-the-world views from the John Hancock Observatory, 94 stories up on America's fastest elevator ride for a one-of-a-kind "air and water" showcase of Chicago.

The 2009 cruise schedule is: May 15 – October 1– Daily: 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm plus 8:30 pm on Wednesdays for a 90-minute lakefront fireworks cruise. Summer season – Tickets are \$23/adults; \$ 10/children under 12. Children under three are free.

The 2009 cruise Mercury/Hancock schedule is: Memorial Day through Labor Day – Daily: 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm. Summer season – Tickets are \$30/adults; \$ 13/children under 12. Children under three are free. Tickets are available at both the Mercury and John Hancock Observatory ticket windows.