SOUTHERN GRANDEUR: AMERICAN MUSIC & CIVIL WAR HISTORY aboard the American Queen®

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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Sail along the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans and glimpse the tumultuous and haunting history of the south—an anguish that gave life to the heartfelt chords of blues, jazz, and rock and roll. The lower Mississippi delta region, considered the birthplace of the blues, compels music connoisseurs and fans alike to pay homage to the history and legends that shaped American music.

Before embarking on the American Queen, spend the night in Memphis, a vibrant city with a rich musical heritage, and home to Sun Studio and Elvis Presley’s Graceland. Then voyage to Vicksburg, the site of a dramatic siege that became a critical turning point to end the chasm of a once divided country. Now a vibrant center of Southern hospitality, Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new, displaying its heritage with tremendous pride.

Next travel to Natchez, the oldest city on the Mississippi, graced with stunning gardens and palatial mansions, and then to Baton Rouge. This capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the elegantly furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing neo-Gothic Old State Capitol. Continue to St. Francisville, a town with unique shops and historic homes to discover. Before disembarking in New Orleans, journey to Nottoway and explore the impressive halls of the largest plantation house in the South.

Discover captivating landscapes, picturesque towns, and the tranquility of river cruising aboard the American Queen. Let onboard guest lecturers bring to life the echoes of America’s past with engaging lectures on the music of the region and the Civil War. On this stately journey, enjoy beautifully appointed accommodations, shore excursions, and delicious Southern cuisine. Reserve your spot by July 31, 2018, to receive the one-night pre-cruise hotel stay as well as the $200 early booking savings per stateroom. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore treasured towns of the Old South with fellow alumni.

Go Green!

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
Michigan State University Alumni Association

AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES.

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We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by Michigan State University with your confirmation letter.

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CORRESPONDENCE PREFERENCE: Email  Mail

RESERVATION SELECTION:
PRE- & POST-CRUISE PROGRAM SELECTION (Choose one Memphis option):
- Included 1-night pre-cruise Memphis hotel stay
- Additional 1-night Go Next Memphis Pre-Cruise Program ($449 per person, double occupancy; $649, single)
Number of participants: _____________
- Go Next New Orleans Post-Cruise Program ($399 per person, double occupancy; $599, single)
Number of participants: _____________

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
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Email Address
Mailing Address City State ZIP
Main Phone Alternate Phone
Roomate’s Name (if different from above)
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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

DEPOSITS: A deposit of $950 per person plus a $300 deposit per person for the optional pre- and/or post-cruise program, if applicable, is due with your reservation application. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. All major credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by check no later than October 19, 2018. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by full payment.

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

Charge my credit card for the deposit of $_________________.
Name on Credit Card ____________________________________________________________
SIGN HERE X
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Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.
ONBOARD INCLUSIONS

- 7-night voyage aboard the American Queen, with all meals included
- 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, bottled water, and soft drinks
- Gracious service from a friendly staff
- Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert
- Professional showboat-style entertainment, dances nightly, and calliope concerts

GO next EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel or similar accommodations, with breakfast, coverage of taxes, porterage, and transfers to the American Queen
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
- Services of an experienced on-site Go Next Program Manager

GUEST LECTURERS

DR. JAMES I. (BUD) ROBERTSON, JR.
Author, Lecturer, Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, Virginia Tech

One of the most distinguished and in-demand speakers in his field, Dr. Robertson served as Executive Director of the US Civil War Centennial Commission in the 1960s and worked with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He then taught 44 years at Virginia Tech, where his upper-division course on the Civil War era attracted 300 or more students per semester and made it the largest class of its kind in the nation. He received every teaching award given by Virginia Tech. At his retirement in 2011, the University named him Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History.

MR. ROBERT G. SPROUL
Enrichment Music Expert, UC Berkeley

Robert Gordon Sproul III graduated from UC Berkeley in 1969. He has worked with several music publications, including No Depression and Black Music and Jazz Review, a British R&B magazine, and occasionally at the roots radio show on KKCY. Joining Robert in a joint lecture will be musicologist and Sun Records authority, John Siamas (Boalt ’70). John’s father, the former owner of Keen Records, recorded hits for Sam Cooke, gospel albums for Lou Rawls and a variety of rhythm and blues, and doo-wop and rockabilly tunes. Robert has recently retired as the Director of Stewardship and Alumni Scholarships in the Development department of the Cal Alumni Association.

