



E B E L'S
VOYAGEUR HOUSEBOATS



Houseboat Vacations





The Ebels have been providing trouble-free houseboat vacations for more than 35 years. Ash River is located in the heart of Voyageurs National Park, the perfect place to start exploring the only water-based park in the nation. This area focuses your eyes to nesting loons, majestic bald eagles, does with fawns and a rainbow of colors from spring to fall.

Ebel's has the largest and now some of the most modern fleet ever. The Ebels are strictly in the houseboat business (no satellite interests), ensuring them satisfied guests. Join the Ebels this season, they'll show you a "SIMPLY THE BEST" vacation.



Your extraordinary houseboat adventure is truly a fantastic way to explore the United States' waterways park, Voyageurs. This national park, created by Congress in 1971, encompasses land and water – but no roads! This park was designed for canoers and boaters, who must camp to appreciate its unspoiled beauty.

What better way to re-create the route of the hardy Voyageur trappers and traders than with a houseboat? The park is over 100 miles long, stretching along the Canada-Minnesota border as it runs through Namakan Lake, Sand Point Lake, and Crane Lake. It includes all of Minnesota's famed walleye lake, Kabetogama, plus over one million acres of roadless wilderness. Eventually, all cabins and commercial dwellings will be removed from the park, again returning it to its natural setting.

From our Ash River base, the entire southern part of the park can be visited from Western Kabetogama Lake to Eastern Crane. This area contains water fed by springs – so cool, clear and pure you can drink right from the lakes. Namakan Lake is a truly magnificent body of water. It does not "bloom" in summer, yet remains warm enough for water-skiing and swimming in the vacation period of July and August. You will enjoy the fun of bathing in many secluded, shady beached.

You can visit the famous Kettle Falls Hotel and the spot where Namakan Lake flows into Rainy Lake. This century-old trading post presents a bit of nostalgia of yesteryear, including sloped floors, many relics, and antiques. Enjoy an excellent meal and drink in the atmosphere of the hardy pioneers in this unique, historic setting.

The Trip of a Lifetime...



Things you should know

RESERVATIONS

Practically all houseboat trips are on reservation; usually 60 to 90 days ahead. However, with a large fleet of houseboats, cancellations do often occur, and a phone call sometimes just a few days ahead will secure a place. After Labor Day, chances are always good. Some vacancies usually exist during the middle of the week during May.

RUNABOUT BOAT

A 14' boat is included with your houseboat rental, you must bring or rent a motor. Canoes, kayaks, motors and fish-n-ski boats are available for rent.

FOOD

You must have a food supply for the entire trip as it is impractical to come back for supplies. You may bring food if you wish, but we have good markets in Virginia, Cook and Orr while staples, perishables, and beverages are available at our base. The refrigerator is large – 8 cubic feet; and we also supply an ice cooler, which also can be used for keeping your fish. A week's supply of foodstuff can easily be carried aboard. Bring your own live bait container or purchase one at the base. A styrofoam ice chest is very good. We have block and cube ice for sale.

SAFETY

Safety is excellent. An Ebel's Voyageur Houseboat is unsinkable – with twelve water-tight bulkheads – and is completely equipped with Coast Guard approved devices. All health regulations are met by our aircraft-type toilets and disposal system. Since we require all houseboats to beach when at rest, you experience no seasickness nor worries of wind bouncing your tightly moored cabin. The entire park waters abound with protected bays and myriads of islands, so do not worry about taking the smallest of children.





About your trip

PACKING LIST

Handy things to have along would be a portable radio, books, magazines, games and cards, rain gear, camera, swimming gear, a warm set of clothes, skin diving equipment, binoculars and mosquito spray. The Vista and Exclusive 65' Series have CD and DVD players, so bring your CDs and DVDs. We have on board complete barbecue sets, deck chairs and kitchen linens.

WEATHER

It is hard to predict exact weather. June, July and August range from 50 degrees at night to 90 degrees in the day, and the water is ideal for swimming. July and August generally have less rain and are warmer than June. Insects are not bad on the water, and of course, in September you don't have any bugs, plus very little rain.

GETTING THERE

You can drive or fly to an Ebel's Voyageur vacation. Excellent roads come right to our dock. Commercial airline service is available to International Falls with three flights per day. Ask us about airport transportation.

