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Immerse yourself in glorious Southern culture and the compelling Civil War history that shaped our nation on this outstanding Mississippi River cruise. Board the luxury riverboat American Queen, and sail to charming river towns steeped in classic antebellum grandeur and momentous history. From cobbled downtown districts and opulent mansions to haunting battle sites—step back into the 19th century on this remarkable, Southern voyage.

Your adventure begins with a stay in New Orleans, famed for its colorful French Quarter, then cruise to Oak Alley Plantation, where the draping canopies of 300-year-old oak trees frame the prized mansion. Experience a blend of African-American, French, Spanish, Creole and Cajun influences in spectacular Baton Rouge, and longstanding local traditions among the plantation homes of St. Francisville. Continue to Natchez, renowned for its well-preserved antebellum mansions and historic downtown district, followed by Vicksburg, where you’ll find a rich Southern heritage and the Vicksburg National Military Park. Take in Helena’s 19th-century mansions from before and after the legendary Battle of Helena, before concluding your voyage in dynamic Memphis.

Delve into a pivotal time in America’s past on this unique Mississippi River cruise aboard the American Queen. This graceful vessel sets a new standard with its fine American cuisine in multiple venues, elegant accommodations and exciting shore excursions, all included in your river cruise. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by September 12, 2013 to receive a one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in New Orleans and a $100 onboard credit per stateroom.

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Director of Alumni Travel
Michigan State University Alumni Association

Available to Alumni, Their Families, Friends and Colleagues.

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CRUISE PROGRAM ONLY (Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay credit of $75 per person)

CRUISE PROGRAM WITH FREE 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

We will make my/our own transportation arrangements.

Please contact me/us to discuss independent air options.

Stateroom/Suite category requested:

Bed request:

Twin (2 beds)

Queen

Single and Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

Request:

Single

Triple

Dinner Seating Preference

Request:

Early (5:15 p.m.)

Main (7:45 p.m.)

Single

Triple

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

First name

Middle name

Last name

Title

Birth Date

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

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Title

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

Email Address

Mailing Address

City

State

ZIP

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Roommate (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/we have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

A deposit of $600 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by December 18, 2013 (100 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve ______ space(s) and enclosed is my/our deposit for $ _____________.

Deposits may also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for $ _____________.

Name (as it appears on your credit card)

Visa

MasterCard

Card Number

Security Code

Exp. Date

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.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

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A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

INCLUSIONS

There’s never been a better time to rediscover America. And there’s never been a better way to do it. From New Orleans to Memphis on the fabled waters of the Mighty Mississippi, experience the grandeur of the American South.

Enjoy casual elegance aboard the grand American Queen, the largest riverboat in the world, and your antebellum mansion on the water. Open French doors to sweeping river views and enjoy easy conversation on the promenade. And at the end of the day, retreat to the Victorian charm of your fine accommodations.

Discover classic riverside America on a journey aboard the 432-passenger American Queen, newly restored in 2012. Experience the beauty, history and grand adventure unique to the steamboating tradition from the remarkable perspective of the river.

- 8-night voyage, including all meals, aboard the grand American Queen
- Complimentary hop-on, hop-off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- The acclaimed cuisine of American chef Regina Charboneau
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly all-American 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, dancing nightly and calliope concerts

GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 1-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel or similar, breakfast, taxes, porterage and transfers to the American Queen
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer and soft drinks
- $100 onboard credit per stateroom
- Complimentary bottle of wine per stateroom
- Services of an onboard Go Next program manager
- Exceptional value
- Optional Post-Cruise Program including 2 nights at the Memphis Marriott Downtown, breakfast and an excursion to Shiloh National Military Park with lunch
Life on the American Queen is as unique and enriching as the steamboating tradition itself. 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 piano, beckons anyone inclined to play.

MAR 28 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Begin with a one-night stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel, a mere four blocks away from the renowned French Quarter, where legendary Bourbon Street and Jackson Square await.

MAR 29 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Embark on your river cruise aboard the graceful American Queen in the afternoon.

MAR 30 OAK ALLEY, LOUISIANA
Located in Saint James Parish, Oak Alley Plantation combines architectural splendor and the natural wonder of 300-year-old oak trees. Spend time strolling beneath their spectacular canopy, and learn about the rich history of this Southern estate. INCLUDED EXCURSION Take a tour of the historic plantation and its beautiful grounds.

MAR 31 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
Boasting a storied past and vibrant present, the capital city lives up to its motto, Authentic Louisiana at every turn. Baton Rouge is home to Magnolia Mound, one of the few surviving homes featuring French and West Indies architecture of early Louisiana. INCLUDED EXCURSION Your tour includes the USS Kidd and Veterans Memorial Museum, the historic Old Governor’s Mansion, the Capital Park Museum, the Old Arsenal Museum, the LSU Museum of Art in the new Shaw Center for the Arts, and St. Joseph’s Cathedral.

