

*TRAVEL TO REMEMBER*  
*Presents*  
**JEWELS OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI –**  
*Cruising on the American Queen*  
*Memphis to New Orleans*  
*Sept. 6 – 16, 2020*



Discover the heritage and culture of America with a cruise onboard the elegant American Queen, an authentic paddlewheel steamboat. Luxurious amenities display the opulence of the American Victorian era while also featuring every modern convenience. Each stateroom features lush bedding and fine linens as well as in-room bottled water and fresh fruit. Onboard cuisine is gourmet and something to satisfy every craving is available 24 hours a day, from grand meals in the Dining Saloon to American favorites in the Front Porch of America. Complimentary wine and beer are available with dinner. There is always something to enjoy onboard during your leisure time. Enjoy a swim or a workout in the pool or athletic club or borrow a book in the Mark Twain Gallery; after a day of exploring, enjoy nightly entertainment that includes everything from showboat style performances to calliope concerts to swing dancing.

This journey showcases the diversity and drama of the Lower Mississippi River. From Memphis to New Orleans, the river rolls slowly and expansively, smooth as a southern drawl. The bayous and woodlands along the shore create dramatic landscapes that are virtually unchanged since the days of the French fur traders. Gracious towns with palatial mansions and tree-lined streets abound. History is everywhere - in silent Civil War cemeteries and virtually everywhere you turn.



## Day 1: September 6 - Depart Indianapolis by bus and drive to Memphis.

Check into the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel and get self-acquainted with this city's famed eateries, unique shops and lively entertainment.

An American Queen Steamboat Company representative, as well as a local representative, will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment, and sight-seeing suggestions so that you may maximize your time in Memphis.



## Day 2: September 7 Departure 5:00 PM



Today is the day you have been waiting for! Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey down America's largest and most historical river.

Enjoy a day to explore downtown Memphis or visit Graceland before we start our voyage and begin a luxurious voyage down the Mississippi River, where memories will be made that will last a lifetime!

### **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

#### **Pre-Cruise: The Elvis Experience**

*Begin your journey along the Mississippi River with a king's treatment as we depart the hotel and weave our way through the streets of Memphis towards the home of the King himself - Graceland Mansion!*

*Enter through "The King's" front door where the presence of Elvis can still be felt within the walls as you walk through the same rooms as he did after a long day's performance. Custom crafted and state-of-the-art iPads will help guide your way through each room, providing thoughtful narration by actor and Elvis enthusiast, John Stamos as well as personal commentary by Elvis' daughter, Lisa Marie Presley.*



*At this musical mecca, discover distinctly "Elvis" rooms such as the famous "Jungle Room," an homage to "The King's" love for Hawaii, featuring green shagged carpets, exotically carved woodwork, and a Polynesian feel. View "Vernon's Office," where Elvis' father, Vernon Presley, managed his career, as well as the Trophy Building and Racquetball Building, where you will find hundreds of awards and accolades, received throughout his career as well as those awarded posthumously. Just outside the mansion, a short stroll through the Meditation Garden, where "The King's" final resting place is located alongside other members of his family. Pay your respects to Elvis and his contributions to American music and entertainment, knowing his legacy resonates throughout the world and spans multiple generations.*

Before our journey continues enjoy some free time for lunch on your own at one of the many Elvis themed eateries! We then continue with Graceland in our rearview and Memphis's heart and soul - Beale Street ahead. Oozing with the gritty feeling of the blues and rock `n' roll, Beale Street's musical history is alive in every store front lining the road, street band performing on the corner, and brick paving our way. A larger-than-life iconic brass statue of Elvis marks the starting point of the "Walking in Memphis" portion of this exclusive excursion. Here, we will experience the most famous street in Memphis as our local guide leads us through the vibrant city he calls home. A stroll along Beale Street is littered with music, history, culture and the sweet smell of smokey barbeque wafting through the alleys. You will not want to miss this exclusive experience through the Music City!

### **Day 3: September 8 Port of Mississippi Delta / Terrene Landing, MS**

The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region. It is a way of life - a true cultural experience based around agriculture, music and history. These small river towns have been the inspiration for authors, musicians and artists for centuries. Lower Mississippi River voyages include a unique glimpse into a Port of the Mississippi Delta



### **Day 4: September 9 Vicksburg, MS**

Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern attractions. Described as the key to the South by President Abraham Lincoln, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Vicksburg was founded in 1811 and grew as a vital river port city. It was a major component to the Civil War and carries much of the history within the town. Today, Vicksburg is a popular spot for tourists to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir.

