

# Your Day on the legendary *SS John Brown's "Living History Cruise"*,

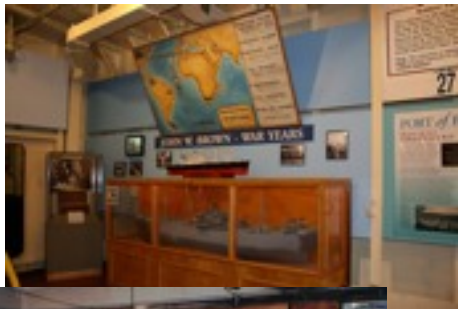


## Arrival:

You can arrive as early at 7:30 AM with boarding to start at 8:00 AM. All passengers must be boarded by 9:00 am to allow the crew to ready the ship for sailing at 10:00. As you board you will be given the ship's Welcome Aboard, which details a self-guided "Blue Line Tour" of this historic vessel. All but a few spaces aboard the Brown are open to the public from the BRIDGE down to the ENGINE ROOM. Here you will find the crew busily working to ready the massive 130 ton steam engine for the cruise. You will smell the unique smells of a steamship's engine room - witness the operation of all of the steam auxiliaries, and see the twin boilers making steam.

## While on Board:

The "Blue Line Tour" can be followed at anytime during the day. Visit the FLYING BRIDGE, the CHART ROOM, WHEELHOUSE, etc. Inspect the QUARTERS used by the Naval Armed Guards, and ships crew. Visit the GALLEY where this ships food is prepared, the OFFICERS DINING ROOM, and CREWS MESS. On the bow see the spare anchor weighting 8400 lb - one of two on the ship. Travel down one of many ships ladders to the "tween deck" and you will find the **Merchant Marine Museum, the U.S. Navy Armed Guard Museum, the Shipyard Museum, the Ship's CHAPEL** and other interesting displays reflecting the *Brown's* long history. After harbor tugs assist in getting the *Brown* underway, we will steam past Fields Point, site of the former Kaiser Shipyard. (The Save the Bay Headquarters and Johnson and Wales occupy the area now.) Liberties and other ships were built here in Providence during the 1940's.



## Food Service:

During the morning a complimentary continental breakfast featuring sweet rolls, donuts, bagels, coffee, tea and juice are served.

During the early afternoon, a complimentary luncheon buffet is served in one of the converted ships holds to all on board. All food is served by the *SS Brown's* own ship's crew! No one goes away hungry! Later there are snacks and other goodies available.

## What's Happening:

As we head down the East Passage of Narragansett Bay toward Newport, we will pass the islands of Patience and Prudence and on to Jamestown. Stories will be told of the various locations and facilities that dot the Bay and that contributed to the War effort. We will see things like the torpedo testing station and Naval War College, to name a few. We will pass the Naval anchorage area where there were provisions for the mooring of battleships during the wartime period. Throughout the day, various historic personages will speak on deck, giving the moving speeches of the time. **PRESIDENT AND MRS.**



ROOSEVELT, GENERAL DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR, GENERAL PATON, and others will all be in attendance along with their aids or Secret Service guards. ABBOTT AND COSTELLO will also entertain down in the ships' hold. On deck, throughout the day, a 1940's Big Band will serenade passengers with all the great hits of the 30's and 40's. Dancing is encouraged!



Once under the Newport-Pell Bridge we will be attacked (weather permitting) by vintage World War II aircraft. Japanese Zeros, and torpedo bombers will come out of the sun to attack the *Brown*. Our Naval Armed Guard will spring to action, using the *Brown's* deck guns in defense of the vessel. Just as things get hairy, American vintage WW II aircraft save the day by driving off the attacking planes. P 51's, Corsairs, and often a Mitchell B-25 bomber come to the ships aid.



What sounds, what fury! just what the *Brown* dealt with during those dark days of WW II! You may resume your self-guided "Blue

Line Tour" tour at any time. Please note that for reasons of safety, children age 12 and under are not permitted to visit the engine room during our cruises. (The ship will be open for tours for several days prior to the cruise. At that



time children may visit areas out of bounds during the cruise.)

The SHIP'S STORE will be open throughout the cruise where you can purchase souvenirs of the ship and of the cruise.

### Return:

Before docking back in Providence, a **Memorial Service** will be held on deck remembering the thousands of Merchant Seamen that lost their lives in the service to our country. Wreaths will be thrown in commemoration of their service. We will arrive back in Providence at about 4:00 p.m.

Disembarkation can take from 45 minutes to an hour. The men and women who fought in World War II were called the "Greatest Generation". After your "Living History Cruise" you'll know why.





