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Immerse yourself in Southern culture and the compelling Civil War history on this outstanding Mississippi River cruise. Board the *American Queen*—the largest and most opulent riverboat in the world—and sail to charming towns steeped in momentous history and architectural majesty.

Your adventure begins with a stay in Memphis, home to Sun Studio and Elvis Presley’s Graceland, and the famed Shiloh National Military Park, one of the most secluded and best-preserved battlefields in the United States. Then board the grand *American Queen* and sail to Greenville, a lovely town nestled on the banks of Lake Ferguson. Visit the delightful antique shops and museums of Vicksburg, or step back in time at the renowned Vicksburg National Military Park. Continue to the oldest settlement on the Mississippi, Natchez, graced with stunning gardens and palatial mansions. Admire Louisiana’s Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge, then stroll along St. Francisville’s Royal Street, the historic heart of the city. Before concluding your journey in New Orleans, explore the impressive halls of Nottoway, the largest plantation house in the South.

Discover captivating landscapes, picturesque towns, and the tranquility of river cruising aboard the *American Queen*. Your cruise includes beautifully appointed accommodations, fascinating lectures and shore excursions, and delicious Southern cuisine. Reserve your spot by January 25, 2018, to receive the two-night pre-cruise hotel stay, and two Go Next exclusive excursions. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore treasured towns of the Old South with fellow Traveling Aggies.

Gig ‘em!

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Neither GN nor the American Queen Steamboat Company (hereinafter AQSC) nor the sponsoring association are responsible for any penalty, loss or inconvenience resulting from air or land arrangements made independently by travelers, including non-refundable conditions, restricted travel or frequent flyer tickets.

Payment: A deposit in the amount shown on the reservation form and a signed agreement for each person is required to secure reservations. Final payment is due as shown on the reservation form.

Prices: GN reserves the right to increase prices in the event of any increased security or fuel related surcharges, or fare increases imposed by the airline or cruise line that may be in place at the time of ticketing. Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

If you change plans or cancel, your rights to a refund are limited. The following charges will be assessed for cancellations.

If you cancel or change plans more than 119 days prior to departure, a full refund, less a $350 per person administrative fee plus any applicable pre- and/or post-cruise program cancellation fees, is provided. Any refunds are provided only in accordance with the following schedule. Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

Cancellations: Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following fees will apply:

- Cruise Program cancellations received 120 days or more prior to departure, $350 per person; 119-75 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 74-45 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 44-0 days prior to departure, 100% of total fare.
- Plus any applicable GN Post-Cruise Program Cancellation Fees:
  - 120 days or more = $100 per person, per program
  - 119-75 days = $250 per person, per program
  - 74-0 days = no refund

Health: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including, without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

There are no exceptions of any kind (including medical exemptions) to these policies. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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CORRESPONDENCE PREFERENCE: Email  Mail

RESERVATION SELECTION:
- Cruise Program with 2-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in Memphis
- Cruise Program—Decline 2-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in Memphis

Please reserve _____________ space(s) for the Go Next New Orleans Post-Cruise Program, $399 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is $599 and subject to availability.

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

I will make my own transportation arrangements. Please contact me to discuss air options.

Stateroom/Suite Category Preference: 1st choice _____________ 2nd choice _____________

Bed Preference: Twin (2 beds)  Queen  Single

Dinner Seating Preference: Early (5:15 PM)  Main (8:00 PM)

All guests must travel with a government-issued photo ID.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)
First  Middle  Last  Title
Preferred name on name badge
M  F  Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

GUEST 2: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)
First  Middle  Last  Title
Preferred Name (for name badge)
M  F  Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address
Mailing Address
City  State  ZIP
Main Phone  Alternate Phone
Roommate’s Name
(if different from above)

Adjacency Request

OPERATOR AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:
Signatures are required from each person traveling, including parent and guardian signatures for traveling minors.
I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

SIGN HERE X

DEPOSITS: A deposit of $950 per person plus a $300 deposit per person for the optional pre-/post-cruise program, if applicable, is due with your reservation application. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. All major credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by check no later than February 2, 2018. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by full payment.

Please reserve _____________ space(s). Enclosed is a deposit for $__________________.

