Mississippi River bridge · New Orleans · Louisiana

AMERICAN QUEEN

MISSISSIPPI -RIVER OF LEGENDS

NEW: 12 days | New Orleans • Natchez • Vicksburg • Memphis

White mansions, spectacular Mardi Gras parties, the vibrant French Quarter, the enchanted St. Louis Cemetery, light jazz and expressive blues: New Orleans is a fascinating gem of the South. This cruise on the AMERICAN QUEEN will show you the many facets of this magical city before you head off on your trip north along the legendary Mississippi River. Along the route through the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, you will visit a variety of cities, such as Natchez, Vicksburg and Tunica, and you will see the river's powerful current up close and personal during exciting excursions. Your cruise will end in the city of Memphis, where rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley made his mark.



roll

including

excursion programme

Mississippi

Natchez

Nottoway

New Orleans

Pointe Coupee

Memphis

Tunica

Vicksburg

St. Francisville

GULF OF MEXICO

USA

Why this cruise?

- Memories to last a lifetime: many excursions are already included in the price!
- Experience the culture in New Orleans, one of the South's most fascinating cities
- AMERICAN QUEEN: Cruise on the largest steamboat ever built
- Immerse yourself in bygone eras of the United States while enjoying the comforts of a modern cruise ship

* €100 Ultra Early Booking Discount until 30.09.2023.

Itinerary

12 days | New Orleans • Natchez • Vicksburg • Memphis

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure	These programme items are included in the cruise fare
Sat.	New Orleans	-	-	Hotel check-in. Option to visit the Confederate Memorial Hall Museum and the Longue Vue House on your own. Entry prices are included, according to the detailed itinerary.
Sun.	New Orleans	-	-	Tour New Orleans on your own (entry prices are included, according to the detailed itinerary), for example by having brunch at the Court of Two Sisters restaurant or visiting a jazz collection at the New Orleans Jazz Museum located in The Old U.S. Mint.
Mon.	New Orleans	-	17:00	Breakfast at the hotel and checkout. Afterwards, discover New Orleans on a hop-on hop-off bus tour. Embarkation on AMERICAN QUEEN.
Tues.	Nottoway	09:00	17:30	Tour of the Nottoway Resort, the largest preserved pre-Civil-War mansion in the South or choose from one of the following activities.
				Drive along the Great River Road with a visit to the Houmas House and the Great River Road Museum.
				Guided boat tour through the Manchac Swamp
Wed.	Pointe Coupee	08:00	13:00	Hop-on hop-off bus tour, with a stop at the historic Old Market Hall and Grace Episcopal Church, the oldest surviving protestant church in the U.S. or choose one of the following activities.
				Excursion to Angola Prison, one of the most notorious prisons in the U.S.
				Excursion to two "traditional" southern plantations: Rosedown and Catalpa.
Thur.	Natchez	08:00	17:00	Join a hop-on hop-off bus tour to see the sights of Natchez, such as the Rosalie Mansion with its expansive garden or the Museum of African American History and Culture or choose one of the following activities.
				Adventure awaits at the Double C Ranch, where you can try your hand at archery or lasso throwing.
				Guided kayak tour through untouched landscapes on a former branch of the Mississippi.
				Visit Frogmore, an 1,800-hectare cotton plantation.
				Tour of the historic building The Towers followed by a tasting of selected Southern culinary delicacies.
				Tour of the Longwood Mansion and the Monmouth Historic Inn.
Fri.	Vicksburg	08:00	17:00	Learn about the history of Vicksburg on a hop-on hop-off bus tour with stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity and the Old Court House Museum or
				Learn more about the American Civil War.
Sat.				Enjoy a relaxing day on board the ship.
Sun.	Tunica	17:00	22:00	Option to visit the RiverPark Museum and its observation platform, which can be reached on foot from the mooring station.
Mon.	Memphis	05:00	-	Disembarkation after breakfast. Experience the legacy of Elvis Presley with a tour through Memphis and a visit to Graceland. Check-in at the hotel.
Tues.	Memphis	-	-	City tour through lively Memphis. Visit the Rock 'n' Soul Museum and the Sun Studio on your own. Entry prices are included, according to the detailed itinerary.
Wed.	Memphis	-	-	Disembarkation.

