

Cruising the Mighty Mississippi

Memphis to New Orleans

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airfare from BUF, ROC and SYR
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Onboard gratuities
- One-night pre-voyage hotel stay including breakfast, taxes, portage and transfers to the vessel
- 7-nights selected accommodations onboard an authentic paddlewheel riverboat
- Guided Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions in each port of call
- All onboard meals, including both fine dining and casual cuisine
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, tea, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Broadway-caliber entertainment and enrichment
- 24-hour room service
- Port charges
- 2-hour step-on guide tour of New Orleans
- \$200 donation to your local PBS station
- Local PBS Host
- Services and gratuities for a AAA Professional Tour Director

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SUITES & STATEROOMS	PRICE
E – Inside Stateroom	\$3,935
D – Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Bay Window	\$5,856
C – Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$6,195
B – Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$6,534
A – Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Private Veranda	\$6,760
JS – Junior Suites with Open Veranda	\$6,760
DS – Deluxe Suites with Open Veranda	\$7,438
LS – Luxury Suites with Private or Open Veranda	\$10,085
OS – Owner's Suites with Exclusive Veranda	\$11,958
SD – Single Deluxe Stateroom	\$6,647

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Call for additional single occupancy stateroom pricing.



ADD AN UNLIMITED BEVERAGE PACKAGE:

- The Unlimited Beverage Package includes beer, wine by the glass, spirits, and cocktails up to \$12 in value.
- The Unlimited Beverage Package price includes a 15% service charge.

PRICE PER CABIN:

\$399 - Double Occupancy • \$199 - Single Occupancy

ADD A PREMIUM EXPERIENCE SHORE EXCURSION:

OPTIONAL PREMIUM EXPERIENCE	PRICE
The Elvis Experience	\$139
Soundtrack of Memphis	\$79
On the Front Lines of the Civil War	\$79
Round of Golf at Vicksburg Country Club	\$99
The Great Mississippi Outdoor Adventure	\$249
The Story of Cotton in the Antebellum South	\$79
Tee Time in Natchez	\$99
Biscuits and Brunch with Celebrity Chef Regina Charboneau	\$129
Ultimate Cajun Adventure	\$199
Redemption and Rehabilitation at Angola Prison	\$99
Plantations of the Back Roads	\$79
Grand Southern Plantation Tour	\$149
Laura: A Creole Plantation	\$69
Life in the Bayou: Cajun Swamp Tour	\$79

All excursions are per person and on a request basis, and are not guaranteed until final payment.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DONATION: \$200 donation per person to your local PBS station included in the price.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A minimum deposit of \$500 per person or \$1000 per single room is required to confirm your reservation. Pre or Post hotel option requires \$200 per person deposit. Optional Premium Excursions must be paid in full at time of final payment. Final payment is due no later than June 15, 2020.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Should you need to cancel your booking or any portion of it, your cancellation must be received in writing. It will be effective on the date of receipt. **Cancellation charges, per person and based upon the date of cancellation, are as shown in the box below.** These cancellation fees are in addition to any cancellation fees that might be levied by airlines, hotels, etc. There is no refund for unused services or for unused portions of the trip.

CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED	CANCELLATION CHARGES BEFORE TRAVEL START DATE
Date of booking – June 15, 2020:	Loss of deposit
June 16, 2020 – Day of departure:	100% of the fare**
No Show:	100% of the fare**

**Fare is defined as the cost of the cruise element. Port charges are fully refundable if they have been paid prior to cancelling your trip.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment. Please read the travel protection brochure for a description of the travel insurance benefits and assistance services offered. These brochures are available at all AAA Travel Centers and may be completed in person or by phone with an AAA Travel Consultant.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: These include, but are not limited to, airport/departure taxes; vessel fuel surcharges; cost of passport and visas; taxes; excess baggage charges; laundry; phone calls; all items of a personal nature; items not included on regular menus; additional sightseeing not specified in the itinerary; premium spirits and premium wines (please refer to complimentary beverage program); meals not detailed in the itinerary; and health, accident, baggage or travel protection plans.

DOCUMENTATION: U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. traveling exclusively inside U.S. borders do not need a passport or visa for travel. Homeland Security laws require that all guests travel with government-issued photo identification (ID) (such as a driver's license) at all times. ID must be presented at the time of vessel check in. Guests without proper ID will be denied boarding. Carrier is required to provide all guests' ID information, including ID number, expiration date and place of issue to the Coast Guard and/or other government entities prior to the vessel's departure. Guests must provide this information to Carrier in advance. Travel documents will not be released until received. Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada entering the U.S. are required to bring their passport. For other nationalities, passports are required to enter the U.S. It is your responsibility to check with your local U.S. embassy/consulate to confirm visa requirements and to obtain the proper visa. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, airline travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, a valid passport or U.S. military ID to go through airport security and board a plane within the U.S.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Itineraries may change, and substitute visits to other sites may occur during your trip due to water level fluctuations and other uncontrollable factors. The order of sightseeing and docking ports are subject to change according to port authority assignments. Other restrictions may apply.

