

SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY

MEMPHIS TO LOUISVILLE



Two days exploring the rhythm, rock and blues of Memphis begin your journey that will inspire your inner artisan. Visit Paducah, Kentucky — one of nine UNESCO Creative Cities in the United States — and muse over Owensboro's beautiful botanical gardens. W.C. Handy's musical legacy lives on in Henderson, while an optional tour of Churchill Downs in Louisville offers a rare glimpse into the biggest horse race in America.



DATES:

2022 – May 07 | Jul 02, 09* | Oct 15
| Nov 05*
2023 – Jun 24

DURATION: 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

EMBARK: MEMPHIS, TN
DISEMBARK: LOUISVILLE, KY
*Reverse Itinerary

SHIP: AMERICAN DUCHESS

FROM: \$2,499 + \$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 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.

Included Shore Excursion: Memphis Hop-On Hop-Off Tour - Dubbed the “Birthplace of Rock and Roll,” this iconic city offers a vibrant culture and history is intertwined through every street.

DAY 3: 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 4: COLUMBUS, KY

Columbus, Kentucky, located in Hickman County, is the oldest town in Jackson Purchase. First established on the Mississippi floodplain in 1804, the town was initially known as “Iron Banks.” This naming convention was due to the site’s name in French: les rivages de fer. The great Mississippi Flood of 1927 rampaged the town and caused its residents to move its location to the present-day site further inland.

Included Shore Excursion: Shuttle to Discovery Park and Civil War Museum - Explore the Discovery Park of America, located in the beautiful Heritage Park in Union City, Tennessee. Then visit the Columbus-Belmont State Park Civil War Museum to discover the region’s role in the Civil War.



DAY 5: PADUCAH, KY

In the hands of artists, modern Paducah was thrown into form. Fingertips muddled with passion and eased by the vision of river water glided along the surface to pull up the community and create the National Quilt Museum. Residents backstitch past into present, then bind appreciation for culture – ensuring that the seams of history will not soon come undone. The people of Paducah have taken great care to orchestrate every crevice of its community into a symphony of craft and color. Life is a work of art, and the town of Paducah certainly is alive and well. Feast in this foodies' fantasy. Uncover mastership. Catch a glimpse of Paducah.

DAY 6: HENDERSON, KY

Capture your inner artisan in the home of James Audubon and W.C Handy. Hospitality flows freely through a vibrant downtown that kisses the rolling river. Wide streets welcome guests and showcase historic preservation that awakens a classic ambience in storefronts and homes. Discover nature fingerprinted with humanity in the many parks and trails that showcase artistry throughout the town. Greetings from Henderson – a walkable community wrapped in warmth.

Included Shore Excursion: Henderson Hop-On Hop-Off Tour - As once one of the richest communities per capita in the country. This led to the construction of many beautiful 19th century homes, many of which are still standing in the historic downtown.



DAY 7: OWENSBORO, KY

The exuberance that pervades the sounds of folk music flows through the community of Owensboro. Each of its spaces is a lovely ballad that tugs at the heartstrings of visitors – from the notes of bourbon distilleries to bumbling butterflies in the botanical garden. The tawny banks of this river jewel extend a warm welcome, and invite you to experience the beauty in bluegrass.

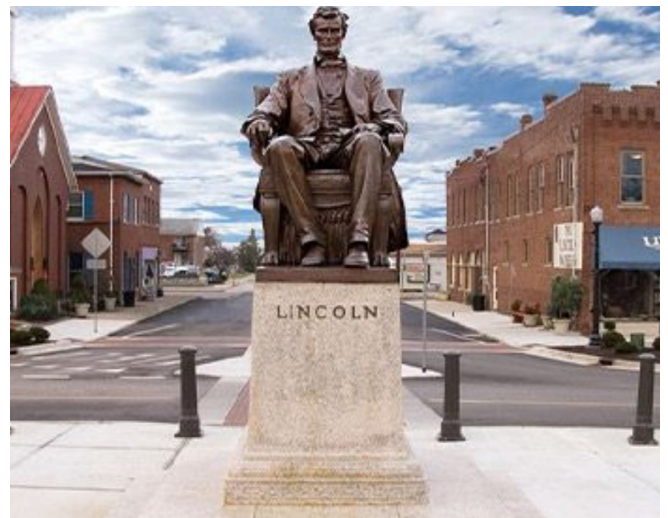
Included Shore Excursion: Owensboro Hop-On Hop-Off Tour

- The city has been a hub for bourbon production because of its location along a rail line and waterway, its tremendous limestone water source, its extensive oak forests, and because local farmers have always produced a great deal of corn.

DAY 8: BRANDENBURG, KY

The essence of Kentucky radiates, from its bourbon traditions to a tableau of rolling farmland. Soul-stirring river views and Southern warmth welcome those who pursue relaxation. Mysteries of the Civil War enlist lifelong learners on the battlefield while sprawling parks and trails make way for recreation. The grass is bluer in Brandenburg and all the surrounding areas.

Included Shore Excursion: An American Leader: The Life and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln - In Hodgenville, Kentucky, we will visit the Lincoln Museum, where three-dimensional wax figures, life-size dioramas, exhibits and campaign posters build the background of Lincoln's story. Finish the day at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, where we will discover Lincoln's humble beginnings.



DAY 9: LOUISVILLE, KY

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.

PRE- AND POST-CRUISE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE



2022-23 RATES – PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

2022-23 RATES	INSIDE CABIN	VERANDA SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	LOFT SUITE	OWNER SUITE
May 07, Jul 02, 2022	\$2,499	\$4,699	\$6,799	\$7,499	\$8,799
Oct 15, 2022 Jun 24, 2023	\$2,899	\$5,499	\$7,999	\$8,799	\$10,299
Plus \$199 per person Port Charges					

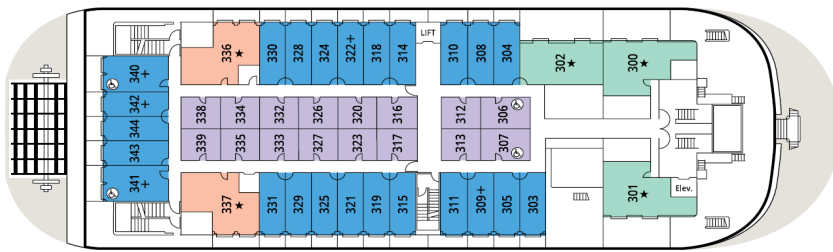
SUITE AND STATEROOM CATEGORIES

OS	Owner's Suites with Private Balcony	DS	Deluxe Suites with Private Balcony	VS	Veranda Suites with Private Balcony
LFS	Loft Suites with Private Balcony			IS	Interior Staterooms

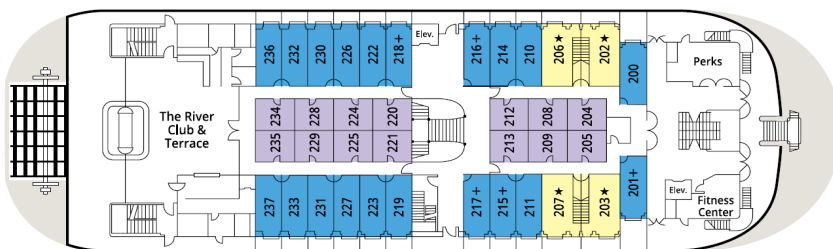
2022 Savings*

Save up to \$1,000 per person

*Book by OCT 31, 2021



DECK 3 – CABIN DECK



DECK 2 – OBSERVATION DECK



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