



AMERICAN QUEEN VOYAGES

CHARMS OF THE SOUTH

THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI | March 17-25, 2024

Featuring the home of the King of Pop - Graceland, a 7-night cruise aboard the American Queen and a post excursion of the famous New Orleans French Quarter.

Embark on a unique riverboat adventure along the Lower Mississippi River between Memphis and New Orleans. Savor a week aboard a luxurious paddle-wheeler as you cruise down the river. Spacious luxury awaits aboard the floating masterpiece that is the American Queen. Hop aboard AQ Voyage's largest steamboat ever built, the grand American Queen, a wondrous steamboat that introduces her guests to the waters that she calls home – the great rivers that have sustained towns, wildlife, and memories throughout history. Any traveler who chooses to cruise on this iconic riverboat will soon find that her steady heart beats to the rhythm of music that resounds within her walls. Combining the best of the old and the new, this beautiful lady epitomizes the grace and grandeur that have made cruising on the Mississippi River a cherished American tradition for more than two centuries. The enthusiastic, all-American crew, will share with you a wonderful journey filled with historical tales, culinary delights, unique culture, vibrant music, and new friends. Relax or watch your flat-screen TV in the inviting surroundings of your stateroom with premium linens and plush bedding, or make your way to the Card Room, Library, or Theater for a friendly game, a new bestseller, or live award winning entertainment.

Mar 17 | Travel to Memphis, TN

Upon arrival at the Memphis airport you will be met by your Universal Travel staff member and assisted with your transfer to the Peabody hotel, located in downtown Memphis. At the hotel you will have time to visit with the AQSC's friendly staff in the lobby area. They will assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving premium experiences. After some time to freshen up, enjoy a welcome to Memphis dinner with your fellow travelers.

Overnight: Downtown Memphis, Peabody Hotel (D)

Mar 18 | Memphis Panoramic City Tour | Graceland

After a leisurely breakfast begin your journey along the Mississippi River with a panoramic tour of Memphis. The tour ends at the home of "The King" - Graceland! An interactive audio tour will guide you through the mansion before you have free time to explore the recently opened Entertainment Complex. The multitude of exhibits feature everything from Elvis' wardrobe to his automobiles. Stop for a bite to eat at one of the Elvis-themed restaurants before continuing to Beale Street, the heart and soul of Memphis and the official home of the Blues. Enjoy some free time before transferring a short distance to the pier, where you embark on the beautiful American Queen, your luxurious floating hotel for the next 7 nights.

Overnight: American Queen (B,D)

Mar 19 | Cleveland (Terrene Landing), MS

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. In the heart of the Delta lies the town of Cleveland. Named for President Grover Cleveland, the town began formation in 1869. Bolivar County has deep roots in the civil rights movement. Amzie Moore, a civil rights pioneer, opened a gas station, beauty shop, and grocery store on Highway 61 in Cleveland. His business also served as headquarters for the area's civil rights efforts. Often called the "Birthplace of the Blues," Cleveland brims with musical history and avenues to learn

about it. The blues are very much alive in this Delta community, and one of the best places to experience the heritage and culture that is the blues is just outside Cleveland at Dockery Farms, home to world-famous Delta blues musician Charley Patton.

Overnight: American Queen (B,L,D)

Mar 20 | 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.

Overnight: American Queen (B,L,D)

Mar 21 | 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, and the first inhabited by Natchez Indians and French explorers who shared the land. It's known for its elegance, hospitality, and impressive preservation of history found on every street corner. Enjoy 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."

Overnight: American Queen (B,L,D)

Mar 22 | Pointe Coupee (New Roads), LA

New Roads is a historical town named after a "new road" the Spanish built in 1776 between the Mississippi and the False River, northwest from Baton Rouge. Over the years, they've celebrated a vibrant Creole culture crafted by the French, African, and other nationalities that first called New Roads home, way back when they were founded over three centuries ago. Known as the "Little Carnival Capital" of Louisiana, New Roads followed New Orleans' example by staging Mardi Gras celebrations as early as 1881. A Louisiana Main Street community, New Roads is also home to



several historic estates, particularly along the False River-revealing breathtaking natural beauty and a great spot for fishing, boating and waterskiing.

Overnight: American Queen

(B,L,D)

Mar 23 | Baton Rouge, LA

Baton Rouge grants a strikingly different experience from those of the small-town stops throughout your 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 your eardrums during a meander through the city streets. Choose to hop on one of the cruise lines deluxe motorcoaches and explore the diversity this city has to offer, or take a walk down the river path alongside the boat.

Overnight: American Queen

(B,L,D)

Mar 24 | Nottoway, LA

American Queen Steamboat Company features an exclusive port at Nottoway. While the boat is docked, visit the sugarcane estate, the largest standing antebellum mansion in the South. Nottoway 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.

Overnight: American Queen

(B,L,D)

Mar 25 | New Orleans | Home

Early this morning the Queen docks in New Orleans. After a leisurely breakfast and disembarkation, board your private motor coach for a panoramic city tour followed by a walking tour in the French Quarter. Of course, when on Bourbon Street, a must stop is at Pat O'Brien's, where an included drink (*Hurricane or Mint Julep*) awaits you! After some free time in the French Quarter, you will transfer to the New Orleans airport for your flight home. Fond memories of your Charms of the South Cruise will last forever. (B)

**itinerary is subject to change*



Inclusions:

- Air from Houston to Memphis & New Orleans back home
- 1 pre-night accommodation in Memphis incl. breakfast
- Dinner in Memphis on pre-night
- Panoramic city tour of Memphis and admission tickets to Graceland
- Panoramic city tour of New Orleans & walking tour of the French Quarter incl. a Hurricane or Mint Julep drink
- 7 nights aboard the American Queen
- All onboard meals, incl. both fine dining and casual cuisine
- Prime Choice USDA Prime Beef and Cold Water Lobster EVERY evening
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, tea, bottled water, soft drinks, high quality list of House Wine, House Beer, House Spirits and House Cocktails throughout your voyage
- Gracious onboard service from a friendly, all-American Staff
- Acclaimed entertainment worthy of Broadway
- Hop-On/Hop-Off Standard Shore Excursions (Premium Shore Excursions for more in-depth experiences are available at an additional cost)
- Free internet while onboard
- 24 hour Room Service
- Hotel taxes and Port-charges
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Prepaid ship gratuities
- All gratuities for drivers & guides (except for Hop-On/ Hop-Off shore excursions)
- \$50.00pp onboard ship credit

An optional Travel Protection plan is available with coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, see enclosed product flyer for more information.

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**\$750.00 deposit due
when making a reservation**

Final payment due is November 1, 2023

Cancellation Penalties:

\$250.00 non-refundable at the time of sign up

50% non-refundable November 2, 2023

100% non-refundable December 21, 2023



\$4,999.00 per person
E | Inside Cabin Deck 3

\$5,799.00 per person
D | Outside Stateroom
with Bay Window Deck 2

\$6,099.00 per person
C | Open Veranda Deck 2, 3 & 4

\$6,499.00 per person
B | Open Veranda Deck 4

\$6,799.00 per person
A | Private Veranda Deck 3

Cash or Check payments

Other Cabin categories, as well as Single Cabins are available upon request

