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**SHORELINE SIGHTSEEING "ILLINOIS MADE" CRUISE SET FOR AUGUST 4**

***New Cruise in Partnership with Illinois Office of Tourism will feature  
Food and Beverages from Illinois artisans***

Chicago, IL: Shoreline Sightseeing will host a first-of-its-kind Illinois Made Cruise featuring food and beverages from "Illinois Made" artisans. Shoreline is partnering with the Illinois Office of Tourism for this new cruise taking place on Friday August 4. Launched in July 2016, Illinois Made is an ongoing program that recognizes the artisans, products and experiences that are unique to the state.

The following Illinois Made providers will be on hand sampling their custom beverage products:

***Blaum Bros. Distilling Co.*** of Galena, IL will sample an assortment of their fine whiskeys and vodkas.

***Whiskey Acres Distilling Co.*** of DeKalb, IL will bring a variety of its farm-to-distillery beverages.

***St. Nicholas Brewing Co.*** of Du Quoin IL will sample favorite summer brews from its line-up of craft beers.

***Tangled Roots*** of Ottawa, IL will sample its craft beers featuring locally grown and sourced ingredients..

The Illinois Made cruise will feature samplings from additional Illinois Made food and beverage artisans. The evening will include a 90-minute Shoreline cruise on the Chicago River offering spectacular views and excellent photo opportunities of Chicago's brilliantly lit nighttime skyline. Chicago musician Owen Stevenson will entertain for the evening.

"We are looking forward to hosting the Illinois Made Cruise highlighting the superb food and beverage artisans of our state," said Amy Hartnett, Director of Sales and Marketing for Shoreline Sightseeing. "It's a perfect opportunity for Chicagoans and visitors to experience the creativity of some of our Illinois culinary and beverage stars."

"We are excited to partner with Shoreline Sightseeing to feature our amazing Illinois Made artisans who create exceptional products using Illinois ingredients. Illinois is home to world class craft breweries, wineries and distilleries that offer travelers, near and far, authentic, out of the ordinary experiences," said Cory Jobe, Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism.

The Illinois Made Cruise will depart from Shoreline's dock at Polk Bros Park at the southwest corner of Navy Pier at 8:00 p.m., returning at 9:30 p.m. Boarding will begin 15 minutes prior to departure. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets for Shoreline's Illinois Made Cruises are \$49.00 per person. Please note; must be 21 to go on this cruise. Information at <http://shorelinesightseeing.com/special-events/> or call [312-222-9328](tel:312-222-9328).

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***Shoreline Sightseeing Illinois Made Cruise, add 2***

***About Shoreline Sightseeing;*** Now celebrating its 78th season on Chicago's waterways, Shoreline Sightseeing operates Chicago's largest and most diverse fleet of cruise boats and water taxis. Shoreline offers Architecture River Tours, Classic Lake Tours, Fireworks Tours, Water Taxis and a season-long series of special event cruises. Brothers Chip and Matt Collopy are third-generation owners of Shoreline Sightseeing.

***About Illinois Made;*** Illinois Made recognizes the artisans, products and experiences that are unique to the state. Launched in 2016, the program inspires travel across Illinois and encourages people to extend their travel beyond a day trip by exploring the local businesses and great attractions around the state. To learn more about Illinois Made and to view the latest video content and featured makers, visit [www.EnjoyIllinois.com/Illinoismade](http://www.EnjoyIllinois.com/Illinoismade).

***About Blaum Bros. Distilling Co.;*** Brothers Mike and Matt Blaum founded Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. in Galena, IL in 2013. They use only Illinois-sourced grains in distilling a wide variety of fine liquors. Blaum Bros. offers on-site tours complete with tasting room.

***About Whiskey Acres Distilling Co.;*** Established in 2014 and run by father-son farmers Jim and Jamie Walter and their partner Nick Nagle, Whiskey Acres uses only grain grown on their family farm to make their fine liquors. Located in DeKalb, IL, Whiskey Acres is open to the public mid-March through November.

***About St. Nicholas Brewing Co.*** Opened in August 2014, all St. Nicholas beers are brewed in-house at their microbrewery and restaurant located in the historic St. Nicholas Hotel in Du Quoin in Southern Illinois.

***About Tangled Roots;*** With a devotion to craft, and a dedication to authenticity, Tangled Roots Brewing Company offers a locally grown farm-to-table brewery restaurant experience and a craft beer brand that complements the local area and people of Starved Rock Country.

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