

Guests Relive the American Frontier Aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat

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Reliving the romantic days of steamboat travel, guests board the Mark Twain Riverboat in Frontierland. The authentic sternwheeler boat takes them for a scenic trip down the Rivers of America and through the great American West. Since the opening of Disneyland park on July 17, 1955, guests have been able to capture the nostalgia of the past by immersing themselves on this relaxing voyage around Tom Sawyer Island (now Pirate's Lair on Tom Sawyer Island). The beloved riverboat attraction authentically captures the look, ambiance, refinement and design of a 19th century steamboat. From its multiple decks, guests can take in the beauty of the American frontier, including indigenous rock formations, natural forests, wildlife, and waterfalls. Along the way, they listen to music and narration by iconic American author Mark Twain as he details a time when traveling was as much about new discoveries as it was about transportation.

Fun Facts

- The Mark Twain Riverboat, which is 28 feet tall and 105 feet long, is a 5/8 scale sternwheeler that runs on steam.
- The ship's maiden voyage was on July 13th, 1955, for a celebration of Walt and Lillian's 30th wedding anniversary.
- Walt Disney named the boat after one of America's greatest writers and Walt's personal hero, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, who was a riverboat pilot as a young man. That experience inspired his pen name; "mark twain" is a riverboat term that means a vessel is at a safe depth.
- The Mark Twain is one of the few attractions where food and beverage are encouraged on board, so guests can bring their favorite beverage and enjoy the 12-minute, relaxing voyage.
- The Mark Twain closes at dusk to prepare for Fantasmic!, and during that show the boat is helmed by Mickey as Steamboat Willie.

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