SOUTHERN GRANDEUR
MAGICAL MARDI GRAS
aboard the *American Queen*®
NEW ORLEANS TO NEW ORLEANS
FEBRUARY 15–24, 2020

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• $300 EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS PER PERSON
• INCLUDED 2-NIGHT HOTEL STAY IN NEW ORLEANS

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DEAR MSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Experience the South and the magic of Mardi Gras with an included two-night pre-cruise stay before an incredible Mississippi voyage aboard the American Queen. Begin your journey in New Orleans—visit the National WWII Museum and take an exclusive tour of the “Big Easy” during Mardi Gras. Take in the Saint Louis Cathedral, traverse Esplanade Avenue, and see St. Louis Cemetery, then get an insider’s look into the float builders of Mardi Gras. Board the American Queen and sail to St. Francisville, a quaint but influential town celebrated for its more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places. In Natchez, a quintessential southern town full of antebellum architecture, see one of the oldest post-European settlements in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. Then, discover Vicksburg, the “Red Carpet City of the South,” which radiates southern hospitality and was the site of a dramatic siege during the Civil War. Travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana’s capital, and spend the day exploring the LSU Museum of Art or the USS Kidd, a retired WWII destroyer. Before returning to New Orleans, cruise the famed Mississippi to the Nottoway Plantation to tour the largest antebellum plantation house in the South.

This outstanding seven-night cruise includes fresh southern cuisine, shore excursions, and beautifully appointed accommodations. Reserve your spot by September 17, 2019 to receive the two-night pre-cruise hotel stay with the tour of New Orleans as well as the $300 early booking savings per person. Don’t miss the opportunity to experience the South aboard the American Queen.

Go Green!

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
Michigan State University Alumni Office

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MSU Alumni Office is not responsible for changes in flight times, fare changes, dishonest of airline, hotel or car rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, or death, or for any other person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, MSU Alumni Office shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantines, acts of God, or other cause beyond its control.
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Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full of all the conditions set forth above.
RESERVE YOUR SOUTHERN GRANDEUR CRUISE TODAY!

CORRESPONDENCE PREFERENCE: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

RESERVATION SELECTION:

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

☐ I will make my own transportation arrangements. ☐ Please contact me to discuss air options.

Stateroom/Suite Category Preference: 1st choice _____________ 2nd choice _____________

Bed Preference: ☐ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Queen ☐ Single ☐ Triple

Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

Dinner Seating Preference: ☐ Early (5:15 PM) ☐ Main (8:00 PM)

All guests must travel with a government-issued photo ID.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

First Middle Last Title

Preferred Name (for name badge) ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

GUEST 2: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

First Middle Last Title

Preferred Name (for name badge) ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address

Mailing Address

City State ZIP

Main Phone Alternate Phone

Roommate’s Name (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

OPERATOR AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:
Signatures are required from each person traveling, including parent and guardian signatures for traveling minors.
I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

SIGN HERE X

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DEPOSITS: A deposit of $950 per person is due with your reservation application. Deposit may be made by check or credit card; all major credit cards are accepted. Final payment must be made by check. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by October 16, 2019.

Please reserve _____________ space(s). Enclosed is a deposit for $ ____________________.

Charge my credit card for the deposit of $ ____________________.

Name on Credit Card ____________________

Billing Address ____________________

CARD NUMBER ____________________ SECURITY CODE ____________ EXP. DATE ____________

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AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

There has never been a better way to rediscover the American South than aboard the American Queen, the only authentic overnight paddlewheel steamboat in the United States. Travel the fabled waters of the mighty Mississippi and experience the history and grand adventure unique to the steamboating tradition.

INCLUSIONS

• 7-day voyage aboard the American Queen, with all meals included
• $300 early booking savings per person
• Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off Shore Excursions aboard a dedicated fleet of luxury river coaches
• Exquisite regional dishes prepared by an award-winning culinary team
• Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
• Complimentary specialty coffees, filtered water, and soft drinks
• Gracious service from a friendly staff
• Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert
• Professional showboat-style entertainment, dances nightly, and calliope concerts
• Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage; no formal wear required

GO next EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

• Included 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay at Hilton New Orleans Riverside or other similar accommodations, with breakfast, coverage of taxes, porterage, and transfers to the American Queen
• Included New Orleans “Big Easy” and WWII Museum tours
• Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
• Services of an experienced on-site Go Next Program Manager
LIFE ON THE WATER
Discover America’s scenic riversides on a journey aboard the 417-passenger American Queen, the largest, most opulent riverboat in the world. In the evening, music fills the two-deck-tall Grand Saloon, a stunning replica of the famed Ford’s Theatre. Showboat-style cabaret acts and old-fashioned radio shows add variety and charm to the nightly lineup. During the day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and river lore. The Ladies’ Parlor and Gentlemen’s Card Room are choice meeting spots for new friends, and the Engine Room Bar is a great place to have a nightcap and listen to jazz, bluegrass, or rock and roll.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY
The culinary team aboard the American Queen creates plates inspired by the classics of America’s South, utilizing the freshest of the season’s offerings from stops along the way. The award-winning chefs on board lend their expertise to your unique dining experience. Indulge in the elegance of the J.M. White Dining Room, or satisfy your appetite at any hour of the day at the Front Porch Café as you sample delicious creations, from pork loin stuffed with andouille sausage to corn fritters and bourbon pecan pie.