EMERGENCIES

Emergencies occasionally present a problem. If one comes up at home, weather permitting, we get out to you at the earliest possible time. On the lake, there is main channel traffic and boaters will deliver messages. Most areas have cell phone coverage. Boats are radio equipped. You always have your small boat and motor to go for help and the comfort of your cabin to wait. Mechanical equipment is checked at the dock prior to your departure. However, we have a large fast service boat and complete supply of parts and extra motors. We take great pride in giving you immediate service.

INSURANCE

You are responsible for any service (other than mechanical breakdown) or for damage and loss of equipment. You will be required to sign a charter agreement in which the houseboat is turned over to you under these stipulations. We are fully insured for a total limit of \$1,000,000 in public liability. We offer an insurance policy for damages.



Policies & Discounts



RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Large 16', 3-passenger aluminum boats, 30 h.p. motor electric start, vinyl floors, swivel pedestal seats, and livewells

Large 14', 4-passenger aluminum boats

Extra Fishing Motors:	DAILY	WEEKLY
10 h.p.	\$45	\$225
Deluxe 30 h.p. tillers	\$110	\$450

Fish & Ski Boats	\$175	\$850
Canoe	\$26	\$125
Kayak	\$38	\$210
Linens (per person)	—	\$15

Free Hospitality Boat!
(ask about details)

Optional Damage Insurance -
\$30 per day

SAFETY

We reserve the right to refuse use of equipment or facilities to a customer whose judgment is impaired and might adversely affect his own safety or the safety of others. We also reserve the right to call in rented boats that are improperly or unsafely handled. No firearms or fireworks are allowed in the park.

NAVIGATION & CHARTS

We furnish complete charts of the lakes and assist you in planning your trip when you arrive. We do ask that you stay on the charts we furnish because the lake is so large. The area you can travel is about 450,000 acres of island-studded waters with ever-changing shoreline.

LINEN

We furnish pillows, pillow cases, and blankets for each bed. For fall and early spring rentals, the use of sleeping bags is recommended. Towels and sheets included on Vista & 65' series.

LOADING YOUR HOUSEBOAT

Our staff will assist you in loading your belongings on the houseboat, and will mount your fishing motors if you need.

OUR RENTAL SEASON

May-October 1 – We require a 3-day minimum voyage with reservation. Mid-week rentals begin on Sunday or Monday for 4 nights. Weeks can begin on any day and are seven full nights. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 9:00 a.m. (to ensure incoming guests their unit is ready, 1/2 day for late checkouts.)

EARLY & LATE SEASON DISCOUNTS

We offer a 20% discount in the months of May, June and September. Midweek rates apply all season.*

*Vista and 65' Series do not have midweek pricing.

PAYMENT OF TRIP

Payment in full of your houseboat adventure is due before our houseboat leaves the dock. Taxes and Fees will be added. All deposits are non-refundable. Payments for Vista and 65' Series are due 45 days in advance. Payment can be made in different ways: bank checks, personal check, travelers checks and cash. VISA, MasterCard, and Discover are also accepted.



COST OF OUTBOARD GAS

The cost of all outboard gas is charged in addition to the regular rate. You are charged for only the gas used. Average trip consumption is 45 gallons. Your houseboat carries in excess of 140 gallons, including fuel for small motors.

ORIENTATION

We go with you on the houseboat for a couple of miles to make sure all your questions are answered. In most cases the houseboat rundown we do with you will answer all your questions about fishing, charts and your houseboat. Generators are available to rent for charging trolling motors, batteries and TVs on your houseboat.

MANUFACTURING

Your Ebel's Houseboat made by Northern Lights Manufacturing, also owned by Joe and Katy Ebel, is the newest model and includes features like, gas barbecue grill, full usable sundeck, and atrium style ventilating windows with screens. There is ample storage space, an adequate supply of fresh water and pollution-free waste holding tanks.