The black/bold excursions are included in the cruise fare.

Excursion can only be booked on board. Bookings are subject to availability and weather conditions on the day of excursion.

We reserve the right to make changes to itineraries and excursion programmes. If it is impossible to navigate part of the route due to low/high water levels or a ship defect, the shipping company reserves the right to transport guests to the excursion destinations in coaches, to accommodate them in hotels and/or to change the route. Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to change ships.



TOP TIP

Visit the historical Nottoway Resort, directly on the famous River Road between Baton Rouge and New Orleans

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Day 1 | New Orleans

Individual journey to New Orleans. If you arrive early in New Orleans, you will have the opportunity to visit the **Confederate Memorial Hall Museum** and the **Longue Vue House** on your own. Afternoon check-in at the hotel.

Day 2 | New Orleans

After breakfast at the hotel, dive into the fascinating city of **New Orleans**, which has much more to offer than "just" the Mississippi. Come and discover the birthplace of jazz with all your senses! The city pulses with music on every street corner, but there is also a lot more to discover here: a brunch at the breathtaking family restaurant **Court of Two Sisters** is an unforgettable experience. **Mardi Gras World**, the **National WW II Museum** and **The Old U.S. Mint** are also worth a visit. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a **Creole Queen Cruise** or a **Ghost & Vampire Tour**.

Day 3 | New Orleans

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, you will be welcomed on board the **AMERICAN QUEEN!** Beforehand, you can enjoy a **hop-on hop-off bus tour** through New Orleans, giving you unique insights into the history and culture of this amazing city. The tour includes the **Garden District**, the **Mardi Gras parade route** and the **St. Louis Cathedral.** Enjoy the peace and quiet of the City Park, the vibrant hustle and bustle of the **French Quarter** or take a relaxing stroll through the **St. Louis Cemetery III** with its marble gravestones: you can pick! After the tour we will bring you to the harbour where the AMERICAN QUEEN will be waiting for embarkation. **Tickets for the activities in bold are included in the cruise fare.**

Day 4 | Nottoway

On the second day of your cruise you will be able to visit the **Nottoway Resort**, the largest preserved pre-Civil-War mansion in the South. This beautiful, historic plantation located between New Orleans and Baton Rouge will enchant you with its white ballroom, which is painted completely in white with numerous gold decorative elements. After a tour of the building, you are welcome to walk through the grounds and the gardens.

Day 5 | Pointe Coupee

After breakfast, a hop-on hop-off bus tour will take you to three special attractions. The **Old Market Hall** was built in 1819 and is used today as a market centre. Shop for clothes or jewellery and treat yourself to a



delicious snack! Stop at the **West Feliciana Historical Society Museum** and learn more about the history of St. Francisville from its artefacts, photos and historical items. Your last stop on the bus tour will be a visit to **Grace Episcopal Church.** It is one of the oldest preserved protestant churches in the United States. While you are here you should definitely take a good look at the organ, which was built in the year 1860.

Day 6 | Natchez

Your hop-on hop-off tour begins in the morning and will bring you to the best sights in Natchez. Visit the Old South Trading Post and try a variety of culinary treats: Jams, muscadine grape juice and numerous different coffee specialities. Then you are off to the historic Rosalie Mansion with its federal-style architecture. Tour the mansion, its expansive gardens, kitchen, library and the carriage house on your own and learn about its fascinating history. There are also two additional mansions that you can visit. Magnolia Hall was constructed in 1858 and Stanton Hall in 1857. Both were built in the Greek revival style. During the bus tour you can learn more about this city on the river while visiting the Natchez Visitor's Center. The last stop before returning to the AMERICAN QUEEN is the **Museum of** African American History and Culture, where you can learn all about African-American history.



All of the attractions printed in this itinerary in **bold** are included in the price of the cruise fare.

Day 7 | Vicksburg

Today, an exciting hop-on hop-off bus tour through Vicksburg awaits you! You will start off with a visit to the **Church of the Holy Trinity**, which is quite a highlight with its 34 ornate stained-glass windows. Then the tour will continue on to **Anchuca Mansion**, which was built in 1830 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Next stop is the **Old Court House Museum**, where you can learn more about the history of Vicksburg. Afterwards, you have the opportunity to visit the Biedenharn **Coca-Cola Museum**, where the very first bottle of Coca-Cola was filled in 1894. Then you will drive to numerous other exciting locations including the **Old Depot Museum**. The museum features a diorama of the battlefield during the Siege of Vicksburg in 1863.