### **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS**

#### **Church of the Holy Trinity**

*This Episcopal Church is more than 125 years old and houses six Tiffany stained-glass windows. This incredible church spans over 125 feet long, is 52 feet wide, and reaches 61 feet high to the apex of the roof. The church was constructed in Norman style, finished in red brick, though it showcases zigzag tracery which was highly unique to the style at the time. The stained glass windows may be the main draw – there are 34. They were given as memorials and six of them were created by Tiffany Studios in New York under the supervision of Louis Comfort Tiffany.*

#### **Anchuca Mansion**

*Anchuca, meaning "happy home" is one of the most significant antebellum homes in Vicksburg and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1830 and provided shelter for those suffering during the War. The word Anchuca derives from an Indian word meaning, "happy home", which is the exact vibe this home gives off. Built in 1830 by politician J.W. Mauldin, Anchuca is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During the war, the house was used as a shelter for those who had suffered. Tour the home and its beautiful furnishings.*

### **Old Court House Museum**

Built in 1858, this building stands as the most historic structure in Vicksburg, hosting speakers and guests like Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Teddy Roosevelt, and others! Construction for this colossal courthouse began in 1858 and was completed miraculously just two years later in 1860 for \$100,000. It was restored by Eva Whitaker Davis after the tornado of 1953 swept through Mississippi. Now, the courthouse is filled with countless artifacts including, confederate flags, portraits, the trophy antlers won by steamboat Robert E. Lee in an 1870 race, an original Teddy Bear given by Theodore Roosevelt, and much more!

### **Lower Mississippi River Museum**

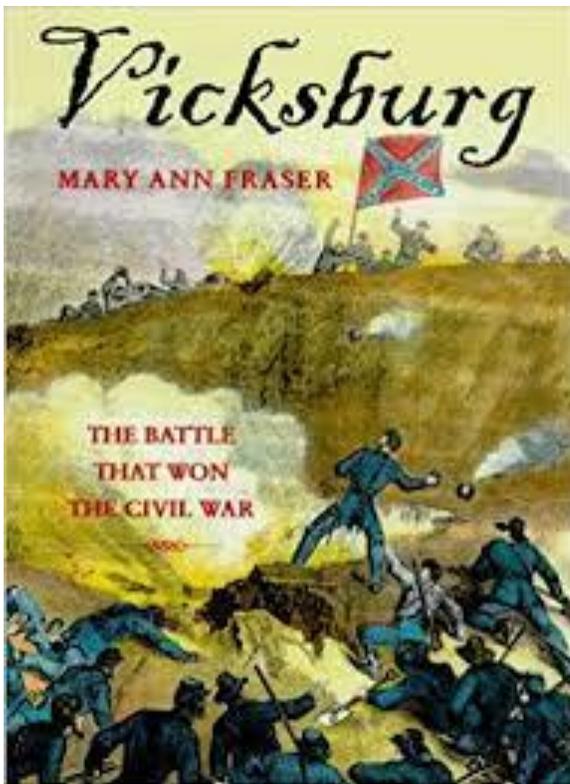
Listen to the risks and benefits of life surrounding the Mississippi River and learn the Federal Government's role the Mississippi River's past and present. This museum's mission is to show the role of the government in Mississippi's past and future, to maintain a healthy river. Guests can explore showcases of the history of Vicksburg and the region or exhibits about the 1927 flood and how it affected Vicksburg and the Mississippi River. Learn about the fish of the river up close in the museum's 1,515 gallon aquarium or choose your own adventure on the river with the Mississippi Trail Interactive exhibit! (Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays)

### **Yesterday's Children Antique Doll & Toy Museum**

This museum was featured in Southern Living, Delta Magazine and Dolls Magazine. Enjoy a self-guided tour featuring over 1,000 dolls and toys dating back to 1843. At the Biedenharn Coca-Cola™ Museum, enjoy the wide variety of Coca-Cola™ memorabilia in an authentic candy store and soda fountain setting. This building is where Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1894.

### **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*



**On the Front Lines of the Civil War** travel the front lines of the most important battlefields in the country. Cross into enemy territory, hear the stories and hardships suffered by soldiers and discover what makes Vicksburg such an important city in American history. Aptly described by President Lincoln as “the key to victory,” the Siege and Battle at Vicksburg is a landmark in time that shaped our country and how wars would forever be fought.

