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Howdy, Ags!

Let's go! It's time to recharge, disconnect and explore. Together, we are reliving old memories and creating new ones as we visit some of the most intriguing and unique travel destinations.

Join your fellow Aggies on a captivating getaway that is tailor-made to fit your preferences. We will explore memorable ports, discover rich history, indulge in local cuisine and share experiences with old (and new!) friends. Unforgettable memories and breathtaking views await while sailing.

Go Next and their trusted cruise partners are ready to provide top tier hospitality and ensure your trip is safe and seamless. With a Go Next Program Manager on board, we are guaranteed personal guidance and expertise. They handle all the important details of our trip, so we can sit back, relax and ponder "Where will I *Go Next*?"

We can't wait to see you. Space is limited, so sign up now!

Gig 'em,



Julie Scamardo
Manager of Traveling Aggies
The Association of Former Students

P.S. Discover this trip and many more at GoNext.com/Aggies



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1. Register online at www.gonext.com/mississippi-river-cruise-24a
2. Call the Traveling Aggies at 800.633.7514 or
Go Next at 888.303.1184
3. Fill out and return registration form

TRAVEL PROTECTION

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the Traveling Aggies with your confirmation letter.

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OPERATOR/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

By signing our reservation form or clicking "I Agree" on our website, you agree to the following terms and conditions, which form an Agreement between you and Go Next, Inc. ("GN", "we", or "us"), 8000 West 78th Street, Suite 345, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439-2538.

1. **RESPONSIBILITY:** GN acts as a sales agent for any airline, hotel, tour operator, cruise line, or other service provider named in your itinerary or confirmation ("Suppliers"). We are not responsible for the acts or omissions of the Suppliers or their subcontractors, their failure to adhere to their own schedules, provide services, refunds or future travel credits in lieu of refunds, or financial default. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers and no liability for recommending a Supplier trip credit in lieu of a Supplier refund. Neither GN nor the "Sponsors" including but not limited to associations, affiliations, groups, or companies are responsible for any penalty, loss, or inconvenience resulting from air or land arrangements made independently by travelers, including nonrefundable conditions, restricted travel, or frequent-flyer tickets.

We assume no responsibility for and shall not be liable for the acts or omissions on the part of any other party not under our control or any acts of God, unsafe conditions, terrorism, health hazards including pandemics, illness, weather hazards, or the suitability for a disabled person of any portion of any trip. We have no special knowledge of dangers during travel or at destinations. For information related to such dangers, we recommend going to the State Department travel website at www.travel.state.gov, click on "Find International travel information" then click on "Country information", and fill in the name of the destination country. For medical and health information, we recommend going to the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/travel, then click on "Destinations" and scroll to the name of the destination country. Neither GN nor the Sponsor are liable for incidental, special, or consequential damages. If, notwithstanding the above, either or both GN and/or the Sponsor is held liable, the amount of such liability shall not exceed the amount of payments made to GN by you. GN and Suppliers reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without cause, and GN shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of such changes. Ship schedules, ports of call, hours of arrival and departure, and sightseeing events are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

2. **COVID-19:** You agree that it is your personal decision to travel, and you are doing so with full knowledge of current travel recommendations and travel restrictions with regards to the risks of COVID-19. GN and Suppliers may require you to execute other documents. We have no responsibility for COVID-19 related requirements that any Suppliers and governments may impose from time to time such as, vaccine requirement, health affidavit forms, waivers and/or assumption of risk conditions, health screening prior to departure including possible COVID-19 testing and related costs, upon arrival or during the trip, face covering, social distancing, quarantines, etc. For the latest COVID-19 government travel regulations, we recommend going to IATA's website at <https://www.iata.org/en/pressroom/press-releases/2020/05/2020052626297.htm>. For the latest travel supplier requirements, check the supplier's home page.

3. **PAYMENT:** A receipt of deposit as indicated by GN is required to secure reservations. By providing a deposit payment, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement. If space is fully booked, your payment will be returned or, with your authorization, your name will be placed on a waiting list.