Day 8 | Day on the river

Enjoy a day on board the AMERICAN QUEEN. Watch the small river towns and picturesque landscape go by as you enjoy all the comforts of this special cruise ship.

Day 9 | Tunica

Enjoy a free day in Tunica. Here you can visit the RiverPark Museum, which can be reached on foot from the mooring station. The museum provides interesting information on the history, animals and culture of the Mississippi Delta. The observation platform is quite a highlight. From the third storey, you can see far out over the river and the forests of the delta.

Day 10 | Memphis

After breakfast we will say goodbye to the crew on board. Then, we will head off to learn more about Elvis Presley! You will start in **Graceland**, where you will see the home of "The King". During your visit you definitely do not want to miss walking through the Meditation Garden, where the gravestones of Elvis and his family can be found. The tour ends at a brass statue of Elvis in Beale Street. From here, a walking tour will bring you up close and personal to this vibrant city. And, of course, your Elvis experience can be rounded out with other attractions, such as the **Elvis Presley Car Museum** or the **Elvis Discover Exhibits.** The choice is yours!

Day 11 | Memphis

Breakfast at the hotel. Late afternoon, a guided walking tour of **Memphis,** will take you through the city's highlights and give you insights into its history

and culture. Afterwards, you have the option to visit the **Rock'n' Soul Museum** on your own and the famous **Sun Studio**, which played a decisive roll in Elvis Presley's career.

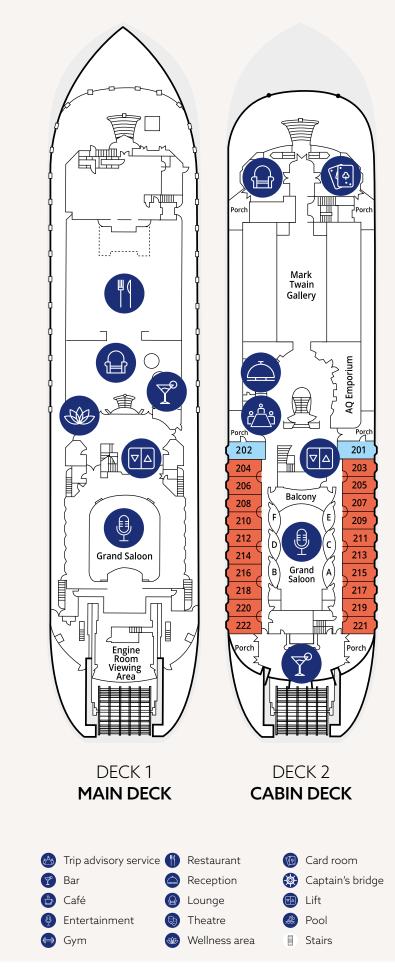
Day 12 | Your return from Memphis

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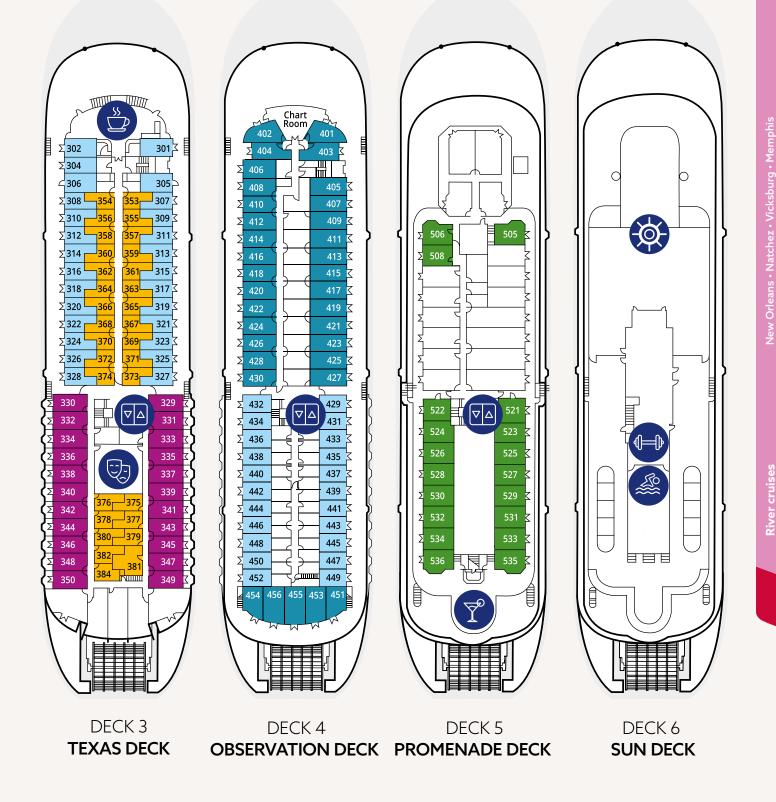


