

GREAT ESCAPES

Cruising America's Waterways In Style

(NAPSA)—America's waterways are enjoying a wave of popularity and there are lots of them to enjoy. In fact, there are nearly 40 million acres of lakes and reservoirs in the U.S. And the top 25 American rivers represent more than 30,000 miles of waterways to explore. Overall, there are more than 80,000 square miles of inland waters in the United States.

From cruising local waterways to joining a professionally led organized tour, a growing number of Americans are using personal watercraft to explore the watery world around us.

Adventure touring on the water is a fun and relaxing way to spend quality time with family and friends. It gives people a chance to escape their daily routine, to be closer to nature, and to put the world into a whole new perspective.

Specifically designed with cruising in mind, Yamaha has created a WaveRunner called the FX Cruiser High Output. This craft features an innovative seat design and never-seen-before ergonomic layout that dramatically changes the PWC riding experience.

Based on a three-point contact system that includes Yamaha's unique cruiser seat, raised handlebars, and foot chocks, the craft gives the driver and passenger more comfort by reducing tension on the arms and legs. This WaveRunner features a 160 horsepower four-stroke engine, which operates significantly cleaner and quieter than older two-stroke mod-



Ripple Effect—With its cruiser seat for both the driver and passenger, adventure touring on a WaveRunner is fun and relaxing.

els. It also offers very good fuel economy, with a range of approximately 90 miles on one tank of fuel according to the manufacturer.

Rollin' on a River

If you're craving an on-water adventure, but don't want to get tied down with the logistics involved with planning an extended river trip, you may want to consider joining an organized tour group such as Discovery River Tours of Atlanta, GA.

Discovery River Tours specializes in three- to five-day guided river tours via personal watercraft all over the south. You tour aboard your own PWC—and they take care of everything else, such as lodging, luggage transport, snacks, lunch on the water and fuel. As part of the package, tour members usually stay at historic inns or quaint bed and breakfasts and are able to view abundant wildlife up close.

For more information on touring via personal watercraft, visit www.yamaha-motor.com or www.pwctours.com.