4. **PRICES:** GN and Suppliers reserves the right to increase prices in the event of any increased security or fuel-related surcharges, fare increases imposed by the airline or cruise line, or local tour operator that may be in place at the time of ticketing or travel, foreign or domestic tax increase, or adverse currency exchange fluctuations. GN reserves the right, if necessary or advisable, to substitute vessels or hotels but is not obliged to do so.

5. **BAGGAGE:** GN cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged luggage. You should give immediate notice of any lost or damaged luggage to the involved air carrier, hotel, or cruise line, and to your own insurance company. Airline baggage fees will be additional. All flights have luggage restrictions.

6. **AIRCRAFT AND CRUISE LINE BOARDING:** The air carrier and cruise line reserve the right to substitute equipment but are not obliged to do so. GN reserves the right to substitute air carriers and cruise lines but is not obliged to do so. GN cannot be held responsible for airline or cruise line delays. Aircraft and cruise line boarding privileges are limited to persons whose full payment and signed agreement have been received by GN and whose names are on the manifest given to the carrier before departure. The air carrier and cruise line reserve the right to decline, accept, or retain any person on the flight or cruise at any time within their sole discretion. If you are denied boarding privileges, you forfeit all monies paid and will be assessed any non-recoverable costs.

7. **AIR TRANSPORTATION (IF APPLICABLE):** Airfares are capacity controlled and may have restrictions terms and conditions. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket cost may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled. Travel participants who choose to make their own airline reservations independent of GN will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates or airline schedule(s). Some airline-imposed fees may be additional, including but not limited to baggage, priority boarding, and special seating.

8. **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (IF APPLICABLE):** All persons must present a passport with at least six months validity beyond their return date when boarding. Improper documentation, inadequate proof of identity, inadequate proof of age for children under 2, or any other reason may result in denial of boarding privileges. Some countries will not admit persons convicted of a crime. Some countries require both parents' consent for minors to travel. You assume full and complete responsibility for checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destination and your connecting points, and all conditions regarding health, safety, security, political stability, and labor or civil unrest at such destination. If you are traveling outside of the U.S., please be aware that significant different health, safety, and legal standards may prevail. You should plan and act accordingly and exercise good personal judgment for your own health and safety at all times when abroad. If you have special medical or physical requirements, you should investigate your destination(s) beforehand and ensure the care and conditions you need will be available.

9. **INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. No representation or description of the insurance made by our staff constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. You agree to hold us harmless for any election to purchase personal judgment for any denial of claim by travel insurer as it relates to COVID-19 or any other claim under the policy.

10. **HOSTS AND LECTURERS (IF APPLICABLE):** Advertised hosts and lecturers are subject to availability and may be contingent on a minimum number of travelers; therefore, they cannot be guaranteed.

11. **NOTICES:** Any complaints or claims against GN must be made in writing and received by GN within 90 days of scheduled termination of the trip. Any action or suit against GN must be commenced

within 1 (one) year of scheduled termination of the trip or be forever barred. GN offers any refunds under this agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by you waives all other remedies. While GN makes every effort to adhere to the specifics shown in the marketing materials, all information contained herein is subject to change. GN is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions, or misprints.

12. **GOVERNING LAW, VENUE, AND JURISDICTION:** This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. You agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal or state courts in Minnesota, and you hereby submit to the personal jurisdiction of said courts in all matters arising out of or related to this Agreement.

