

CURIOSITY CRUISER



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book the Curiosity Cruiser?

To request the Curiosity Cruiser for your event or venue:

- Visit www.dmns.org/curiositycruiser
- Email curiositycruiser@dmns.org
- Call 303.370.6453

How much does it cost?

Curiosity Cruiser fees are based on the type of event and season. The Museum offers discounts to nonprofit and community organizations, and there is limited funding available to bring the Curiosity Cruiser to community-driven fairs and festivals that connect with people who might not otherwise have access to Museum experiences. Please submit a form so we can learn more about your event.

- For profit or private events (November – April) \$2,000 for up to 5 activation hours, \$400 for each additional hour, and with a \$500 deposit at time of booking.
- For profit or private events (May – October) \$2,500 for up to 5 activation hours, \$500 for each additional hour, and with a \$500 deposit at time of booking.
- Nonprofit, community organization, governmental agency – \$800 for up to 5 activation hours, \$160 for each additional hour, and with a \$200 deposit at time of booking.

How far in advance or close to my event may I request the Curiosity Cruiser?

Requests may be made a minimum of three weeks prior to the event date and up to one year in advance. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-reserve basis.

What days are the Curiosity Cruiser available to book?

The Curiosity Cruiser can be booked Thursday to Sunday. Any requests for events on Monday through Wednesday or overnight visits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Not available December 25.

How far will the Curiosity Cruiser travel?

It can travel within a 90-minute driving radius of the Museum, including considerations for traffic. The Museum Connectors team will evaluate booking requests to ensure we are meeting our objective.

How long can the Curiosity Cruiser be at our event and during what times?

Weekend experiences range from a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 8 hours. A minimum of one hour is needed on either side of the experience for setting up and tearing down. Experiences can occur any time between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Not seeing, what you need? We may be able to make it work on a case-by-case basis, give us a call or send us an e-mail today!

Weekday experiences range from a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 5 hours. A minimum of one hour is needed on either side of the experience for setting up and tearing down. Experiences can occur any time between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m.

How large is the Curiosity Cruiser?

The trailer is 25 feet long, 3 feet tall (16 feet tall when activated), and 8 feet wide (XX wide when activated) and towed by a Ford 350. The trailer weighs 11,000 lbs and the truck weighs 8,520 lbs with a combined weight of 19,820 lbs, if the trailer

and truck stay connected during operation. In operation, the trailer footprint is a minimum of 35 feet by 30 feet and can expand if space is available. Footprint image and specs sheet available.

How long does it take to set up and take down?

One hour at the beginning and one hour at the end.

What are the requirements for parking the trailer?

- A hard flat surface (no grass) is needed to set up the Curiosity Cruiser, and there needs to be room for the full-size truck that drives the trailer into and out of its location.
- The host will be responsible for any permits required for blocking space and parking. The Cruiser cannot be set up on streets unless event organizers (not the Museum) have secured street permits. The Curiosity Cruiser is fully set up and operated by Museum staff.
- It is best if the Cruiser is parked with the door facing a “safe zone” or directly in front of a walking path so patrons can safely and easily enter and exit the trailer.
- It is very helpful if the area for parking is sectioned off with cones on the day of an event so Cruiser staff can easily park and begin setup.

How do I pay?

- Deposit due at time of confirmation
- Balance due 30 days out
- Cancellations > 30 days is refund less the deposit
- Cancellation < 30 days is not refunded

What about inclement weather?

Because this program will be offered year-round, the Museum reserves the right to cancel, leave early, or modify the experience due to weather/safety issues such as snow, extreme high or low temperatures, high winds, a tornado, or severe storm warnings.

Is there an age restriction?

There are many engaging activities where individuals and families can learn and play side by side. Some experiments and demonstrations require adult permission.

Is it available to be booked by schools?

Yes, if the school is presenting a family event and a parent/guardian is present with their children.

Is it accessible?

Yes, both inside and outside of the Cruiser. The trailer is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Transcripts of audio stories are available for guests with hearing impairments.

Is the experience offered in Spanish and English?

All activities in the space are bilingual in Spanish and English. Special presentations are bilingual dependent upon availability of bilingual staff. If a customer needs bilingual support, please let us know!



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How many people can be accommodated?

The Curiosity Cruiser activities are designed to be free-flowing and nonlinear so guests can choose the type and length of their experience. Typically guests engage for about 20 minutes. The Cruiser can actively accommodate around 30 guests at a time.

Why isn't the Museum coming to my event or festival anymore?

The Curiosity Cruiser is available for booking within a 90-mile radius. Because it is in high-demand, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. The Museum is investing in this new experience to allow us to reach our community in an expanded way.

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