Standard Features

- Carpeting
- 8 cubic foot refrigerator
- Built-in oven & gas range
- Easily operated controls
- New 70 horsepower 4-stroke engines
- BBQ Gas Grills
- Hot & cold running water
- AM/FM Stereo CD player
- Dishes & cooking utensils
- Large shower
- Gas heater
- Swim slides
- Deck chairs
- Cooler



Fishing & FAQ's

Fishing for walleyes is usually excellent in Lake Kabetogama until mid-June. Namakan Lake has its best fishing in July and August as the walleyes apparently move to the clear cold water of this lake. Northern fishing is constant throughout the year in all lakes. Crappies are not widespread but are available for the excellent persistent angler. Muskies are almost never caught and no lake trout are in these waters. Namakan Lake is widely known as one of the best smallmouth bass waters in the country. Short portage trips are available. Rainy Lake can be accessed via Kettle Falls.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeing an increase in walleye numbers and sizes in recent years on Kabetogama, Namakan, Rainy and Crane lakes, due to the large number of walleyes stocked in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The DNR reports that walleye and perch are the most abundant fish on all four of these lakes and Kabetogama and Rainy are in the DNR's top 10 for largest walleye lakes. The average lengths are 14+ inches and the old-timers in the area are saying that the fishing is going to be even better next year. Special and/or experimental fishing regulations exist on these waters. Please refer to Minnesota Fishing Regulations. Local guide services are available.



Q) What phone number can I leave my family, friends or baby sitters?

A) (218) 374-3571 is our general number. Our 800 number is reservations only.

Q) Does every houseboat have a generator?

A) No, only our Voyageur Plus, Vista, & 65' Series houseboats come equipped with generators, however, we do rent generators for the Voyageur Series houseboats.

Q) Can I bring my own generator?

What can I run off my generator?

A) You may bring your own generator and run anything that requires electricity, provided it does not exceed output capacity. Nothing on the boat itself requires electricity. The refrigerator and stove are gas. Lights are 12 volt.

Q) How is the kitchen stocked?

A) Just as a cabin is stocked each houseboat has pots and pans, dishes, glassware, and silverware based on the amount of people each boat accommodates – just the basics. If you need something special you may want to bring it from home. If you need something extra that we can supply, please let us know before you leave the dock.

Q) Does our houseboat have a coffeepot and toaster?

A) Each houseboat in our Voyageur Series comes with a percolator coffeepot. Our Voyageur Plus, Vista, and 65' Series houseboats come with an automatic drip coffee maker and a toaster.

Q) How big are the refrigerator and freezer?

A) The refrigerator is 8 cubic feet with a 25 lb. capacity freezer. This is the largest size available for 12 volt/gas. The Vista 61' and 65' have dual refrigerators.

Q) Does our houseboat have a cooler?

A) Yes, all of our houseboats come equipped with 100-quart coolers. We suggest you also bring coolers.

Q) Does our houseboat have a swimslide?

A) Yes, all of our houseboats have a swimslide.

Q) What is included in the linen package?

A) Linen packages need to be reserved for the Voyageur & Voyageur Plus Series. They are included on the Vista's and 65's. Packages consist of one set of sheets, two wash cloths, 2 hand towels and two bath towels. Cost is \$15.00 per package.

Q) Will we run out of gas?

A) There is in excess of 140 gallons of gasoline for the houseboat. There is also an auxiliary tank with 20 gallons of gas for your small boat's motor. Average trip consumption is 45 gallons depending on the length of your trip and how far you travel.

Q) How far can we go in our houseboat?

A) You can travel Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes. In total an excess of 80 miles.

Q) Do you have bait and ice?

A) Yes, we carry minnows, leeches, and night crawlers. We also sell 10lb. blocks of ice and 5lb. bags of cubes.

Q) Do you sell fishing licenses?

A) Yes, we sell resident and non-resident fishing licenses.

Q) How much are non-residents fishing licenses?

A) 2016 prices were as follows:

Individual Angling	\$47.00
3-Day Individual Angling	\$33.00
Family Angling	\$61.00
Combined Angling 14 Day	\$49.00 (married)
7 Day Individual Angling	\$39.00

ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Q) Where can we get groceries on the lake?

A) We recommend that you start your trip with enough groceries, as there are no grocery stores on the lake, but most of the resorts carry a small quantity of dry goods. On your way to the Ash River Trail we recommend shopping in Virginia, MN at SUPER ONE FOODS and ZUPS in Cook, MN.

Q) Are there any resorts to stop at on the lake?

A) Yes, on the far west end of Kabetogama, on the Ash River, at Kettle Falls and on Crane Lake there are various resorts that offer full restaurant and bar facilities.

