











Uniquely American River Cruises

AMERICAN QUEEN<sup>®</sup> ★ AMERICAN EMPRESS<sup>®</sup> ★ AMERICAN DUCHESS<sup>™</sup> ★ AMERICAN COUNTESS<sup>™</sup>

#### GRAND AMERICAN TOURS PRESENTS MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS WITH AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY ON THE AMERICAN QUEEN 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS ~ SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 4, 2021

The Lower Mississippi River has stories to share – a legacy that flows from Memphis to the Gulf of Mexico. Embark on more than just a cruise, and return with more than memories: experience, understanding, and an enlightened perspective. Let us introduce you to the American South – what it has been and what it has become. A new chapter awaits around each river bend.

#### Day 1: Hotel Stay - Memphis, TN

Enjoy your complimentary stay at the pre-cruise hotel. The evening is yours to become acquainted with the city. The Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel, and our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving premium experiences. Both American Queen Steamboat Company and local representatives will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment and sightseeing options to maximize your time here.

#### Day 2: Memphis, TN

Memphis has a plethora of places to visit and things to do for all guests. Embrace the city that has been coined not only the home of the blues but also the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Boogie on down to Beale Street – alive with quirky places to indulge in some Southern barbeque, purchase souvenirs for friends and family (or a little something for yourself) and sip on a Blue Suede Tini. As one of the most famous music destinations in the world, Memphis is a melodious port for our guests to experience. Included Shore Excursions: National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis Rock 'N' Soul Museum, Beale Street, Auto Zone Park & Peabody Hotel, Sun Studio, Mud Island Monorail, walkaway River Park, Memphis Music Hall of Fame

#### Day 3: Port of the Mississippi Delta / Greenville, TN

The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region. It is a way of life – a true cultural experience based on agriculture, music and history. These small river towns have been the inspiration of authors, musicians and artists for centuries. Catch a unique glimpse into the Port of the Mississippi Delta, and discover a muse of many. Included Shore Excursions: Greenville History Museum, Hebrew Union Temple, 1927 Flood Museum, E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Greenville's Writers Exhibit

#### Day 4: Vicksburg, MS

Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern attractions. As a major battle site during the Civil War, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other. Learn about the historic conflicts of the city, taste its cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir. Included Shore Excursions: Church of the Holy Trinity, Anchuca Mansion, Old Court House Museum, Lower Mississippi River Museum, Yesterday's Children Antique Doll & Toy Museum

#### Day 5: Natchez, MS

It seems as if history fell asleep and awoke unscathed by the changing of times in this magical port. This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi River. It's known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history – found on every street corner. Enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historic homes, all of which inspired Hugh Bayless to include Natchez in his book "The 100 Best Towns in America." **Included Shore Excursions: Rosalie Mansion, Natchez Visitor's Center, William Johnson** 

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.AQSC.COM.

Fares quoted are in U.S. dollars, are per person and do not include government taxes and fees, port charges, gratuities, airfare, insurance, personal expenditures or transportation costs incurred while traveling to and from embarkation ports. Promotional fares and amenities are capacity-controlled, may vary by sailing and category of accommodations and may be withdrawn without notice. The *American Queen, American Empress, American Duchess* and *American Countess* are operated by American Queen Steamboat Operating Company LLC; are regularly inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard; are of American registry; and employ American officers, crew and staff.

## House Museum, Magnolia Hall, Stanton Hall, King's Tavern and Charboneau Distillery, Natchez Association for the Preservation of Afro-American Culture Museum

#### Day 6: St. Francisville, LA

St. Francisville today is a testament to the lifestyle of a bygone era, with its plethora of charming antebellum-period homes and striking architecture. With over 140 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside and bustling Main Street shops, this quaint town situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi River has a style all its own. **Included Shore Excursions: Royal Street, Old Market Hall, West Feliciana Historical Society Museum, Grace Episcopal Church** 

#### Day 7: Baton Rouge, LA

Baton Rouge grants a strikingly different experience from those of the small-town stops throughout the journey. In this energetic port, history-facing museums and landmarks fraternize with forward-looking art and industry to offer a personalized encounter to each visitor. Allow the flowing, carefree words of denizens to dance through the eardrums during a meander through the city streets. Choose to hop on one of our deluxe motorcoaches and explore the diversity this city has to offer, or take a walk down the river path alongside the boat. Included Shore Excursions: USS Kidd (DD-661), Capitol Park Museum, Louisiana's State Capitol, LSU Museum Of Art, LSU Rural Life Museum

#### **Day 8: Nottoway Plantation**

American Queen Steamboat Company features an exclusive port at Nottoway Plantation. While the boat is docked, visit the sugarcane estate – the largest standing antebellum mansion in the South. Nottoway Plantation is an intricate building with impressive detail. Original furnishings mingle with era-appropriate antiques to create an atmosphere that does justice to the home's original ambiance. It is fascinating history and luxurious aesthetic packaged in Southern hospitality – an experience that you will not want to pass up.

#### Day 9: New Orleans, LA

New Orleans's Creole, Cajun and other diverse residents blended to develop art, cuisine, music and general culture unlike any other in the United States. Uncover the treasures of the city as you indulge in iconic cuisine spiced with the cultural flavors of the city's past, explore the unique sites and attractions lining the historic streets as seen in the famous French Quarter or admire the beauty in the stunning Garden District or City Park.

#### What's Included:

- One-night pre-cruise hotel stay with transfer to the vessel.
- Filtered water and soft drinks
- Select wine and beer at dinner

- All meals on board the vessel
- All included Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions
- All onboard entertainment
- Wi-Fi/Internet access on board the vessel

Inside Cabin Category	E	\$2,525	Balcony Cabin Category	C	\$3,825
Outside Cabin Category	D	\$3,525	Balcony Cabin Category	B	\$4,125
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### 1 FREE FOR EVERY 13 PAYING PASSENGERS, THE 14<sup>TH</sup> GOES FREE!

Rates are per person double occupancy and include 1 pre-night, cruise, port charges and government fees. (Airfare is additional. Please call for rates from your area.)

#### PASSPORT OR REAL ID ARE REQUIRED FOR AIR TRAVEL

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$600 per person double occupancy or \$1,200 per person single occupancy is

### FREE UNLIMITED BEVERAGE PACKAGE AND NO CANCELLATION PENALTIES IF YOU <u>BOOK BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020!</u>

Beverage Packages includes beer, wine by the glass, spirts, and cocktails up to \$12 in value. Cancellation penalties apply if you cancel within 121 days prior to your cruise. Call for details.

required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. <u>Final payment is due by November 12, 2020.</u> Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.

# If booked after September 30, 2020, American Queen Steamboat Company charges a \$250 per person administration fee for any cancellation/changes up to 121 days prior to departure. Additional penalties apply within 120 days.

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