Set off for the historic Vicksburg National Military Park. Here, we will travel the 16-mile road that weaves through the 1,300 monuments and markers. As our luxury motorcoach navigates the bluffs and fields that once served as crucial battlegrounds, we'll cross both Union and Confederate lines and make a few stops to allow for a close-up experience at some of the key points of interest along the way. Tour the USS Cairo and Museum, an Iron Clad River Boat that was raised from the depths of the Mississippi River and can be boarded and fully explored. Climb the steps at the Illinois State Monument, the largest of the 27 state monuments and walk the National Cemetery, a peaceful location holding the largest amount of Civil War burials in

the country, as well as the Vicksburg Battlefield Visitor's Center where an informative fiber-optic display depicts the progression of the siege.

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **Vicksburg Golf**

*It's time to tee off in Vicksburg! Join us for a fantastic round of 18 holes at the Vicksburg Country Club Golf Course, built in 1929. Surely we will work up an appetite, so after our round we will enjoy a southern style lunch at The Anthony, a modern and casual restaurant located at the country club. Choose from three delicious choices: Boneless fried chicken, hamburger steak, or fried catfish.*

### **Day 5: September 10 Natchez, MS**



This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi. The city is known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history – found on every street corner. Enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historical homes, all of which contribute to Hugh Bayless' book "The 100 Best Towns in America."

## **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS**

### **Rosalie Mansion**

*In 1716, the French built Fort Rosalie overlooking the Mississippi River. In 1823, a mansion was built by a wealthy cotton planter on land north of the fort. The Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution have since gained ownership and have been maintaining the house and grounds since 1938. On this self-guided tour, discover the history of the house and the artifacts found throughout. Period-dressed docents can be found throughout the home to answer questions and to provide more information! Guests can explore the extensive gardens, gift shop, library, and carriage as well.*  
**Natchez Visitor's Center**



*Enjoy a short, 20-minute video in the Visitor's Center Theater and hear about the history of Natchez. Then, explore the building at your leisure. At the entrance, a scaled display model of the city is showcased. Stop in the office for some general information and questions about the town and its history, including town highlights and points of interest.*

### **William Johnson House Museum**

*William Johnson was known as the “Barber of Natchez”; he began as a slave and gained his freedom at age eleven. After his freedom, he began to work his way up in society, eventually becoming almost fully accepted within society. As the town barber, William Johnson was able to hear the stories and gossip of many of the residents, which he documented in his diary for over 16 years. His 3-story brick home was built in 1840 and showcases many original furnishings.*



### **Magnolia Hall**

*This Greek Revival Mansion was built in 1858. The house was built before the breakout of the Civil War in town but did suffer some damage – a cannon ball was launched into their kitchen! It is now fully restored – the main floor offers a showcase of many antiques and furnishings and the upper floors offer a costume collection located in the Historic Clothing Museum. Tour the house and then stop in the gift shop for some souvenirs.*



### **Stanton Hall**

*Irish Immigrant and cotton merchant Frederick Stanton built this Palatial Greek Revival mansion in 1857. It was appraised at \$83,000 during that period, even before it was furnished. Take a 30-minute tour of the house – which takes up the entire block and is fully furnished. Afterwards you can stop for lunch in the Carriage House Restaurant, known for their fine southern cuisine.*

### **King’s Tavern and Charboneau Distillery**

*Step off the motorcoach and walk through the front gate leading to the second-floor porch of this 1789 building – the oldest structure in the city of Natchez. Join us for an American Queen exclusive tour of the King’s Tavern – a newly opened restaurant and bar, owned by Regina Charboneau, a nationally known chef, and her husband Doug. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the distillery, followed by a guided tour of the bar, located just next door, with a custom drink on the house.*

## **Natchez Association for the Preservation of Afro-American Culture Museum**

*Here, learn the history and culture of the African Americans over time. The museum will delve into the 300-year-old African American history, spanning four lifetimes from Colonial and Cotton Kingdom Natchez, to the Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movements. As you explore this creative portrayal of the true African American story, you will unfold history to reveal Natchez in a light that is shown nowhere else around.*

### **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

#### **Home Hosted Visit with Ginger and James**

*The words “Southern hospitality” evoke images of ornate mansions flanked by arched porches and charming ladies offering warm smiles and stories of southern grandeur. Today, we will experience nothing less on this exclusive home-hosted visit to The Towers, one of Mississippi’s grandest and most elegant privately owned antebellum homes. Here, we will be welcomed like old friends by owners Ginger and James Hyland and guided through their personal home. Set on five manicured acres among ancient oaks, The Towers is a stunning estate of exceptional Italianate design with a rich past.*

