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# BONNE TERRE MINES

## Bonne Terre Mines St. Louis, MO

The water is cerulean blue, calm, and as clear as a mirror. It's called the Bonaire of the Midwest, and it has been quietly drawing divers from around the world for years....



**Package includes:** Vehicle rental for the trip, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at the historic 1909 train depot, 7 dives over 2 days, use of tanks, weights, dive guide for all dives, and safety diver for all dives.

**Package does not include:** Airfare to St Louis, Missouri, meals, liquor, gratuities, equipment rental.

**Cost:** Diver -----\$849US pp based on double occupancy  
Non-diver --\$299US pp based on double occupancy



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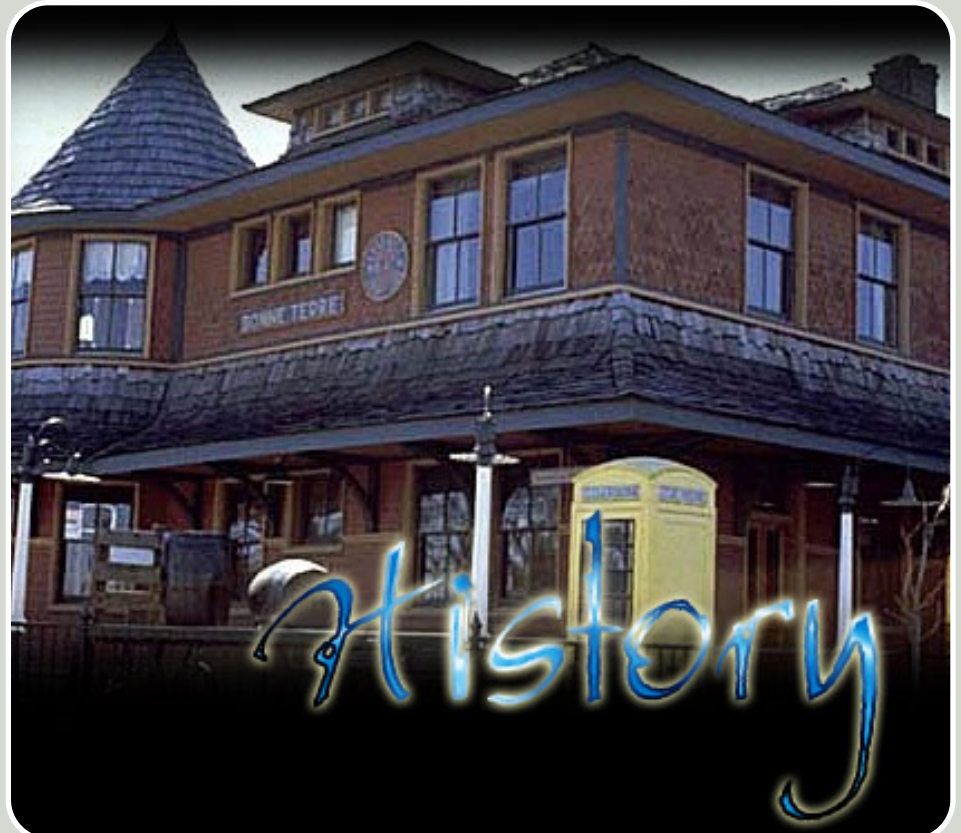
# EXPLORE



## A Little about Bonne Terre:

A century ago, lantern-jawed miners hollowed out an 80 square mile network of tunnels and subterranean caverns in the course of digging the world's largest lead mine. After the facility was closed in 1962, groundwater seeped into the mine, eventually flooding the entire complex. Limestone filtered out the impurities, leaving a body of water with a visibility of up to 150 feet, thanks to 500,000 watts of floodlights. A year-round open-water training site, in the heart of the Midwest, is how Doug Goergens likes to promote Bonne Terre Mine, an underground dive site 60 miles south of St. Louis. The former St. Joe Lead Mine contains the remnants of a mining operation that started in 1870 and lasted nearly a century. In 1961, miners walked away, leaving spring-fed water to engulf their tracks, tunnels and a virtual museum of mining equipment. The world's largest underground mine became the largest underground lake. In 1974, the mine joined the National Register of Historic Places. Mere words can't accurately describe the the underground treasure. There are 17 miles of navigable shoreline, 24 dive trails illuminated by 500,000

watts of lighting, and a dive platform. Each week groups of 10 people are guided by a lead diver and assisted by a safety diver who follows behind to ensure optimal appreciation for the environment, dive lights are not permitted. Bonne Terre easily accommodates divers of all levels. A c-card is all that's required.



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“Magnifique!” said Jacques Cousteau the first time he saw the underwater labyrinth, which is part Pompeii, part Lara Croft. It’s fitting that this place-under the rolling green hills of Bonne Terre, an hour south of St Louis. There are 24 underwater trails where divers can find mule shoes, locomotives, elevator shafts, and stone pillars 50 feet around and 200 feet high. Instead of coral reefs, there’s a wavering blue ghost town with a timekeeper’s shack where no one has punched a clock in 50 years. The overall effect is spectral and serene.



## Deposit Requirements:

\$200US required upon booking. Balance due June 10, 2011.

## Cancellation Policy:

Full refunds less \$100US until June 10, 2010. After June 10, 2010, no refunds will be issued.



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