Q) Does our houseboat come with a small boat?

A) Yes. You must bring your own motor or rent one from us. We do require you have at least one tagalong boat & motor with the houseboat in case of emergency.

Q) Can we have extra people on our houseboat?

A) No. We do not have an extra charge per person. Our boats are approved for a variety of group sizes, exceeding these limits lead to problems with holding tanks and usually submerged motors. For these reasons we normally do not vary from the maximum occupancy. Children are counted as one.

Q) What time can we pick up our houseboat?

A) Usually anytime after 1 PM. Our office is closed between the hours of 11 AM – 1 PM. This allows us to get the houseboats ready for timely departures. Please do not plan on arriving before 1 PM.

Q) Does anyone captain the houseboat for us?

A) We have a staff member run through a checklist and go over the boat with you. The staff member will accompany you down the river for a few miles to make sure all of your questions are answered and you are comfortable driving the houseboat.

Q) How far is Kettle Falls?

A) It is 17 miles or approximately 2-1/2 hours by houseboat from our base on the Ash River.

Q) Do we need to bring deck chairs?

A) We supply 4 deck chairs. These are not loungers, so you may want to bring some of your own for sunbathing.

Q) Do you have fillet knives on the houseboat?

A) No. You should bring your own.

Q) Will a C-PAP machine work on a houseboat?

A) Battery packs are required and are available for rent, you will also need a generator if your houseboat does not have one to charge the battery pack.

Q) Are the grills on the houseboat gas or charcoal?

A) They are gas grills.

Q) Should we bring a canoe or kayak?

A) Yes. There are several areas in the park that are only accessible by either a canoe or kayak.

Q) Do we need insurance on our houseboat?

A) When you rent a houseboat, you assume our damage deductible, which is \$10,000. We offer an optional insurance waiver for \$30 a day that lowers your deductible to \$200. You are still responsible for all damages from \$5000 to \$10,000. This waiver does not apply to damage to fishing boats, and their motors, Fish-n-Ski boats and their motors, houseboat anchors, houseboat furniture, and/or propellers on the motors of said fishing boats, fish-n-ski boats and/or houseboats. You may want to check with your homeowner's insurance to see if you have your own coverage. You will not have to guarantee the deductible on a credit card like some other houseboat operations!

Q) Are there any hidden costs?

A) None that are not already discussed in our brochure. If you do not have a copy of our current brochure please call and request one. Don't forget that taxes and fees are charged on all rentals, excluding insurance.

Q) What do we do with our garbage?

A) We supply a large garbage can with liners. Occasionally, someone from our base is on the lake and will make every effort to pick up your garbage. Store garbage on the top deck.

Q) Do you have a hospitality boat?

A) Yes! On Wednesday's. If you radio the base in the morning, we will make every effort to bring your order out that day. Special trips are \$75.00 per trip.

Q) How can we keep our food from spoiling before our trip is done?

A) We advise our guests to bring most of their meats frozen. This makes it last longer. In hot weather, limit the amount of time the refrigerator is opened by putting beverages in ice coolers. Understand that houseboat refrigerators take longer to chill than your home refrigerator, so limit the amount of time the door is open. Be sure to check daily to make sure the pilot is lit.

Q) Do we need Canadian fishing licenses?

A) Only if you plan to fish in Canadian waters. Canadian licenses can be purchased on Sand Point Lake.

Q) Will cell phones work while we are on the lake?

A) AT&T offers the best coverage of all the lakes. Other carriers are not to be depended on. Check with your local provider.



Voyageur Series

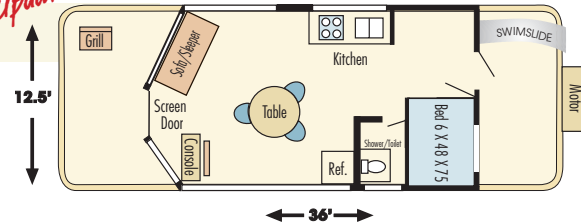
Fuel not included • Floor plans may vary • Seasonal discounts apply • Pets allowed

VOYAGEUR 36'

Accommodates 2-3

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Day	\$335
Week	\$1,540
Midweek	\$1,205
Weekend	\$1,005
Deposit	\$500