*Silks, antique lace sheers, and magnificent draperies adorn the walls of The Towers, but unlike most historical homes, there are no roped-off rooms here. This is a one-of-a-kind experience where we’ll be free to explore the home as if we were members of the Hyland family. As we relax on the mansion’s back porch, sipping refreshing mint-infused champagne and soaking in the beauty of the perfectly maintained gardens, Ginger will share stories of her star-studded past. Ginger—the daughter of Lawrence A. Hyland, president of Hughes Aircraft Company and one of the men credited with the invention of radar—will share impressive tales of her past growing up in California, including accompanying her parents to Hollywood parties with Howard Hughes, Walter Matthau, and Jack Lemmon. As an adult, Ginger was able to create her own legacy as the first female president of the American Quarter Horse Association.*

*Ginger is a charismatic host, and will give us an intimate tour of her house, including rare and stunning glimpses of her trinkets and Victorian-era treasures hidden throughout the mansion. Each piece’s story is more interesting than the last.*

*For instance, the set of goblets elegantly placed atop her antique tables were crafted by Ludwig Moser, famous glassware manufacturer for European royalty, while the place mats they rest upon were hand-crafted for Princess Grace. The intricate, original Carrickmacross lace wedding veil on display is an antique version of the one Kate Middleton wore during her extravagant wedding. Ginger and James’ passion for collecting is obvious, as they can recite the history of every piece on display, and welcome all questions with enthusiasm for the stories of the past.*

*Our tour ends in the sunny, enclosed back gallery, where we will enjoy a delightful taste of southern comfort food during a casual, private visit hosted by the Hylands. We’ll get an exclusive taste of Southern flare as we indulge in scrumptious snacks, as we are introduced to Ginger and James’s dear friend Rene Adams (who also happens to be a renowned local chef). Chef Rene will entertain us with stories of the history of food in the Natchez area, including culinary secrets and authentic recipes.*

*After a champagne toast, our visit will come to an end, as we bid farewell to our new southern friends. Until next time!*

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **The Story of Cotton in the Antebellum South**

*Cross the river to Louisiana and visit historic Frogmore Plantation, designated a “Must See Site” by Rand McNally. Frogmore is the only historic & modern, 1800-acre working cotton plantation in the South. Take a seat on an original pew in an 1800s African American plantation church, as the mistress of Frogmore takes the audience back in time. Music fills the air as the “secret songs” are performed by local musicians. Enjoy the gospel songs and hear the narration about life on a cotton plantation.*



*Continue the experience exploring authentic slave cabins and cotton fields. Take a walk up to the fields and feel free to pick some cotton for a glimpse of the essence of life on a plantation. We encourage all to explore the historic steam engine cotton gin which the Smithsonian Institute states is the rarest of its kind in existence.*



*After a complimentary beverage in the “Sharecropper Plantation Store,” contrast historical methods. On your return to Natchez, your guide will enlighten you with unusual cotton trivia and answer questions. A visit to Longwood will complete the “Story of Cotton,” with a glimpse into the devastation caused by war and a changing America. This historic antebellum octagonal mansion is the largest of its shape in America. Also known as “Nutt’s Folly,” this unique mansion remains beautifully unfinished and stands symbolically in representation of the last burst of Southern opulence. A reminder of a time before war brought the cotton baron’s dominance to an end. After surviving decades of neglect and abandonment, Longwood stands strong today and is a can’t miss stop when visiting Natchez.*

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **Inside Regina's Kitchen with Celebrity Chef Regina Charboneau**

*During our visit to Natchez, Mississippi, we will be welcomed into Twin Oaks, a beautiful, southern-style mansion and the personal home of award-winning chef Regina Charboneau. Regina is the author of numerous well-received cookbooks, and is recognized in the culinary world as the personification of southern hospitality. (In fact, she is often complimented for this by none other than Andrew Zimmern.) Regina never ceases to look forward to opening her front door to a limited number of American Queen Steamboat Company guests for intimate culinary experiences around her own dining room table.*

*Built in 1832, the historic Twin Oaks is a relic of the Antebellum Age of the South. Upon arrival, you'll get a taste of true, down-home hospitality as you're served up delicious southern libations to get nice and cozy before Chef Regina gives a tour of her home, all the while weaving in personal stories of her family and frequent visitors --friends, business colleagues, and celebrities who simply can't get enough of her cooking.*

*Regina's claim to fame is her much-coveted recipe for picture-perfect, buttery, flaky biscuits. She will share her secrets with you during this very intimate experience. If her southern-style biscuits weren't already enticing enough, Regina serves them on top of her homemade, creamy chicken pot pie. Her ability to take a seemingly simple, traditional dish and elevate it with such finesse never fails to amaze her guests. Not one to be content simply playing the hostess, Regina then invites you into her personal kitchen to get hands-on. You will work with your own dough right alongside her, following this expert's step-by-step instructions to recreate her mouthwatering masterpiece. But it's not all comfort food; you'll get a glimpse into some of Chef Regina's other dishes while at Twin Oaks.*