Charge my credit card for the deposit of $__________________

Name on Credit Card

Billing Address
same as mailing address

Card Number  Security Code  Exp. ______/_____

Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.

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There’s never been a better time to rediscover America, and there’s never been a better way to do it. From Memphis to New Orleans on the fabled waters of the mighty Mississippi, experience the grandeur of the American South.

Enjoy casual elegance aboard the magnificent American Queen, the largest riverboat in the world and your antebellum mansion on the water. Open French doors to sweeping river views and delight in easy conversation on the promenade. At the end of the day, retreat to the Victorian charm of your fine accommodations.

Discover America’s scenic riversides on a journey aboard the 414-passenger American Queen. Experience rich beauty, history, and adventure from the remarkable perspective of the river.

### A Journey Like No Other

#### Inclusions

- 7-night voyage aboard the American Queen, with all meals included
- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- Exquisite regional dishes prepared by an award-winning culinary team
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly staff
- Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert
- Professional showboat-style entertainment, dances nightly, and calliope concerts

### Go Next Exclusive Benefits

- **2-night pre-cruise hotel stay** at The Peabody Memphis hotel, breakfast, taxes, portage, and transfers to the American Queen
- **2 excursions to Shiloh National Military Park & Vicksburg On the Front Lines**
- **Private Go Next reception** including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
- **Complimentary bottle of wine** per stateroom
- **Services of an onboard Go Next Program Manager**
JUN 2 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Your journey begins with a two-night stay at The Peabody Memphis hotel. Located in the heart of the city, the hotel offers easy access to many premier attractions.

JUN 3 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Perched on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, Memphis has been welcoming steamboats since before the Civil War. Today the city abounds with Americana, from legendary Beale Street to Elvis Presley’s Graceland.

EXCLUSIVE EXCURSION: SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK Visit the renowned Shiloh National Military Park and Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center. Enjoy a full day tour with lunch included.

JUN 4 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Depart 5PM
Spend the morning at leisure. Embark on your river cruise aboard the graceful American Queen in the afternoon.

JUN 5 GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 12PM – Depart 6PM
The “Heart and Soul of the Mississippi Delta,” this pleasant town is characterized by its plentiful museums, gardens, and authors. Situated near Indianola, the birthplace of blues musician B.B. King, Greenville beckons with its own colorful attractions, including the new Trop Casino and E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Visit the Greenville History Museum, the Hebrew Union Temple, the 1927 Flood Museum, the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center, the Washington County Courthouse, and Trop Casino.

JUN 6 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8AM – Depart 5PM
Billed as the “Red Carpet City of the South,” Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its heritage with tremendous pride. The site of a dramatic siege in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.

INCLUDED MORNING EXCURSION The coach tour stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity; Anchuca mansion; the Old Warren County Court House Museum, which showcases Civil War artifacts; the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum; the Lower Mississippi River Museum; and the Old Depot Museum that highlights the Siege of Vicksburg.

EXCLUSIVE AFTERNOON EXCURSION: ON THE FRONT LINES A sixteen mile luxury motorcoach tour through the battlefield, navigating across Union and Confederate lines. Tour the USS Cairo and Museum, an ironclad gunboat that was raised from the depths of the Mississippi River. Visit the National Cemetery, home to the largest amount of Civil War burials in the country.

JUN 7 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8AM – Depart 5PM
One of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and former capital of the state, Natchez is an authentic Southern town with a rich heritage shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British, and Spanish descent.

LIFE ON THE WATER
Life on the American Queen is as unique and enriching as the riverboat tradition itself. Night after night, music fills the majestic two-deck-tall Grand Saloon, a stunning replica of the famed Ford’s Theatre. Showboat-style cabaret acts and old-fashioned radio shows add variety and charm to the evening lineup. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and river lore. The Ladies’ Parlor and Gentlemen’s Card Room are meeting points for new friends. And the calliope, a steam-powered organ, beckons anyone inclined to play.
INCLUDED EXCURSION Take in historic sites on a tour with stops at the Natchez Visitor Center, the Museum of African-American History and Culture, Magnolia Hall, Rosalie Mansion, the William Johnson House, and Stanton Hall.