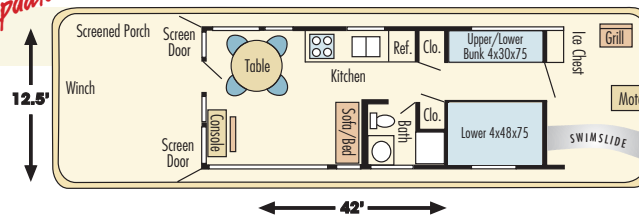


VOYAGEUR 42'

Accommodates 5

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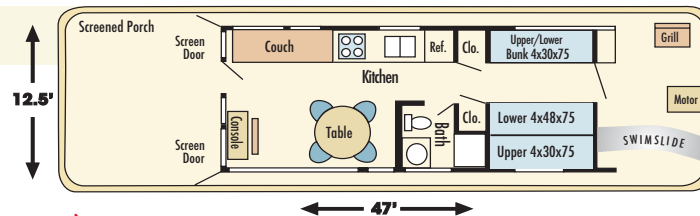
Day	\$380
Week	\$1,795
Midweek	\$1,375
Weekend	\$1,140
Deposit	\$500



VOYAGEUR 47'

Accommodates 6

Day	\$440
Week	\$2,320
Midweek	\$1,575
Weekend	\$1,320
Deposit	\$500

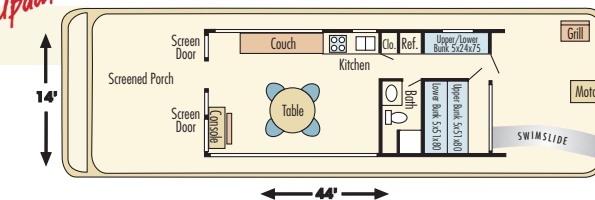


VOYAGEUR 44'

Accommodates 6

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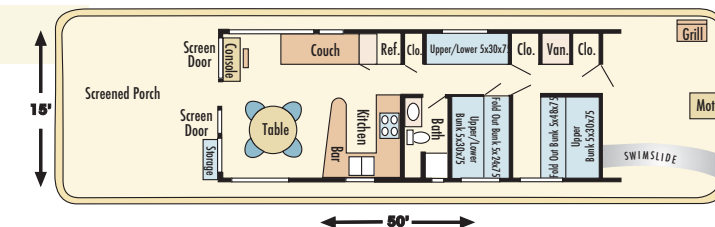
Day	\$540
Week	\$2,625
Midweek	\$1,905
Weekend	\$1,620
Deposit	\$500



VOYAGEUR 50'

Accommodates 8-10

Day	\$595
Week	\$2,825
Midweek	\$2,115
Weekend	\$1,785
Deposit	\$500



Add a generator for your small electronic needs.
Daily \$30 / Weekly \$150



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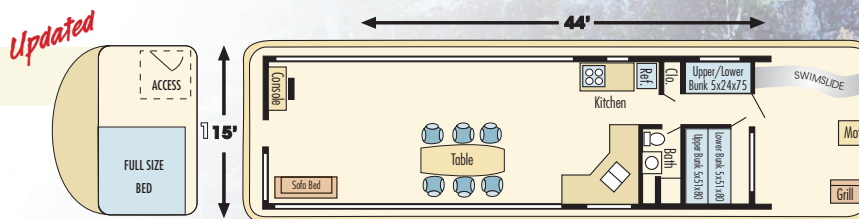
Voyageur Plus Series

Fuel not included • Floor plans may vary • Seasonal discounts apply • Pets allowed

VOYAGEUR PLUS 44'

Accommodates 8

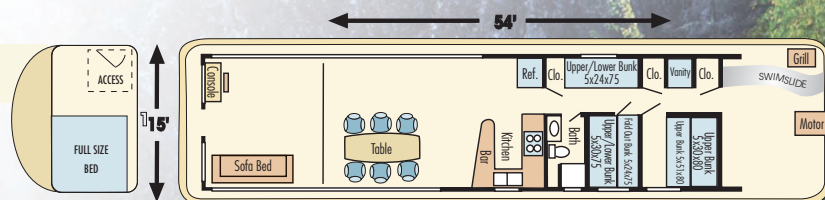
Day	\$695
Week	\$3,445
Midweek	\$2,495
Weekend	\$2,085
Deposit	\$600