Deck plan (ship profile on page 152)





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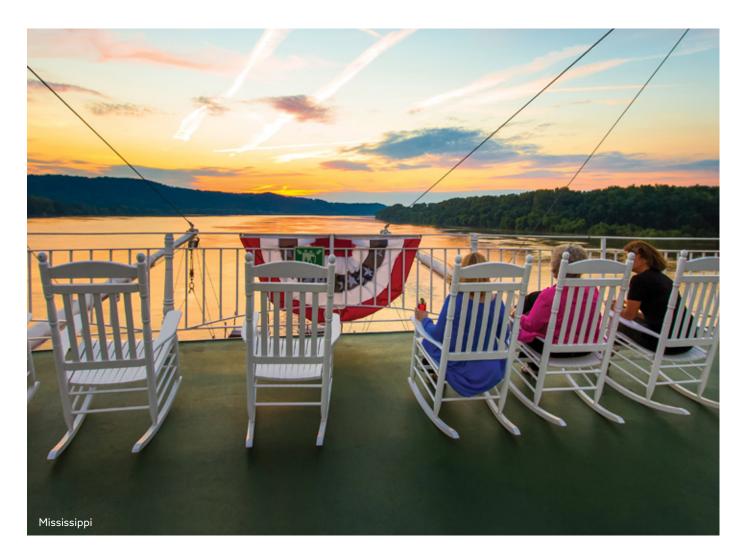
- Deluxe outside cabin with water view (window cannot be opened)
- Outside cabin with open veranda deck 2/3/4

- Outside cabin with open veranda deck 4
- Junior suite with open veranda
- Deluxe outside cabin with private veranda



SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE FARE

- Two nights incl. breakfast at the InterContinental New Orleans **** (or a similar hotel) and two nights incl. breakfast at the Peabody Memphis **** (or a similar hotel)
- ▶ 8-day cruise in a cabin in the chosen cabin category
- $\blacktriangleright\,$ nicko cruises full board during the cruise
 - Generous breakfast buffet
 - Comprehensive lunch buffet
 - Multi-course dinner menus served at the table
 - Beverage selection (alcohol-free beverages, extensive wine list, selected liquors, local beers and coffee specialities)
 - In-room dining possible
- Excursions printed in bold
- Local guides
- English on-board entertainment programme
- Use of the swimming pool and gym
- ▶ Tips
- ▶ 50 USD board credit
- All port and passenger fees



Cruise dates

12 days | New Orleans • Memphis

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Travel dates in red indicate: The cruise will be carried out in English language (please see further information concerning excursions beneath the sailing schedule). Other languages are possible for groups and charter parties on all cruises.

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cabin category/season	А	В	С
E Inside cabin	4,539	5,239	6,139
D Deluxe outside cabin with water view	5,569	6,169	7,069
C Outside cabin with open veranda deck 2/3/4	6,269	6,869	7,769
B Outside cabin with open veranda deck 4	6,519	7,119	8,019
A Deluxe outside cabin with private veranda	7,089	7,689	8,589
JS Junior suite with open veranda	7,559	8,159	9,059
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin	on request	on request	on request





Important travel information

Please make sure you carry valid identification documents or boarding will not be permitted. Further information on entry and visa application is provided in your booking confirmation. Travel insurance is mandatory for this cruise. Health: Please consult

your family doctor in good time for advice on vaccinations, preventing infection, and other prophylactic measures. Minimum number of participants for this cruise: 10 (see section 8.1. of our terms and conditions of travel).