13. **CANCELLATION BY YOU:** If you choose to cancel your reservation, we must receive written notice of your cancellation either via certified mail, overnight courier, or e-mail sent to cancel@gonext.com (with a confirmation of receipt from us). Note: any reservations made using a Future Cruise Credit (FCC), will be refunded in the form of an FCC. The following cancellation fees apply to cancellations received by us on the days below before the date of departure:

CRUISE/POST-CRUISE CANCELLATION PENALTY
121 days or more = \$250.00 per person
120-91 days = 25% penalty of total fare
90-61 days = 50% penalty of total fare
60-31 days = 75% penalty of total fare
30-1 days = 100% penalty of total fare, no refund

If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the trip on the date of departure, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future trip.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OR TRIP INTERRUPTION BY GN OR SUPPLIERS:** GN and Suppliers reserve the right to postpone the trip to a later date for inadequate participation or for reasons beyond our control including any act, omission, or event named in Sections 1 and 2 above. In the event your departure is postponed or your trip is interrupted, GN and/or Suppliers will determine whether to operate at a later date or provide a cash refund or future travel credit, or combination thereof. We are not required to postpone or interrupt your trip if there are travel warnings or advisories issued by the U.S. Dept. of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, or other organization.

15. **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.

16. **MISCELLANEOUS:** There are no exceptions of any kind (including medical exceptions) 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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17. **GN or Suppliers** are the merchant on your credit card transaction. Please bear in mind that our services consist of facilitating the sale and paying the Suppliers. If a Supplier does not provide the service or ceases operations, your recourse is against the Supplier, not us. You agree not to initiate a chargeback against us or a refund request that is not authorized by this agreement and to pay any and all legal fees incurred by us in disputing any such claim for refund.

18. **IN ADDITION TO THE PRECEDING GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIER-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALSO APPLY: AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY (AQSC)**

A. AMERICAN QUEEN VOYAGES'S (hereinafter AQV) LAND PACKAGES/SHORE EXCURSIONS: Tours are operated in the various ports of call by AQV or local tourist service companies contracted by the cruise line. They are not under the control of GN. Cancellation penalties may differ from the cruise program-related penalties. AQV may modify the cruise itinerary up to and during the voyage.

B. ADVANCE TRAVEL INFORMATION: 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 law 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 check-in; without proper ID will be denied boarding. AQV 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 AQV 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 passports. 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/U.S. alien card (green card).

C. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION PROTECTION: Under Public Law 89-777, the FMC requires vessels having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and which embark passengers from U.S. ports to maintain acceptable evidence of financial responsibility to indemnify passengers for nonperformance of transportation. AQV maintains a surety bond insuring its financial responsibility, and holds a Certificate (Performance) issued by the FMC.

D. AMERICAN QUEEN VOYAGES AIR PROGRAM: AQV reserves the right to choose the carrier, routing, and city airport for each gateway city. Any changes made to an issued airline ticket will incur an administrative charge fee. Any additional costs including penalties for cancellations/rebooking will be made at the Guest's expense. All airline tickets issued by AQV are refundable only to AQV. AQV has no responsibility for altered travel plans caused by airline delays or for any act or omission or event occurring while not onboard. Airline imposed baggage fees and other fees may apply and will be charged by the carrier at the time of service. Insurance: It is highly recommended that guests purchase adequate personal and baggage insurance and trip cancellation insurance. All trip cancellation policies will be strictly enforced.

For a complete listing of all AQV terms and conditions visit <https://www.aqvoyages.com/terms-conditions/>

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Class Year: _____

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1. Online at www.gonext.com/mississippi-river-cruise-24a
2. Call 800.842.9023
3. Fill out and return registration form

CHARMS OF THE SOUTH

MARCH 16-24, 2024

STATEROOM CATEGORY PREFERENCE	1ST CHOICE:	2ND CHOICE:
BED PREFERENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> QUEEN
	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TRIPLE
SINGLE AND TRIPLE ACCOMMODATION ARE AN ADDITIONAL COST AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.		
DINNER SEATING PREFERENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EARLY (5:15/5:30 PM)	<input type="checkbox"/> MAIN (7:45/8:00 PM)
RESERVATION SELECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> WITH AIRFARE. DEPARTURE AIRPORT CODE: _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHOUT AIRFARE	

ALL GUESTS MUST TRAVEL WITH A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID AND VALID PASSPORT.

