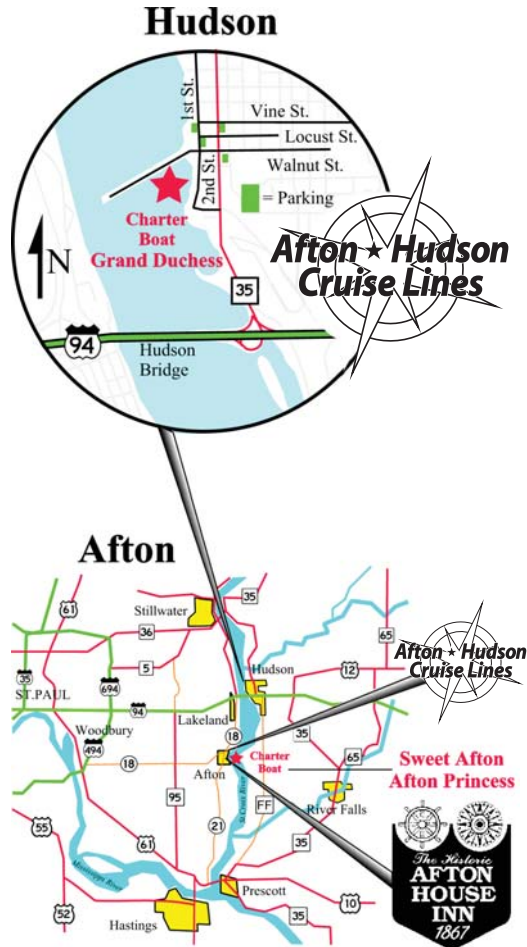


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Afton House – Steeped in Tradition

1680 – Daniel Greysolon, Sleur de Luth journeyed down the St. Croix, accompanied by four Europeans to view the site of Afton.

1837 – Some French families settled at the mouth of Bolles Creek.

1839 – After a treaty was reached with the Chippewa and Sioux, Joseph Haskell filed a claim to establish the first farm in the territory of Minnesota. His farm was one mile west of present day Afton.

1851 – Alexander McHattie claimed the present site of Afton.

1858 – Village of Afton organized at a voters' meeting held in Paterson's Hotel.

1861 – Paterson's Hotel burned.

1867 – Charles C. Cushing built Afton's second hotel. It survives today and is known as the Afton House.

1876 – Cushing died.

1881 – Writing of the Afton House, the Reverend O'Neill said, "His wife still keeps it open and in good style. During the summer months the house is crowded with pleasure seekers."

1907 – "Mother Mary" Pennington acquired the Afton House and began serving her special Sunday chicken dinners.

1946 – "Mother Mary" died.

1960 – Mssrs. Smith and Myers bought the building and transformed it. In 1966, they added the Catfish Saloon.

1967 – For the 100-year anniversary, new owner Hugh Andersen remodeled again: this time, adding the main dining room and a screened porch.

1976 – The structure was purchased by Gordy & Kathy Jarvis. There were then several phases of remodeling designed with the help of Afton Woodcarver Elmo "The Builder" Erickson.

1985 – In March, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis reached their goal to have the Afton House placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A special use permit was issued in September to restore the Afton House to its original use as a hotel.

1986 – Remodeling was completed in the Spring and the Historic Afton House Inn opened twelve hotel rooms.

1989 – Three additional rooms were completed in the spring with fireplaces and jacuzzis.

1998 – The Catfish Saloon was remodeled. Now, the Catfish Café provides more of a family atmosphere.

2002 – The Jarvis's purchased the building adjacent to the Afton House Inn. In June the Annex building went under renovation. Nine jacuzzi-fireplace suites opened in September.

2003 – The connection between the Afton House Inn and the Afton House Inn's Annex building was completed and four retail shops opened.



Room 4



Fine Dining



Pennington Room



Room 9



Catfish Café



Room 22



Conference Room



Wheel Room

GET AWAY TO THE CHARM

A TRUE DINING EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the elegant setting of the *Wheel Room*, where intimate dinners by candlelight enliven the senses and take away your cares. Tableside cooking and exceptional service promise to make your evening perfect.

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WHERE PAST MEETS PRESENT

All of the charm of an historic country inn. Each room is unique in decor, with an antique ambiance, along with the modern conveniences of a private bath and television. Deluxe rooms feature whirlpool tubs and outdoor balconies overlooking the St. Croix River.

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The Afton House Inn's Conference Room will make your next meeting a success. Our friendly and attentive staff will make sure everything goes smoothly. Our conference room is equipped with all your meeting needs. LCD Projector, Electronic Screen, Internet Access, Flip Charts and more are available for rental for productive results.

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"The Grand Duchess"

Our luxury ship will accommodate up to 350 guests.



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A luxury houseboat for 10-49 guests.

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Full bar services are available for your special social gatherings, along with music for dinner and dancing. We'll make any occasion one you'll remember for a lifetime!

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"The Afton Princess"

This luxury cruiser offers a capacity for groups of 50-150 guests. Enjoy a fun-filled day in the sun with a beach-side barbeque, or dress for a formal cocktail cruise or dinner buffet on the water. Everything for your entertainment needs, all by Afton House Inn and Afton ★ Hudson Cruise Lines.

PUBLIC CRUISES

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH CRUISE

(Sundays in May through October, Noon - 2 p.m.)

Afton or Hudson Departure: Enjoy our fabulous champagne brunch buffet while cruising the St. Croix River. Menu: *Fresh Fruit, Cheese Tray, Pasta Salad, Bowtie Salad, Rigatoni Salad, Coleslaw, Scrambled Eggs, Omelettes, Sausage Links, Apple Pancakes, Baked Cod, Chicken Entrée, Beef or Pork Entrée, Herbed Roasted Potatoes, Hot Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter, Orange Juice, Coffee and Dessert Table.* Boarding 15-30 minutes prior to departure. Prepaid reservations required.

TREASURE ISLAND CASINO CRUISE

(Selective dates in May through October)

Hudson Departure: Enjoy a delicious Brunch Buffet while you cruise along the Scenic St. Croix River to Treasure Island Resort and Casino for four hours of exciting gaming. Boarding begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hudson City Docks, Hudson, WI. You receive \$5 in quarters and a luxurious bus ride back to Hudson. Prepaid reservations required.

VINEYARDS OF THE CROIX CRUISE

(September, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Our Fall Color Wine Tasting and Dinner Cruise features 12 wine vendors and over 70 wines to taste from. Prepare your palate and enjoy Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner & Dessert while cruising from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations required. Must be 21 years old.

4TH OF JULY SUNSET CRUISE, ROYAL DINNER & FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Enjoy our amazing Prime Rib and Chicken Marsala Dinner while cruising to the Fireworks Display. Boarding at the Hudson City Docks, Hudson, WI. Limited seating. Must be 21 years old.

HUDSON FIREWORKS CRUISE (July)

Bring the family and kids and treat them to an amazing show while cruising on one of our three charter boats. Beverages and Hot Dogs available on board for purchase. Boarding at the Hudson City Docks, Hudson, WI. Limited seating. Call or visit our website for July date.