*You've never experienced a true southern experience until you spend some time here in Regina's kitchen. There is something about the relaxed atmosphere of Twin Oaks that makes cooking these dishes for yourself, with your own two hands, all the sweeter. Soon, you'll be ready to sample these incredible recipes straight from the oven, fresh, warm, and crispy! Our group of new friends will share some drinks, some pot pie, some laughs --and perhaps even a few surprises --around Regina's dining room table. Not only will you learn Chef Charboneau's inside secrets, but you won't leave her house empty-handed.*

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **Tee Time in Natchez!**

*Join us for tee time in Natchez! On today's excursion we will play through 18 holes of golf at the beautiful Duncan Park Golf Course. Challenging play for golfers at every level, Duncan Park offers an elegant and well-manicured landscape featuring beautiful flowers, towering longleaf pines and live oaks draped with Spanish moss.*

## **Day 6: September 11 Baton Rouge, LA**

Named by French explorer, Sieur D'Iberville after a reddish pole marking two separate tribal hunting grounds, Baton Rouge, the Capital of Louisiana has rich cultural history. The city is home to Louisiana's capitol building which is the tallest in the United States. Spend the day exploring all that Baton Rouge has to offer, from the museums and the architecture to the shops and the cuisine – everyone will enjoy an exciting, busy day!

### **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS**

#### **USS Kidd(DD-661)**

*Just a short walk from the dock, guests can explore a Fletcher-Class Destroyer that fought in many battles in U.S. history. Named after Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, who died on the bridge of his flagship during Pearl Harbor, the USS Kidd has received eight battle stars for WWII service and four battle stars for Korean War service. This 2,050-ton, 376-foot-long vessel has since been converted into a museum, with exhibits of extensive collections of war artifacts, ship models, memorial hall, real fighter planes and bombers, and memorials.*

#### **Capitol Park Museum**

*This impressive museum showcases collections of visual arts, jazz, costumes, textiles, and artifacts from Louisiana history. It was founded in 1906 and holds over 450,000 artifacts and works of arts. Permanent exhibits include: "Experiencing Louisiana: Discovering the Soul of America," and "Grounds for Greatness: Louisiana". Rotating exhibits change frequently and can cover a range of different historical events.*

#### **Louisiana's State Capitol**

*This prime example of Art Deco Architecture was extremely popular in the 1930's and stands 450 feet tall. The building holds 34 floors making it the tallest state capital in the United States. Guests can admire the uniquely constructed rooms throughout the building or take a ride up to the 34th floor to the observation deck where an impressive panoramic view of the city can be found.*

#### **LSU Museum Of Art**

*Immerse yourself in the history of Louisiana and its culture through art at the LSU Museum of Art. Located on the fifth floor of the Shaw Center for the Arts, the museum hosts a variety of historic and contemporary art exhibits as well as a vast permanent collection spanning the 1700s to present day with over 6,500 artworks on display year round. Paired with a variety of programming and an education space for families to explore, a visit to LSU MOA is perfect for all ages and interests.*

#### **LSU Rural Life Museum**

*Dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of materials from the cultures of 18th and 19th century rural Louisianans the LSU Rural Life Museum sends guests back in time to experience the lifestyles and life-ways of these remarkable people. Explore the largest collection of artifacts and architecture from the period, all in a safe, outdoor rural landscape.*

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **The Ultimate Cajun Adventure**

*The Cajun culture of Louisiana's Mississippi River Region is one of the most enduring and unique traditions of the American South. The Creole spirit is also alive and well in southern Louisiana: a unique blend of French, Spanish, African-American, and Native American cultures. Today, Cajun and Creole lifestyles endure within the region's local flavor and iconic cuisine. Our tour today will take us on an airboat adventure, offer a glimpse back in time, and trace the history of southern Louisiana's Cajun and Creole cultures, including their traditional ways of living—and, of course, their mouthwatering food!*

*We arrive in the morning at Atchafalaya Basin Landing and Marina for an airboat tour through the swamp with a local, born-on-the-bayou guide manning the helm. Our Cajun captain will share some history of the area from the deep swamplands where he was raised. You will never feel as up-close-and-personal with the exotic wetland wildlife as when our captain beckons gators up alongside our boat using French Creole.*

