CHARMS OF THE SOUTH MEMPHIS-NEW ORLEANS



Notes of uniquely American music styles play overture to the sweet smell of magnolia trees as we introduce you to the American South. From New Orleans to Memphis, traditions, architecture and heritage are living testaments to the region's historic and cultural significance. Each pocket of the Lower Mississippi River's Southern sanctuary introduces our guests to its own distinct personality.



DATES:

2021 - Oct 24, 31* | Nov 7, 28* | Dec 27 **2022** - Mar 12, 19*, 26 | Apr 2*, 9, 16*, 23, 30* Jun 18, 25* | Oct 8* | Nov 12, 19*, 26 | Dec 3, 10, 31* **2023** - Mar 11*, 18, 25* | Apr 1, 8*, 15, 22*, 29 May 6*, 13, 20*, 27 | Jun 3*, 10, 17* | Sep 30* Nov 4, 11*, 18, 25* | Dec 2, 9*, 16, 23*

DURATION: 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

EMBARK: MEMPHIS DISEMBARK: NEW ORLEANS *REVERSE ITINERARY

SHIP: AMERICAN DUCHESS

FROM: \$2,099 + \$199 Port Charges

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DAY 1: HOTEL STAY IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (EMBARK)

Memphis has a plethora of places to visit and things to do for all guests. Embrace the city that has been coined not only the home of the blues but also the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Boogie on down to Beale Street – alive with quirky places to indulge in some Southern barbeque, purchase souvenirs for friends and family (or a little something for yourself) and sip on a Blue Suede Tini. As one of the most famous music destinations in the world, Memphis is a melodious port for our guests to experience.



DAY 3: 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 glimpse into the Port of the Mississippi Delta, and discover a muse of many.

DAY 4: VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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 5: NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

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."

Included Shore Excursion: Natchez Hop-On Hop-Off Tour - This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi River. Natchez is known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history, which can be found on every street corner throughout the town. Guests will enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and antebellum houses as they explore the beautiful downtown areas.



DAY 6: ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

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.

Included Shore Excursion: St. Francisville Hop-On Hop-Off Tour - Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes of Louisiana. The town is referred to as "two miles long and two yards wide," but that definitely doesn't mean it has nothing to offer. Stop in at one of the unique shops, historical homes, beautiful churches or breathtaking parks and you will surely agree!



DAY 7: BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge grants a strikingly different experience from those of the small-town stops throughout the journey. In this energetic port, history-facing museums and landmarks fraternize with forward-looking art and industry to offer a personalized encounter to each visitor. Allow the flowing, carefree words of denizens to dance through the eardrums during a meander through the city streets. Choose to hop on one of our deluxe motorcoaches and explore the diversity this city has to offer, or take a walk down the river path alongside the boat.

DAY 8: 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 9: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (DISEMBARK)

-As the journey concludes, there are other opportunities for you to take in the town. Enjoy the city at your leisure, or consider a post-cruise premium experience with airport transfer.

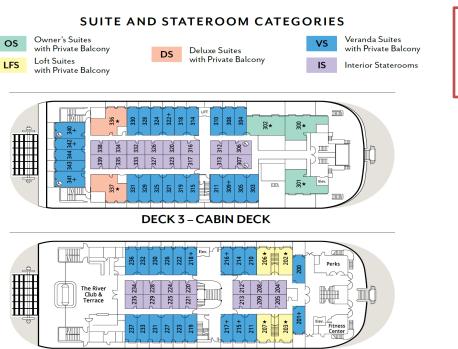




2021-23 RATES – PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

2021 RATES		INSIDE CABIN		VERANDA SUITE		DELUXE SUITE		LOFT SUITE		OWNER SUITE		
Sep 5 - Nov 7		\$2,699		\$5,299		\$7,699		\$7,699		\$8,799		
Nov 28, Dec 27		\$2,099		\$4,199			\$6 <i>,</i> 099		\$6 <i>,</i> 099		\$6,999	
2022 RATES	2023 RATES		IN	ISIDE	VERANDA		DELUXE SUI	TE	LOFT SUITE		OWNER	
Mar 12 – Apr 16	Mar 11 - 25		\$2,599		\$4,899		\$7,199		\$7,899		\$9,299	
Apr 23 – Oct 8	Apr 1 - Oct 7		\$2,899		\$5,499		\$7,999		\$8,799		\$10,299	
Nov 12	Nov 11 - 25		\$2,499		\$4,699		\$6,799		\$7,499		\$8,799	
Nov 19			\$2,099		\$3,999		\$5,799		\$6,399		\$7,499	
Dec 31	Dec 2 – 23		\$2	2,299	\$4,399		\$6,399		\$6,999		\$8,199	
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The American Duchess is the smallest of the three Mississippi River Boats, with capacity of only 166 guests, compared to 245 for the American Countess, and 415 for the American Queen. We're happy to book any ship, and any itinerary you may wish. Just ask! 2022 Savings* Save up to \$1,000 per person-*Book by OCT 31, 2021



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