Travel Study Lecturers are identified well in advance of the operation of this travel program. In the event that an advertised lecturer must cancel due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, all reasonable efforts to identify a comparable replacement will be made and all terms and conditions pertaining to this program, including cancellation penalties, will remain in effect.
LIFE ON THE WATER

From Memphis to New Orleans discover America’s scenic riversides on a journey aboard the 424-passenger American Queen. Night after night, music fills the majestic 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 evening lineup. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and river lore. The Ladies’ Parlor and Gentlemen’s Card Room are meeting points for new friends. And the calliope, a steam-powered organ, beckons anyone inclined to play.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Creating plates inspired by culinary classics of America’s South and utilizing the best of the season’s offerings from stops along the way, an award-winning culinary team lends its expertise to the unique dining experience on the American Queen. Indulge in the elegance of the J.M. White Dining Room, or satisfy your appetite any hour of the day at the Front Porch Café as you sample delectable creations, from pork loin stuffed with andouille sausage to corn fritters and bourbon pecan pie.

OPULENT COMFORT

Welcome to the grand American Queen, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the American Queen feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Sip sweet lemonade and partake in the convivial atmosphere of open verandas and the promenade, or enjoy a quiet respite in your elegant suite or deluxe stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard the American Queen flows like a gentle river—at your pace and according to your taste.
RIVER CRUISE ITINERARY

APR 7 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Your journey begins with a one-night stay at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel. Located on the vintage Memphis Main Street Trolley line, this inviting hotel is just a short walk from Beale Street and the scenic Riverwalk.

APR 8 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Depart 5pm
Spend the morning at leisure. Embark on your river cruise aboard the graceful American Queen in the afternoon.

APR 9 RIVER CRUISING

APR 10 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 Excursion The luxury river coach stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity; Anchuca Mansion; the Old Court House Museum, which showcases Civil War artifacts; Yesterday’s Children Antique Doll & Toy Museum; Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum; the Lower Mississippi River Museum; and the Old Depot Museum.

APR 11 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
One of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and former capital of the state, Natchez is an authentic Southern town with a rich heritage shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British, and Spanish descent.

Included Excursion Experience historic sites with stops at the Natchez Visitors Center, William Johnson House, Magnolia Hall, Stanton Hall, King’s Tavern and Charbonneau Distillery, and the Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture.

APR 12 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
Baton Rouge lives up to its motto, “Authentic Louisiana at Every Turn.” The capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the gracefully furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing Old State Capitol.

Included Excursion Your experience includes USS Kidd Veterans Memorial; Capitol Park Museum; Louisiana State Capitol, renowned as the nation’s tallest state capitol building; Old Arsenal Museum; LSU Museum of Art; Louisiana’s Old State Capitol; and Louisiana Art & Science Museum.

APR 13 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
With more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places, this quaint town is a window to history. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows, and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

Included Excursion The Hop-On Hop-Off river coach takes you to historic and modern attractions, including Royal Street; Old Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry, and handmade items; the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum; and the Grace Episcopal Church.

APR 14 NOTTOWAY PLANTATION
Arrive 8am–Depart 6pm
Between Baton Rouge and New Orleans lies one of the South’s most magnificent plantation homes, Nottoway. 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—an opening for each day of the year.

Included Excursion Walk through the halls of Nottoway, a Greek-Revival and Italianate-style mansion, and explore the lush grounds and gardens.

APR 15 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 Excursions will also be offered in many ports of call for an additional charge.

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

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*Single occupancy
Pre- & Post-Cruise PROGRAMS

MEMPHIS

Pre-Cruise Program
APR 6–8
$449 per person, double occupancy

- 1 additional night at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel or similar accommodations, with breakfast
- Full-day Shiloh National Military Park excursion, with lunch
- Visit Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center
- Motorcoach tour through Shiloh battlefield

- APR 10 – Included Vicksburg Premium Excursion: On the Front Lines
  - Motorcoach tour through Vicksburg battlefield
  - Tour of USS Cairo and Museum
  - Visit Illinois State Monument & National Cemetery

NEW ORLEANS

Post-Cruise Program
APR 15–16
$399 per person, double occupancy

- 1 night at the Hotel Monteleone or similar accommodations, with breakfast
- Half-day Big Easy tour of New Orleans
  - Take in the French Quarter’s famous landmarks: St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square
  - Drive along St. Charles Avenue and follow the country’s oldest streetcar line
  - Admire the stately mansions of St. Charles Avenue
  - Get an insider’s view of Mardi Gras

Programs include accommodations, sightseeing, transfers between the riverboat and hotel, an exclusive Go Next Program Manager/hospitality desk, and professional tour guides.

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