*Following our airboat tour, we will indulge in some down-home cuisine at Pont Breaux's Cajun Restaurant, one of the top Cajun restaurants in southern Louisiana. The lunch buffet includes such local culinary favorites as fried chicken, fried catfish, mashed potatoes and gravy, fried okra, and of course, the official state cuisine of Louisiana, gumbo! After lunch, you can join in the traditional Cajun dances or just kick back, digest, and enjoy the charming atmosphere.*

*Our next stop is one of the highlights of the tour. Vermilionville Historic Village is a living history museum where visitors are invited to experience the authentic eighteenth-century day-to-day lifestyle. In addition to Native Americans and people of African descent, Vermilionville also celebrates the ethnic group that came to be known as the Cajuns—French colonists from eastern Canada who immigrated to Louisiana after the Seven Years' War in the mid-1700s. Here, docents dressed in period-accurate clothing will tell the story of the region's cultural heritage, in addition to putting on demonstrations of how the Cajuns lived using resources available during that era. After touring the picturesque village at our leisure and partaking in some historical crafts and tours, we will return to our vessel, as time returns to the present.*

### **Day 7: September 12 St. Francisville, LA**

Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes. Below where St.



Francisville is located currently, was a settlement called Bayou Sara in the 1790's. When this settlement was destroyed by flooding and fires, many of the structures and artifacts were hauled up the bluff into St. Francisville where they are still standing. The town is referred to as "two miles long and two yards wide," but that definitely doesn't mean they have nothing to offer! With over 140 buildings on the National Register, 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.

## **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS**

### **Royal Street**

Take a stroll down Royal Street at any of the shops or just to admire the beautiful trees and homes. Or stop into Grandmother's Buttons – a unique boutique that offers jewelry made of 100-year-old buttons. Inside the store, you can visit the button museum to learn the history of the business and the inspirations of the art. The store is located inside of a former historic bank lobby with 16-foot ceilings and a bank vault, even if jewelry is not in your plans – the architecture is beautiful!

### **Old Market Hall**

The structure was built in 1819 and has a beautiful open layout. Now, the building is used as a market center for the towns' local artisans and craftsmen to showcase their products and host their small businesses. Every day is different, you may see anything from jewelry and makeup, scarves and dresses, or snacks and produce!

### **West Feliciana Historical Society Museum**

This museum is dedicated to the history, people, and architectures of West Feliciana Parish. Inside a former hardware store, built in 1896, the Historical Society Museum displays many artifacts, photos, costumes, and articles all portraying the history of St. Francisville. Just across the street, you can stop in one of the fine boutiques and shops!

### **Grace Episcopal Church**

Built in 1860 and rebuilt in 1893 after the Union caused heavy damage in 1863, Grace Episcopal Church stands tall in St. Francisville. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the church and the grounds and make sure to check out the organ located inside – it dates all the way back to 1860! The church is one of the state's oldest Protestant churches that still stand today.

## **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

### **Redemption & Rehabilitation at Angola Penitentiary**

Recognized by the international travel community during the 2014 Seatrade Convention in Barcelona as one of the three most innovative experiences in the world, we embark on a trip full of second chances, rehabilitation, and redemption. Angola Prison—formerly America's most dangerous penitentiary is known today as a model facility and takes great pride in the faith-based rehabilitation of its inmates, most of whom will never regain their freedom.

Based on your previous perception of prison, you can't help but get butterflies as you turn to see the yellow gates and barbed wire of Angola Prison. That perception will be changed today. As we wind through Angola's vast, rich farmland where over five million pounds of produce are harvested by inmates each year, gaze upon the fields that seem to expand forever. Our ride will wind along the tight roads paved through the grounds as we pass inmates hard at work harvesting crops. We push on, passing inmate housing, cattle herds, the K-9 training facility, and the Rodeo arena. Discover the history of this plantation turned penitentiary, made famous for its troubling history and it's truly inspirational turn-around, annual Rodeo, and numerous sightings in movies including the blockbuster; "Dead Man Walking."