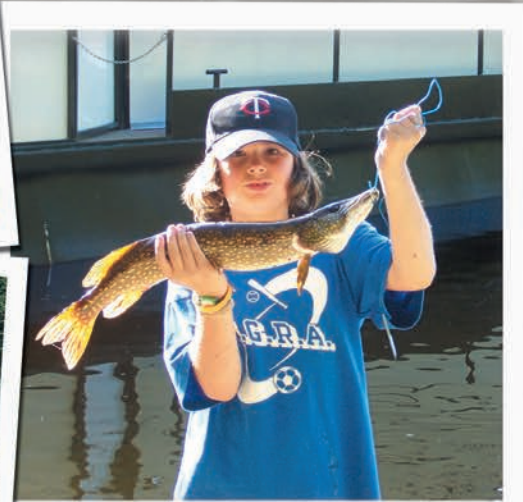


VOYAGEUR PLUS 54'

Accommodates 10

Day	\$755
Week	\$3,895
Midweek	\$2,725
Weekend	\$2,265
Deposit	\$600





Vista Series

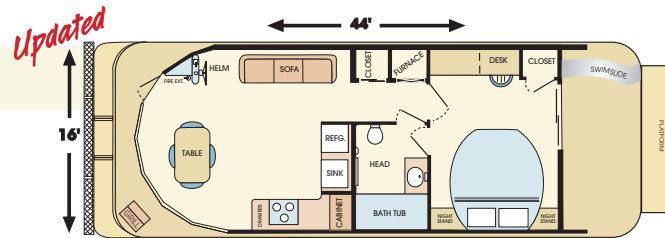
State-of-the-art industry design, created by Ebel's • Seasonal discounts apply • Pets allowed • Fuel not included

VISTA 44'

Accommodates 4

The Vista 44' offers all the luxury of Ebel's larger boats in a size that's perfect for a couple or a small family. The 700 sq.ft. main deck features atrium windows, a large stateroom with a king bed, and a large bathroom with tub. The upper deck has an outdoor hot tub and second steering station.

Rates: \$3,175 per week, \$635 per day.
Deposit 30% non-refundable.

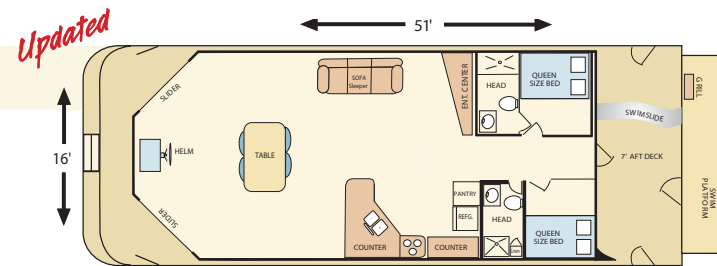


VISTA 51'

2 Bedrooms • Accommodates 5

New in 2012 the 2 bedroom Vista 51'! Our 2 bedroom Vista 51' offers 2 private staterooms, 2 bathrooms, full glass solarium with 2 sliding glass doors and much more! The upper deck has a water slide, hot tub, and a second steering station.

Rates: \$4,275 per week, \$850 per day.
Deposit 30% non-refundable.

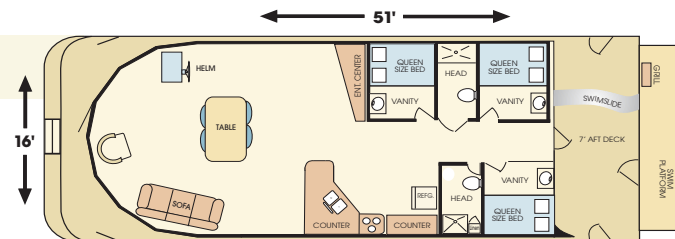


VISTA 51'

3 Bedrooms • Accommodates 6-7

The Vista 51' offers a happy medium between the 44' and 61' Vistas. Features include 3 private staterooms, 2 bathrooms, full glass solarium, and all the amenities of home. The upper deck has a water slide, second steering station and a hot tub.

Rates: \$4,525 per week, \$925 per day.
Deposit 30% non-refundable.

