



# Steam Boating on the *American Queen*

from Memphis to New Orleans

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Elvis Presley's Graceland



Stanton Hall, one of Natchez's grandest Antebellum mansions

**DAY 1 Arrive in Tennessee:** Arrive in Memphis, Tennessee today and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager and travelling companions at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner featuring some of Memphis' famous bar-be-que. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Memphis, Graceland and Board the American Queen:** Begin the day in Memphis as a local guide conducts a panoramic tour of the musical city. Then visit Elvis Presley's *Graceland*. Tour the mansion, the heart of the 14-acre estate and see the living rooms, music room and "jungle" den. You will also see the meditation garden where "The King" is laid to rest. See Elvis' two custom airplanes, tour the Car Museum, The Entertainer Career Showcase Museum as well as the new state-of-the-art Visitor Entertainment Complex. Later, board the *American Queen*. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 3 Port of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi:** The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region, it is a way of life. Your "Hop On Hop Off" options today include the Greater First Baptist Church for a rousing gospel choir performance en route to Clarksdale, known as the "Birthplace of the Blues." Here, visit the Delta Blues Museum and stop at Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 4 Vicksburg, Mississippi:** Known as the "Red Carpet City of the South", Vicksburg, Mississippi perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. Your "Hop On Hop Off" day here features *Anchuca* Mansion, the Old Courthouse Museum, the Old Depot Museum and Bierdenham Coca Cola Museum. Optional tour here is to the Vicksburg National Military Park site of the "Siege of Vicksburg" which President Lincoln called "the key to victory" for the union army. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 5 Natchez, Mississippi:** Enjoy a "Hop On Hop Off" day to explore Natchez, Mississippi, the center of the Antebellum South. Your included transportation allows you to hop off at the Old South Trading Post for some shopping and three of Natchez's grandest Antebellum mansions, *Stanton Hall*, *Rosalie* and *Magnolia Hall*. You may also visit the Museum of African American History and Culture and explore the quaint downtown shops. One of the optional tours offered here explores the cotton fields and cotton gin of Frogmore Plantation and a visit to beautiful *Longwood Mansion*. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 6 St. Francisville, Louisiana:** Today, continue down the Mississippi River to the quaint town of St. Francisville. With over 140 buildings on the National Register, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside, bustling Main Street Shops and an ideal location on the bluffs above the Mississippi, St. Francisville is your window to the past. Your included tour features Grandmother's Buttons, a Victorian button museum and jewelry boutique, Grace Episcopal Church and the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum. Once you are refreshed, hop aboard the "Steamcoach" which will take you back to the ship. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 7 Baton Rouge, Louisiana:** Take a break from the quaint small towns along the Mississippi River with a stop at Baton Rouge, the state's capitol. Your included tour features a Cajun adventure to explore the charm of the region. Take an airboat through the swamp to see alligators in their natural habitat, sample local cuisine in a family-style setting and learn about Acadia life at the Rural Life Museum. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 8 Nottoway Plantation, Louisiana:** Stop at the exclusive port of Nottoway to visit the historic sugarcane estate. This



Jackson Square, New Orleans

1859 Greek Revival and Italianate-style mansion, which is the largest antebellum plantation house in the South. Original furnishings mingle with era-appropriate antiques to create atmosphere that does justice to the home's original ambiance, an experience that you will not want to pass up. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 9 Arrive in New Orleans:** Dock in New Orleans this morning where a local guide conducts a tour of "The Big Easy". See historic Jackson Square, featuring St. Louis Cathedral, the French Quarter as well as the Garden District. In the evening visit the New Orleans School of Cooking for dinner and to learn about Cajun cooking in a fun and informative atmosphere.

**Meals: B, D**

**DAY 10 Travel Home:** After breakfast a group transfer is available to the New Orleans International Airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

**PORTS OF CALL**

- Monday** – Embark the *American Queen* in Memphis
- Tuesday** – Port of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi
- Wednesday** – Vicksburg, Mississippi
- Thursday** – Natchez, Mississippi
- Friday** – St. Francisville, Louisiana
- Saturday** – Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Sunday** – Nottoway Plantation, Louisiana
- Monday** – Disembark the *American Queen* in New Orleans



**Tour Highlights**

- 24 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 9 dinners
- Spend one night in Memphis and visit the 14-acre *Graceland* Estate of Elvis Presley including the home tour, meditation garden and car museum
- Visit the historic Port of the Mississippi Delta region, the inspiration of authors, musicians and artists for centuries
- Experience the nostalgic days of Steam boating along the Mississippi River aboard the beautifully restored *American Queen*
- Call at Vicksburg, Mississippi, the "Red Carpet City of the South", blending Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions
- Visit Natchez, Mississippi, the center of the Antebellum South and home to restored mansions *Stanton Hall* and *Longwood*, the largest octagonal house in the U.S.
- Call at the quaint town of St. Francisville, with over 140 buildings on the National Register and beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside
- Stop at Louisiana's state capitol, Baton Rouge Baton and explore the Cajun flavor of the region with a swamp excursion and local cuisine
- Tour the 1859 Greek Revival and Italianate-style mansion, Nottoway Plantation, the largest antebellum plantation house in the South
- Spend one night in New Orleans with included narrated city tour including St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square and the Garden District
- Dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking and learn about Cajun cooking in a fun and informative atmosphere
- \$50 in Mayflower Money

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The *American Queen* in New Orleans

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** – Sheraton Downtown, Memphis, Tennessee
  - Days 2 through 8** – Steam Boating aboard the *American Queen*
  - Day 9** – Hampton Inn, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Rooms for the night after the tour are available.  
Cost for a room in New Orleans is \$269, tax included.

## CAT STATEROOM

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		PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
A	Deluxe Outside Stateroom	\$4,898	\$3,059
B	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$4,758	\$2,969
C	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$4,398	\$2,739
D	Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Bay Window	\$4,028	\$2,499
E	Inside Stateroom	\$3,298	\$2,029

Pricing includes port charges, government taxes and fees

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Flights out of Richmond, VA are available for \$700 per person

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$499 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs.

## Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

121 days or more prior to departure	Deposit Amount
120 days until day of departure or early departure from tour	100% of tour cost
No refund on unused portions of the tour	

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

