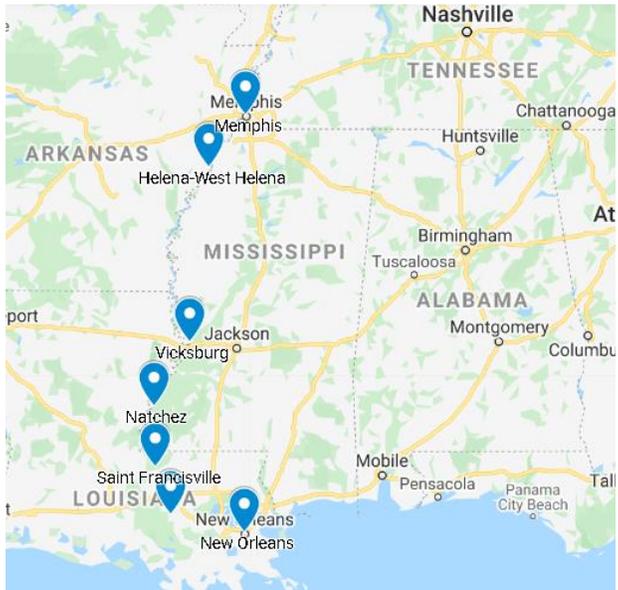


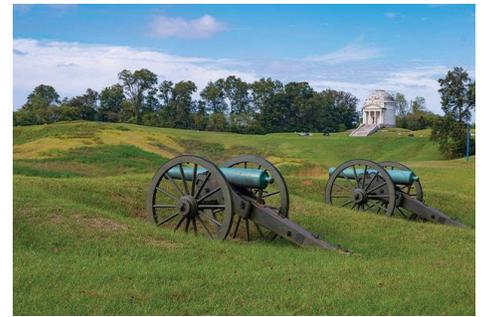
## 9-Day Charms of the South

### Lower Mississippi River Cruise

New Orleans to Memphis



Ship: American Queen



## Voyage Inclusions

- Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay: with Breakfast, portage, and transfer to the ship
- All Meals onboard: regional inspired dining
- 24-Hour Room Service
- Soda, tea, coffee, water
- Beer & Wine with Dinner
- Internet Service
- Self-service laundry
- Shore Excursions: one excursion per port
- Bicycles for guest use on shore
- Swimming pool
- Fitness Center
- Evening Broadway-style shows
- Enrichment programs: lectures, riverlorian
- Pilot house tours
- Onboard and motorcoach accessibility

## Cruise Highlights

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, an enlightened perspective. Let us introduce you to the American South and show you all the great sights and port cities as we cruise the legendary Mississippi river between Memphis to New Orleans. A new chapter awaits as we cruise around each river bend.

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## Day 1 Hotel Stay in New Orleans, LA

Enjoy your complimentary stay at the pre-cruise hotel. The evening is yours to become acquainted with the city. Our 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 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.

## Day 3 Nottoway

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.

## Day 4 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.

## 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."

## Day 6 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.

## Day 7 Port of the Mississippi Delta

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 LA glimpse into the Port of the Mississippi Delta, and discover a muse of many.

## Day 8 River Cruising

Watch small river towns and lush landscapes slowly become lost in the horizon as sunlight plays upon the deck. Take hold of a literary classic, curl up on a plush chair in a cozy corner and relish in the moment of tranquility. Experience the fulfillment that river cruising offers.

## Day 9 Memphis, TN

As the journey concludes, there are other opportunities for you to take in the town. Enjoy the city at your leisure, or consider an airport transfer.



**\*NOTE:** Itinerary is subject to change. Price per person, based on availability, double occupancy, subject to change. Taxes, port fees, gratuities, premium shore excursions, travel insurance, air tickets and airport transfers are extra. We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance for cancellation and medical protection. Please ask for details.



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