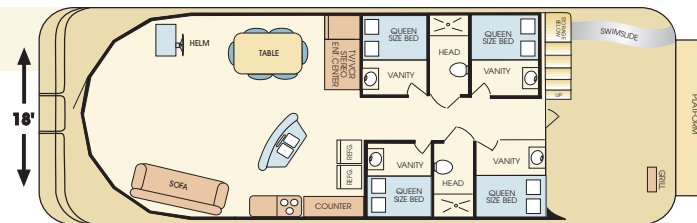


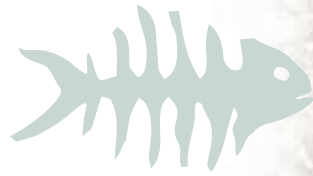
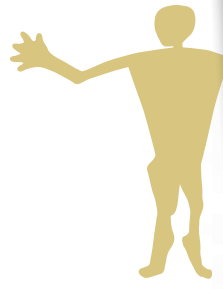
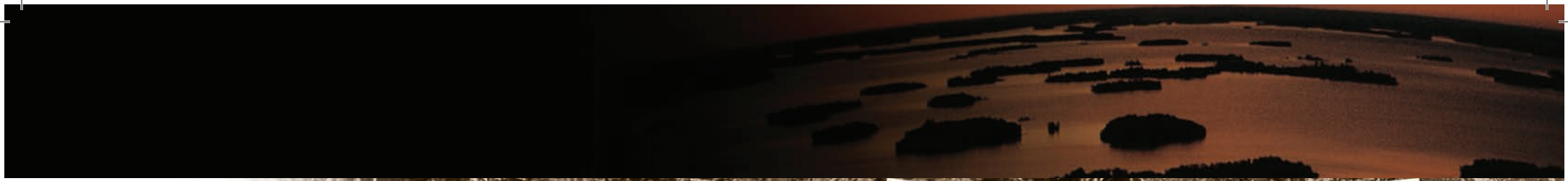
VISTA 61'

Accommodates 8-10

The main deck is 990 square feet, featuring four private staterooms with queen beds, two complete baths, and an open living area with galley, comfortable seating and entertainment center. The upper deck is 800 square feet, with a water slide, second steering station and a hot tub.

Rates: \$5,695 per week, \$1,125 per day.
Deposit 30% non-refundable.





Exclusive 65' Series

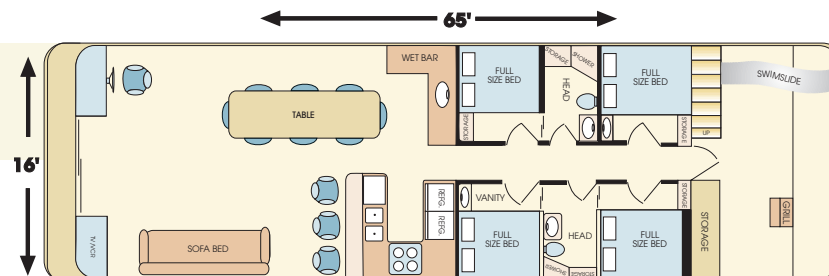


EXCLUSIVE 65' SERIES

Accommodates 12

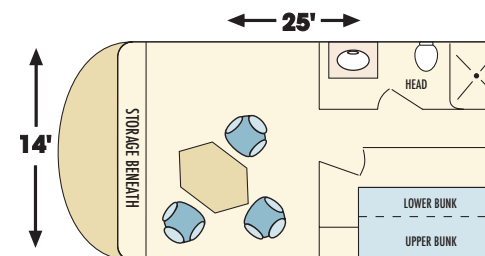
The grandest of them all. 5 separate staterooms with double beds, 2 single bunks and a sofa sleeper. 3 bathrooms, dishwasher and hot tub. This is the only boat that we price per person. Perfect for 5 couples, 9 fisherman or 3 families.

The twin 70 horsepower 4 stroke outboard motors will allow you to get to the fishing hole with ease while towing as many as four fishing boats. Experience the wilderness without leaving anything behind.