APR 01 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA
With over 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register, 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. Follow in the footsteps of the guests who stayed here, including Andrew Jackson and John James Audubon. INCLUDED EXCURSION The hop-on, hop-off tour takes you to historic and modern sites, including the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum, the Grace Episcopal Church and the Old Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry and handmade items.

APR 02 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Natchez is one of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and the original capital of Mississippi. Shaped by Native Americans, and those of French, African, British and Spanish descent, Natchez is a charming and authentic Southern town with a rich heritage. INCLUDED EXCURSION Take in historic mansions on a tour which includes stops at the Natchez Visitors Center, Magnolia Hall, Rosalie Mansion, and the William Johnson House as well as a narrated tour of Stanton Hall, considered the grandest of the Natchez mansions.

LIFE ON THE WATER

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Creating plates inspired by culinary classics of America’s South and utilizing the best of the season’s offerings from stops along the way, award-winning chef Regina Charboneau lends her expertise and Southern hospitality to the unique dining experience on the American Queen. Grab a simple snack at the River Grill, 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 Charboneau’s delectable creations, from Pork Loin stuffed with Andouille Sausage to Corn Fritters and Bourbon Pecan Pie.

Billed as the “Red Carpet City of the South,” Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its antebellum heritage with tremendous pride. The site of a dramatic siege and major turning point in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The tour stops at The Church of the Holy Trinity; Pemberton’s Headquarters, Confederate headquarters during the Siege of Vicksburg; the Old Court House Museum, which showcases artifacts from pre-Columbian times to Civil War implements; and the Washington Street shopping area, home to the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum.

APR 05 HELENA, ARKANSAS

The queen of the Arkansas Delta, Helena is filled with fascinating architecture from before and after the legendary Battle of Helena. The Delta Cultural Center lays out Helena’s antebellum roots and is also home to King Biscuit Time—the nation’s longest-running blues radio program.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Traveling by deluxe motor coach, stop at notable sites including the Cherry Street Historic District, the Delta Cultural Center, Bubba’s Blues Corner and the Helena Museum. Also visit two stunning examples of late 1800s architecture at the Moore-Hornor House and the Pillow Thompson House.

APR 06 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Queen.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

OPTIONAL 2-NIGHT MEMPHIS POST-CRUISE PROGRAM APRIL 6-8 $349 per person, double occupancy

Enhance your Southern Culture and Civil War experience with an optional extended stay in exciting Memphis. The program includes 2 nights at the Memphis Marriott Downtown, daily breakfast and a full-day excursion including lunch to the fascinating Shiloh National Military Park. Explore this renowned park, abounding with history and famed attractions including the poignant 1862 battlefield, site of one of the Civil War’s most pivotal battles, and the Corinth Battlefield Visitor Center.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge. Itinerary and shore excursions are subject to change.
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.

THE GREATEST VALUE

Pricing

SUITES WITH DECK
Promenade Deck Elegantly furnished suite, cozy sitting area with sofa bed and cocktail table, French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bath with tub and shower.
AAA $7,499

SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH PRIVATE DECK
Texas Deck French doors that open onto a private deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bath with tub and shower.
AA $7,199

DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH DECK
Promenade, Observation & Texas Decks Windowed French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bath.
A $6,799
B $5,199
C $4,699
D $4,399

DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS
Cabin Deck Large bay window, inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bath with tub and shower.
E $4,299

INSIDE CABINS
Observation, Promenade & Texas Decks Inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bath with shower.
F $3,999
G $3,449
H $3,349
I $3,049

Luxury Suites and Single Cabins/Staterooms are available upon request.
Fares are per person, double occupancy. Onboard meals, refreshments & entertainment are included.
Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation options to New Orleans and/or from Memphis. Port charges of $119 per person and gratuities are additional.

OPULENT COMFORT

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“PILOTING on the Mississippi River was not work to me; it was play – delightful play, vigorous play, adventurous play – and I loved it.”

– Mark Twain

“We understand now why Mark Twain loved the Mississippi. A wonderful steamboat cruise featuring New Orleans, Memphis, and fascinating stops in between, punctuated with luxury accommodations, great food, exciting entertainment and a welcoming spirit that is uniquely Southern.”

– Les and Suzanne W., Portland, Oregon

“Traversing the great United States waterways aboard the elegant American Queen with fine dining, superb service, and authentic Victorian era charm, allowed us to experience the romance of the river without leaving modern day amenities behind. This voyage far exceeded our expectations.”

– Dawn M., Minneapolis, Minnesota