GUEST 1 PASSPORT NAME <input type="checkbox"/> MR <input type="checkbox"/> MRS <input type="checkbox"/> DR <input type="checkbox"/> MS	FIRST NAME
MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
GUEST 1 BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	PREFERRED NAME FOR NAME BADGE
EMAIL	PHONE
MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
GUEST 2 PASSPORT NAME <input type="checkbox"/> MR <input type="checkbox"/> MRS <input type="checkbox"/> DR <input type="checkbox"/> MS	FIRST NAME
MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
GUEST 2 BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	PREFERRED NAME FOR NAME BADGE
EMAIL	PHONE
MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
ADJACENCY REQUEST	ROOMMATE'S NAME

PAYMENTS: A DEPOSIT OF \$500 PER PERSON IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING. FINAL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 2023. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID BY CHECK. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GO NEXT.

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.



With Go Next you get more from the time you book a trip to your welcome home.

GO CAREFREE

- We've got you covered on everything from recommendations to resolving issues.
- Joining every trip, a Go Next Program Manager is your traveling attendant on board and off.

GO LIVE LARGE

- More for your money on any budget. We give you the best value with exclusive cruise line partners traveling to some of the most elite destinations.

GO TOGETHER

- As experts in group and independent travel, Go Next ensures you will be well taken care of.
- Every time you travel with Go Next, you're financially giving back to your alumni association.

GO WITH THE BEST

- Become one of the thousands of pleased guests who have traveled with Go Next over the last 50 years.
- Sail with a team that is adaptable, responsive, and has delivered guest satisfaction year after year!

ABOARD AMERICAN COUNTESS®

GO SAFELY

- Highest commitment to health and safety through enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols.
- Always up to date with safety standards thanks to American Queen Voyages' SafeCruise program.

GO COMFORTABLY

- Gracious service from a professionally trained staff
- In-room dining available

GO DELICIOUS

- Gourmet Selections of freshly prepared choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Locally sourced and regionally inspired cuisine from land and sea.
- Unlimited beverages including an extensive wine list, choice spirits, local craft beers and specialty coffees
- Open bars and lounges throughout the vessel including a juice bar EVERY morning.


GO EXPLORE MORE

- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay with free ground transfers between hotel and vessel
- Unlimited Guided Tours designed with your comfort in mind aboard private, deluxe motorcoaches

Welcome aboard the *American Countess*® – winner of Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards and Conde Nast Traveler's Readers Choice Award. Gather with new friends for a game in The Card Room or watch a thrilling live performance in The Theater. Lounge on the sundeck as the tranquil sounds of the river or pick up a new book and enjoy quiet time in The Library. Glimpse incredible views through the panoramic windows at the portside bar and enjoy regionally-inspired cuisine in the Grand Dining Room.



— ITINERARY —

March 16: Memphis, Tennessee - <i>Hotel Stay</i>	
March 17: Memphis, Tennessee - <i>Embark</i>	
March 18: Cleveland (Terrene Landing), Mississippi	
March 19: Vicksburg, Mississippi	
March 20: Natchez, Mississippi	
March 21: Pointe Coupee, (New Roads) Louisiana	
March 22: Baton Rouge, Louisiana	
March 23: Nottoway, Louisiana - <i>American Queen Voyages Exclusive</i>	
March 24: New Orleans, Louisiana - <i>Disembark</i>	

Port locations and dates may be subject to change.

 Indicates Hotel Stay

Round trip economy class airfare available for \$499* per person

*Available from 30 cities: ATL, BOS, BWI, CLT, DEN, DFW, DTW, EWR, FLL, IAD, IAH, JFK, LAX, LGA, MCO, MDW, MIA, MSP, ORD, PBI, PHL, PHX, SAN, SAV, SEA, SFO, TPA, YUL, YVR, YYZ. Travel from other US and Canadian airports are available for an additional charge. Air schedules will be confirmed 120 days prior to sailing. Airline-imposed baggage fees may apply. For more details, see the Operator/Participant Agreement.