*We will stop in front of the prison's first and most famous cell block, stepping off the bus for an exclusive tour of the Red Hat Cell Block. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, the penitentiary's first cell block was home to the escape artist Charlie Frazer and was the site of 11 executions by electric chair. Hear the history of the dark places the prison had been to before its unbelievable transformation.*

*The journey continues, arriving at the penitentiary's largest chapel where guests will have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to hear the enlightening stories from current inmates and the journey of their transformation into the inspiration and well-rounded people they are today. Our exclusive excursion ends with a stop at the penitentiary's on-site museum. While here, learn more about the ongoing effort to change prisons in America, the history of Angola and pick up a unique souvenir as a reminder of the ongoing effort to ensure public safety.*

### **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

#### **Plantations of the Back Roads: St. Francisville**

*Today's experience goes beyond the expectations of a "traditional" southern plantation and offers guided tours of two plantations with a more personal touch. Experience two southern plantations that have deep ancestral ties. Pay close attention to each home during the guided tour – see if the family portrait displayed in both plantations can be found!*



*We will begin at Rosedown Plantation, one of the most intact documented examples of a domestic plantation complex in the South. It embodies the lifestyle of the antebellum South's wealthiest planters in a way very few other surviving properties can. The plantation's landscape is a laboratory for the study and interpretation of the cultural traditions of slavery, the life style of the gentry, and long-standing scientific experiments in agriculture and horticulture. Rosedown was established in the 1830s*

*by Daniel and Martha Barrow Turnbull, and remained in the hands of their descendants until the 1950s. Explore the elaborate home and sprawling gardens and visit the gift shop to search for souvenir reminders of your day exploring the "Plantations of the Back Roads."*

*Then, travel to nearby Catalpa, a charming private home that has remained in the same family since the early 1800's. Owner Mary Thompson, a descendant of the estate's original family, is a gracious hostess who delights in sharing her grand home, its history and its connection with Rosedown Plantation. In every room of Catalpa, evidence of the family's rich history lives on. The home is filled with furniture original to Catalpa in addition to china, crystal, silver and portraits that were once at Rosedown Plantation. At the conclusion of your visit, Mary invites all of her guests for a traditional southern farewell on the front porch with a complimentary glass of Sherry.*

## Day 8: September 13 Nottoway Plantation, LA



Nottoway is the South's largest, most glorious remaining antebellum mansion, with a rich history dating back to 1859. In a fabulous location along the Great River Road, this White Castle of the South transports visitors back to an era of glory and grandeur.

Set among a natural backdrop of vibrant gardens and 200-year-old oak trees, the mansion boasts three floors and 64 rooms, and flaunts an incredible 22 white square columns. The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white with elaborate gold décor throughout.

Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster and mud, and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings – one for each day of the year. Nottoway Plantation captivates all with a brilliant blend of true Southern hospitality, history and mystery.

### **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Enjoy an included tour of Nottoway Plantation, the South's largest remaining antebellum mansion. This stunning historical plantation lies between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and offers a view of a truly grand plantation. The mansion flaunts three-floors, 64-bedrooms, and displays an incredible 22 white square columns which contribute to its' nickname—"The White Castle of Louisiana." The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white and displays elaborate gold décor throughout. Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster, and mud and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings—one for each day of the year. Enjoy a guided walking tour of an American Castle as we explore within the pristine walls of Nottoway followed by a stroll through the lush grounds and gardens.*

### **PREMIUM SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Additional charge*

#### **Life in the Bayou Cajun Swamp Tour: Nottoway**

*Today we explore a true Cajun Experience in the back bayous and swamps of Louisiana. Just down the historical River Road that beautiful Nottoway Plantation resides on, lays an oasis. Flanked by cypress and lush greens, Manchac Swamp offers a glimpse into what settlers of this area found upon arrival to southern Louisiana.*

*Travel through plantation country as our local guide enlightens us on the affluent southern Louisiana lifestyle during the era when sugar cane was king. After our 45-minute narrated tour of the river, we will arrive in La Place, Louisiana; home to the 250-acre ecosphere called Manchac Swamp.*

*For the next hour and a half we will be guided through this ecological environment by our knowable Cajun Captain. Enjoy the picturesque sights of moss-draped cypress trees and lush, exotic vegetation cover the wetlands as our tour boat navigates the swamp.*

*Because our boats are exclusive to this river, the swamp critters have even learned to recognize them as part of their own habitat. At the beckon of the Captain's call, they emerge from the draping mossy Cypress trees to greet us. This ecosphere harbors American alligators, nutria, ibis, turtle, herons, raccoons, egrets, and species unique to Southern Louisiana. Get up close and personal with baby alligators as they come aboard the boat.*

### **Day 9: September 14 New Orleans, LA** Arrival 8:00 AM

Post-Cruise: Included New Orleans Highlights Tour

*Embark on an adventure through a city radiating an eccentric and authentic atmosphere and filled to the brim with history and culture close to the heart of America. Explore the history of New Orleans including the first settlers, religion, culture and Mardi Gras. On an exclusive New Orleans narrated driving tour, you will experience the city from an intimate first-person perspective. Relax in the comfort of our motorcoach as we glide past some of the most iconic attractions in the city including the French Quarter, Jackson Square and the Garden District, where elegant mansions stand as a testament to Greek revival, Italianate and Queen Anne Victorian styles. Then, we will travel down St. Charles Avenue, along the famous street car line, where New Orleans' most prestigious and beautiful colleges, Tulane University and Loyola University are located.*