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Antebellum South | October 18–26, 2020

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JEWELS OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI - Explore the land of bawdy blues and Southern belles. This journey showcases the diversity and drama of the Lower Mississippi River. From Memphis to New Orleans, the river rolls slowly and expansively, smooth as a southern drawl. The bayous and woodlands along the shore create dramatic landscapes that are virtually unchanged since the days of the French fur traders. Gracious towns with palatial mansions and tree-lined streets abound. History is everywhere - in silent Civil War cemeteries and virtually everywhere you turn in Memphis, best known for jazz, barbecue, and of course The King of Rock and Roll and his home at Graceland.

9-DAY ITINERARY:

- Day 1: Memphis, TN
- Day 2: Memphis, TN
- Day 3: Port of the Mississippi Delta
- Day 4: Vicksburg, MS
- Day 5: Natchez, MS
- Day 6: Baton Rouge, LA
- Day 7: St. Francisville, LA
- Day 8: Nottoway Plantation, LA
- Day 9: New Orleans, LA

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Memphis blues and barbeque
- Authentic Southern culture
- Mississippi Delta heritage
- Sprawling cotton and sugarcane plantations
- Majestic mansions and antebellum architecture
- Civil War sites and monuments
- Cajun, Creole and Southern cuisine

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ITINERARY:

DAY 1 | MEMPHIS, TN – HOTEL STAY

On arrival, transfer from Memphis International Airport to the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel. The evening is yours to get self-acquainted with this city's famed eateries, unique shops and lively entertainment.

Our Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel for your convenience between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. An American Queen Steamboat Company representative, as well as a local representative, will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment, and sightseeing suggestions so that you may maximize your time in Memphis.

DAY 2 | MEMPHIS, TN – DEPARTURE 5:00 PM

Today is the day you have been waiting for! Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey down America's largest and most historical river.

If you haven't gotten your full dose of Memphis yet, visit the AQSC Hospitality Desk (Open at 8:30 AM) for ideas about how to spend your day. The official Voyage Check-In will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. During this fast and easy procedure, our representatives will arrange your transfer to the vessel and answer any questions you might have. The process is simple and will have you back to exploring in no time, and, if you think of any more questions, the Hospitality Desk will be at your service until 3:00 PM, when the complimentary boat transfers will begin.

It's time to start your voyage and begin a luxurious voyage down the Mississippi River, where memories will be made that will last a lifetime!

DAY 3 | PORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA / TERRENE LANDING, MS

The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region. It is a way of life - a true cultural experience based around agriculture, music and history. These small river towns have been the inspiration for authors, musicians and artists for centuries. Lower Mississippi River voyages include a unique glimpse into a port of the Mississippi Delta.

DAY 4 | VICKSBURG, MS

Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern attractions. Described as the key to the South by President Abraham Lincoln, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Vicksburg was founded in 1811 and grew as a vital river port city. It was a major component to the Civil War and carries much of the history within the town. Today, Vicksburg is a popular spot for tourists to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir.

DAY 5 | NATCHEZ, MS

This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi. The city is known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history – found on every street corner. Enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historical homes, all of which contribute to Hugh Bayless' book "The 100 Best Towns in America."

DAY 6 | BATON ROUGE, LA

Named by French explorer Sieur D'Iberville after a reddish pole marking two separate tribal hunting grounds, Baton Rouge, the Capital of Louisiana, has rich cultural history. The city is home to Louisiana's capitol building which is the tallest in the United States. Spend the day exploring all that Baton Rouge has to offer, from the museums and the architecture to the shops and the cuisine – everyone will enjoy an exciting, busy day!

DAY 7 | ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA

Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes. Below where St. Francisville is located currently, was a settlement called Bayou Sara in the 1790's. When this settlement was destroyed by flooding and fires, many of the structures and artifacts were hauled up the bluff into St. Francisville where they are still standing. The town is referred to as "two miles long and two yards wide," but that definitely doesn't mean they have nothing to offer! With over 140 buildings on the National Register, 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.

DAY 8 | NOTTOWAY PLANTATION, LA

Nottoway is the South's largest, most glorious remaining antebellum mansion, with a rich history dating back to 1859. In a fabulous location along the Great River Road, this White Castle of the South transports visitors back to an era of glory and grandeur. Set among a natural backdrop of vibrant gardens and 200-year-old oak trees, the mansion boasts three floors and 64 rooms, and flaunts an incredible 22 white square columns. The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white with elaborate gold décor throughout. Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster and mud, and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings – one for each day of the year. Nottoway Plantation captivates all with a brilliant blend of true Southern hospitality, history and mystery.

DAY 9 | NEW ORLEANS, LA

Thank you for cruising with us! We hope that you had a memorable experience and look forward to welcoming you aboard in the future. After breakfast, transfer to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for departure.