JUN 8 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm

Baton Rouge lives up to its motto, “Authentic Louisiana at Every Turn.” The capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the gracefully furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing Old State Capitol.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Your tour includes the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial Museum; Capitol Park Museum; the Louisiana State Capitol, renowned as the nation’s tallest state capitol building; the Old Arsenal Museum; the LSU Museum of Art; and Louisiana’s Old State Capitol.

JUN 9 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm

With more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places, this quaint town is a window to history. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows, and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Hop-On Hop-Off coach tour takes you to historic and modern attractions, including the Republic of West Florida site; Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry, and handmade items; the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum; and the Grace Episcopal Church.

JUN 10 NOTTOWAY, LOUISIANA

Arrive 8am–Depart 6pm

Between Baton Rouge and New Orleans lies one of the South’s most magnificent plantation homes, Nottoway. Showcasing three floors, sixty-four bedrooms, twelve hand-carved Italian marble fireplaces, and twenty-two soaring exterior columns, this extravagant mansion was constructed with 365 doors and windows—an opening for each day of the year.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Walk through the halls of this Greek-Revival and Italianate-style mansion on a guided tour, and explore the lush grounds and gardens.

JUN 11 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Arrive 8am

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Queen.

Note: Return flights should be scheduled to depart after 10:30am. If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of New Orleans, your return flight should be scheduled to depart after 2pm.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in many ports of call for an additional charge. All port times are approximate. Itinerary, hotel, and shore excursions are subject to change.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Creating plates inspired by culinary classics of America’s South and utilizing the best of the season’s offerings from stops along the way, an award-winning culinary team lends its expertise to the unique dining experience on the American Queen. Indulge in the elegance of the J.M. White Dining Room, or satisfy your appetite any hour of the day at the Front Porch Café as you sample delectable creations, from pork loin stuffed with andouille sausage to corn fritters and bourbon pecan pie.
THE GREATEST VALUE

**OWNER’S SUITES • EXCLUSIVE VERANDA**
Promenade Deck  348 sq. ft. with 690 sq. ft. of exclusive veranda  
0S  $9,499

**LUXURY SUITES • PRIVATE OR OPEN VERANDA**
Promenade & Texas Decks  353 sq. ft.  
LS  $7,699

**FAMILY SUITES • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Observation Deck  345 sq. ft.  
FS  $6,999

**SUITES • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Promenade Deck  230 sq. ft.  
AAA  $5,699

**SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Promenade & Observation Decks  210 sq. ft.  
AA  $5,399

**DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • PRIVATE VERANDA**
Texas Deck  190 sq. ft. with 40 sq. ft. of private veranda  
A  $5,099

**OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Observation, Texas & Cabin Decks  140-190 sq. ft.  
SO  $6,799*  
B  $4,999  
C  $4,699

**OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • BAY WINDOW**
Cabin Deck  190 sq. ft.  
D  $4,399

**INSIDE STATEROOMS**
Observation & Texas Decks  80 sq. ft. (SI) 132 sq. ft. (E)  
SI  $3,799*  
E  $2,499

†Fares are per person, double occupancy, with the exception of SI and SO (single categories). Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Port charges of $179 per person and gratuities are additional.
*Single occupancy

OPULENT COMFORT
Welcome to the grand *American Queen*, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the *American Queen* feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Sip sweet lemonade and partake in the convivial atmosphere of open verandas and the promenade, or enjoy a quiet respite in your elegant suite or deluxe stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard the *American Queen* flows like a gentle river—at your pace and according to your taste.
NEW ORLEANS

POST-CRUISE PROGRAM
JUNE 11–12

$399 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY; $599, SINGLE

- 1 night at the 4-star Hotel Monteleone or similar accommodations, with breakfast
- Half-day Big Easy Tour of New Orleans

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS:
- Take in the historic French Quarter’s famous landmarks: St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square
- Admire the stately mansions of St. Charles Avenue and follow the country’s oldest streetcar line
- Get an insider’s look at the magic of Mardi Gras at Mardi Gras World

Program includes accommodations, sightseeing, transfers between the riverboat and hotel, an exclusive Go Next program manager/hospitality desk, and a professional tour guide.

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