— PRICING —

CATEGORY	GO next	
	FARES/PERSON ⁺ After Oct 26, 2023	FARES/PERSON ⁺ By Oct 26, 2023
A Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Private Veranda Cabin Deck, 226 sq. ft. with exclusive veranda	\$5,569	\$4,569
B Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda Observation Deck, 192 sq. ft.	\$4,579	\$3,579
E Inside Stateroom Cabin & Observation Decks, 153 sq. ft.	\$4,149	\$3,149

NEW!

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICING

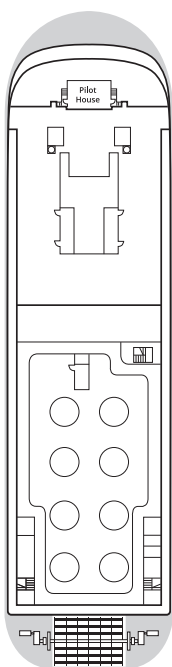
- 1-night Pre-cruise Hotel Stay with free ground transfers between hotel and vessel
- Unlimited Guided Tours designed with your comfort in mind aboard private, deluxe motorcoaches
- Unlimited Beverages including an extensive wine list, choice spirits, local craft beers and specialty coffees
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- Locally Sourced & Regionally Inspired Cuisine from land and sea
- Gourmet Selections of freshly prepared choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- In-room Dining Available
- Pre-Paid Gratuities
- Port Taxes & Fees
- Unlimited WiFi
- Live, Daily Onboard Entertainment & Enrichment
- Bicycles and Hiking Sticks

⁺ Fares are per person, double occupancy (with the exception of Single Outside Stateroom). Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and roundtrip airport transfers are not included. Port fees and gratuities are included. Differentiation in pricing within the category type is due to location on the deck.

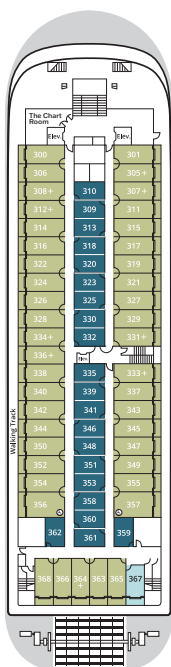


— DECK PLANS —

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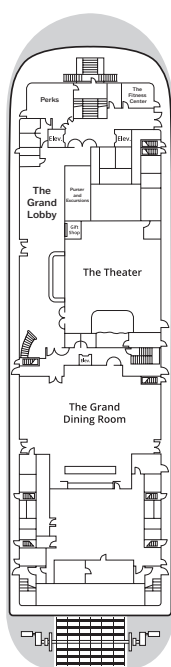
**DECK 4
SUN DECK**
Pilot House



**DECK 3
OBSERVATION DECK**
The Chart Room
Walking Track
Staterooms



**DECK 2
CABIN DECK**
The Library
The Card Room
Spa
The River Grill
Staterooms



**DECK 1
MAIN DECK**
Perks
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The Grand Lobby
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The Grand Dining Room
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+ Triple Occupancy



— LET'S GO —

Experience the simplicity of Southern charm as you travel along the historic Blues Trail from Memphis to New Orleans on this 7-night voyage aboard American Queen Voyages' *American Countess*®. Your journey begins with a 1-night hotel stay in Memphis.

Set sail and travel down the famous Mississippi Delta, North America's largest wetland area. Then, roam the tree-lined streets of Vicksburg to view beautiful antebellum homes. Visit the Museum of African American History and Culture in Natchez or grab a drink in a 19th-century saloon built for outlaws and boatmen. Learn about the unique history and culture of Baton Rouge. Eat jambalaya, a signature Louisiana dish, and before departing New Orleans, enjoy the ultimate Southern hospitality experience at Nottoway†.

— EXTEND YOUR STAY! —

Don't just wave at your arrival and departure city from the deck—extend your trip with one of American Queen Voyages' City Stay Packages*. If you are interested in exploring excursions before or after your cruise, call our Go Next team for more information.

*Available in most cities

†An American Queen Voyages Exclusive