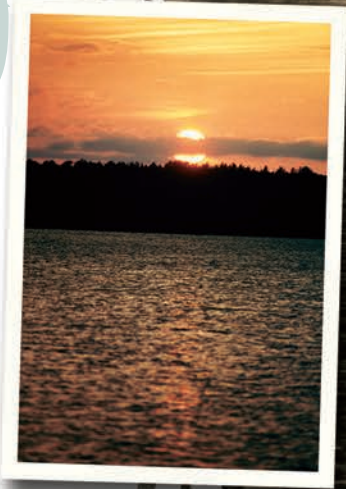
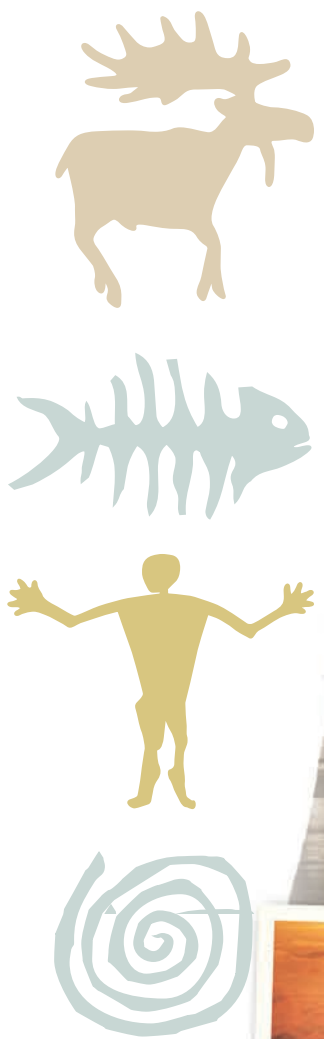
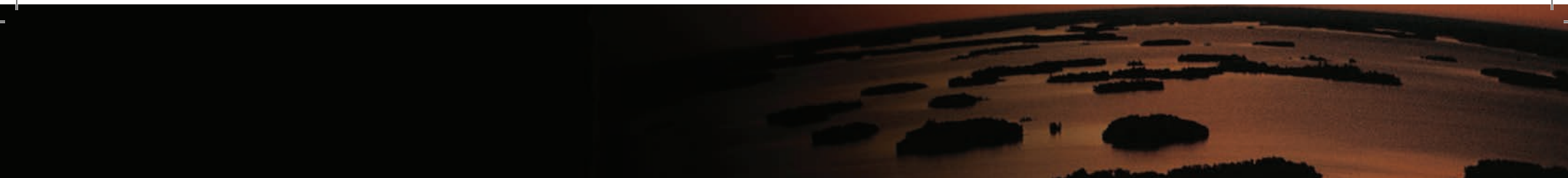
Non-refundable Deposit \$2,000
Prices Per Person:

# OF PEOPLE	PER DAY		PER WEEK	
6	\$200	(\$1200)	\$945	(\$5670)
8	\$170	(\$1360)	\$765	(\$6120)
10	\$140	(\$1400)	\$635	(\$6350)
12	\$135	(\$1620)	\$560	(\$6720)



Floor plan may vary.





Overnight Permit Requirement

Houseboats are required to get a permit for overnight stays from www.recreation.gov or the call center at **877-444-6777**

- There is no limit to the number of houseboats allowed in the park at one time.
- Reservations will not be site specific, rather for overnight stays.
- Reservations will be available starting November 15, 2016, for all of the 2017 season.
- There will be a \$10 fee per night, for each night in the park, (ex: 5 nights = \$50).
- If you cancel a reservation before you print the permit, you will forfeit the first nights fee, \$10.
- Once you print your permit there will be no refunds.
- Designated Houseboat sites may be used on first-come, first-served basis.
- There is a limit of two houseboats per each designated site.
- Houseboats may stay at an undesignated site as long as they are at least 200 yards away from any developed site, or structure.
- Houseboats may not moor overnight at docks in Voyageurs National Park. * Houseboats wishing to pitch a tent must go onto www.recreation.gov and reserve a tent site for those in the party who want to do this. However, a Houseboat may not moor at the tent sites.
- Houseboats are allowed to stay overnight in the two group campsites, R-74 on Rainy Lake and K-54 on Kabetogama Lake. The group must have a permit for the group site plus a permit for each houseboat. The group campsite limit is at least 14 and no more than 30 people.
- No discount passes (golden age, access etc.) are accepted for houseboat or camping fees.






Call for reservations


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