CLASSIC LUXURY
Welcome aboard the American Queen, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the American Queen feature flat-screen televisions, extravagant bedding, fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Sip sweet lemonade and relax on the open verandas as the riverfront landscapes unfold before you. Enjoy a quiet respite in your suite or stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard this ship moves at your pace and according to your taste.
RIVER CRUISE ITINERARY

FEB 15 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Arrive in New Orleans and independently make your way to the hotel. Your journey begins with a two-night hotel stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Experience New Orleans, from the traditional southern oaks and Spanish moss of City Park to the French Quarter's legendary Bourbon Street and Jackson Square. Celebrate this city's melting pot of culture, music, and epicurean delights.

FEB 16 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Set out on a tour of the “Big Easy” with Mardi Gras World as you see some of the most celebrated sites of New Orleans. Make your way down St. Charles Avenue as you follow along the country's oldest streetcar line; take in the Saint Louis Cathedral, traverse Esplanade Avenue, and see St. Louis Cemetery. Your tour will conclude with a visit to the studios of Blaine Kern and his team of master float builders—get an insider's look into what makes Mardi Gras spectacular.

FEB 17 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Depart 5PM
Before embarking on your river cruise aboard the American Queen, pay a visit to the National WWII Museum, designated by Congress as the country's official museum of the Second World War.

FEB 18 RIVER CRUISING

FEB 19 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8AM–Depart 1PM
Celebrated for its more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places, this quaint town supplies guests a window to the past. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows, and the Turnbuls—families who helped build the South.
Included Excursions The Hop-On Hop-Off river coach takes you to attractions including Royal Street, Old Market Hall, the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum, and Grace Episcopal Church.

FEB 20 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8AM–Depart 5PM
Natchez, former capital of the state, is one of the oldest post-European settlements in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. Explore this quintessential southern town with a rich cultural heritage.
Included Excursions Your excursions in Natchez include the Rosalie Mansion, Natchez Visitor's Center, William Johnson House Museum, Magnolia Hall, Stanton Hall, the Museum of African American History & Culture, and King's Tavern and Charbonneau Distillery.

FEB 21 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8AM–Depart 5PM
Billed as the “Red-Carpet City of the South,” Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its heritage with tremendous pride. The site of a dramatic siege in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.
Included Excursions The luxury river coach stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Anchua Mansion, the Old Court House Museum, and the Lower Mississippi Museum.

FEB 22 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 12PM–Depart 5PM
Named by French explorer Sieur D’Iberville, Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, has a rich cultural history. The city is home to Louisiana’s capitol building—the tallest in the United States. Spend the day exploring the LSU Museum of Art or the USS Kidd, a retired WWII destroyer.
Included Excursions Your experience includes the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial, Capitol Park Museum, Louisiana's State Capitol, and the LSU Rural Life Museum.

FEB 23 NOTTOWAY PLANTATION, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8AM–Depart 6PM
Near White Castle, Louisiana lies one of the South's most famous plantations, the Nottoway Plantation House. Showcasing three floors, sixty-four bedrooms, twelve hand-carved Italian marble fireplaces, and twenty-two soaring exterior columns, this extravagant mansion was constructed with 365 doors and windows—one for every day of the year.
Included Excursion Walk through the halls of the Nottoway Plantation, a Greek-Revival and Italianate-style mansion. Explore the lush grounds and gardens.

FEB 24 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8AM
Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Queen.

Note: Return flights should be scheduled to depart after 10:30am. If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of New Orleans, your return flight should be scheduled to depart after 2pm.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge.

All port times are approximate. Itinerary and shore excursions are subject to change.
### The Greatest Value

*Fares are per person, double occupancy, with the exception of SD and SI (single categories), and reflect the $300 early booking savings per person if booked by September 17, 2019. Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Port charges of $199 per person and gratuities are additional.*

**OWNER'S SUITES • EXCLUSIVE VERANDA**
- Promenade Deck 348 sq. ft. with exclusive 690 sq. ft. veranda
  - **OS** $8,099
  - **$7,799**

**LUXURY SUITES • VERANDA**
- Promenade & Texas Decks 353-363 sq. ft.
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  - **$6,599**

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- Promenade Deck 230 sq. ft.
  - **DS** $4,799
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- Promenade Deck 210 sq. ft.
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- Texas Deck 190 sq. ft. with private 40 sq. ft. veranda
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- Observation, Texas & Cabin Decks 140-205 sq. ft.
  - **B** $4,199
  - **$3,899**
  - **C** $3,999
  - **$3,699**

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- Cabin Deck 190 sq. ft.
  - **D** $3,799
  - **$3,499**

**INSIDE STATEROOMS**
- Observation & Texas Decks 140–168 sq. ft. (SD) 80 sq. ft. (SI) 132-140 sq. ft. (E)
  - **SD** $4,599*
  - **$4,299**
  - **SI** $3,299*
  - **$2,999**
  - **E** $2,499
  - **$2,199**

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*Single occupancy*
Year Built.................................1995
Refurbished.............................2012
Tonnage..................................3,707
Length.................................418 feet
Passenger Capacity………..…...417
Crew Size………………………..172
Total Staterooms........................218
Owner’s Suites
Luxury Suites
Deluxe Suites
Junior Suites
Paddlewheel Staterooms
Deluxe Outside Staterooms
Outside Staterooms
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Deluxe Outside Staterooms
Inside Staterooms
Inside Staterooms
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