*Continue the day in New Orleans' breathtaking City Park, a 400-acre park located in uptown between St. Charles Avenue and the Mississippi River, built on the site of the 1884 World's Fair. Here, we will take a short break to relax and soak in the awe inspiring scenery of "The Big Easy," as you are treated to a complimentary coffee and a New Orleans' signature Morning Call beignet. No trip to New Orleans would be complete without a stop at St. Louis Cemetery # 3, known better as the "The City of the Dead." We continue to our 5 star hotel where we will check in for one more memorable experience. Enjoy a walk down Bourbon street and the sounds of Jazz coming from the many bars and clubs.*

### **Day 10: September 15 New Orleans, LA**

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and one more walk to the riverfront. This afternoon, we head to the airport for our flight back to Indianapolis.

This incredible 9 night trip includes:

Transportation to Memphis, Tennessee with return flight from New Orleans  
One night pre cruise hotel accommodations in Memphis  
One night post cruise hotel accommodations in New Orleans  
Seven nights on the American Queen Riverboat  
24 hour room service  
Breakfast in Memphis and New Orleans  
All meals on board the American Queen  
Beer and Wine included with dinner  
Complimentary specialty coffees and soft drinks throughout the cruise  
Nightly entertainment on board the American Queen  
All taxes and port charges  
Prepaid Gratuities  
Included Excursions off the Riverboat

Not included:

Items of a personal nature  
Optional premium excursions  
Drinks on board the riverboat other than listed above  
Meals not listed above.

This itinerary includes 9 nights and 10 days and all items listed above. .

Junior Suite	210 Sq. Ft with open Veranda and sitting area	\$6299.00 per person dbl occupancy
Category B	190 Sq. Ft. Cabin with open Veranda	\$5999.00 per person dbl occupancy.
Category C	160 Sq. Ft. Cabin with open Veranda	\$5699.00 per person dbl occupancy.
Category D	190 Sq. Ft. Cabin with fixed bay window	\$5399.00 per person dbl occupancy.
Category E	140 Sq. Ft. Inside Cabin	\$3699.00 per person dbl occupancy.

Single supplement of \$700.00 available.

The price is based upon cash or check payments. Payment by credit card will incur an additional fee of 3%.

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500. per traveler will be due by December 1, 2019.  
An additional payment of \$2500.00 will be due March 15, 2020.  
Final Payment as invoiced will be due June 15, 2020.

**Cancellation:**

Once you have made a payment, If you must cancel before 120 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 120 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. If you cancel after 120 days prior and the airfare has been paid, you may be entitled to an airline credit less the change fee assessed by the airline. Usually you have one year to use the value of the ticket minus the change fee set by the airline, currently at \$300.00. Cancellations after 120 days will incur a \$100 administrative fee.

**Trip Insurance:**

Trip insurance may be purchased to protect the cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. To cover pre-existing conditions, trip insurance must be purchased within 14 days of the initial deposit. Once you have placed a deposit for this trip, I will provide you with a brochure that you may choose to use.

**Baggage:** Most airlines allow for one free checked bag on international flights. You will be charged for a second checked bag. Please check the website for specific prices. You will be allowed a small carryon and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

**Selection of Vendors:** Travel to Remember, LLC will use the following guidelines for the selection of international and domestic land and air suppliers. All suppliers will be chosen from those recommended by other known and trusted vendors in our industry. We will look for suppliers that have a proven track record for safety and a reputation for being the most experienced local receptive operators. Suppliers will be expected to comply with all local insurance and licensing regulations. One of the tour managers from Travel to Remember will accompany all excursions to make sure that the suppliers provides the best in service and customer response.

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Name(s)\_(as they appear on your passport(s))

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\_\_\_\_ I/We want a category E Inside cabin \$3699.00 per person.

\_\_\_\_ I/We want a category D with Outside Veranda Balcony at \$5399.00.

\_\_\_\_ I/We want a category C with Outside Veranda Balcony at \$5699.00.

\_\_\_\_ I/We want a category B with Outside Veranda Balcony at \$5999.00.

\_\_\_\_ I/We want a Jr. Suite with Outside Veranda Balcony at \$6199.00.

\_\_\_\_ I wish to travel as a single and understand there will be an additional charge.

\_\_\_\_ Please help me find a roommate.

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*Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "American Queen"*

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