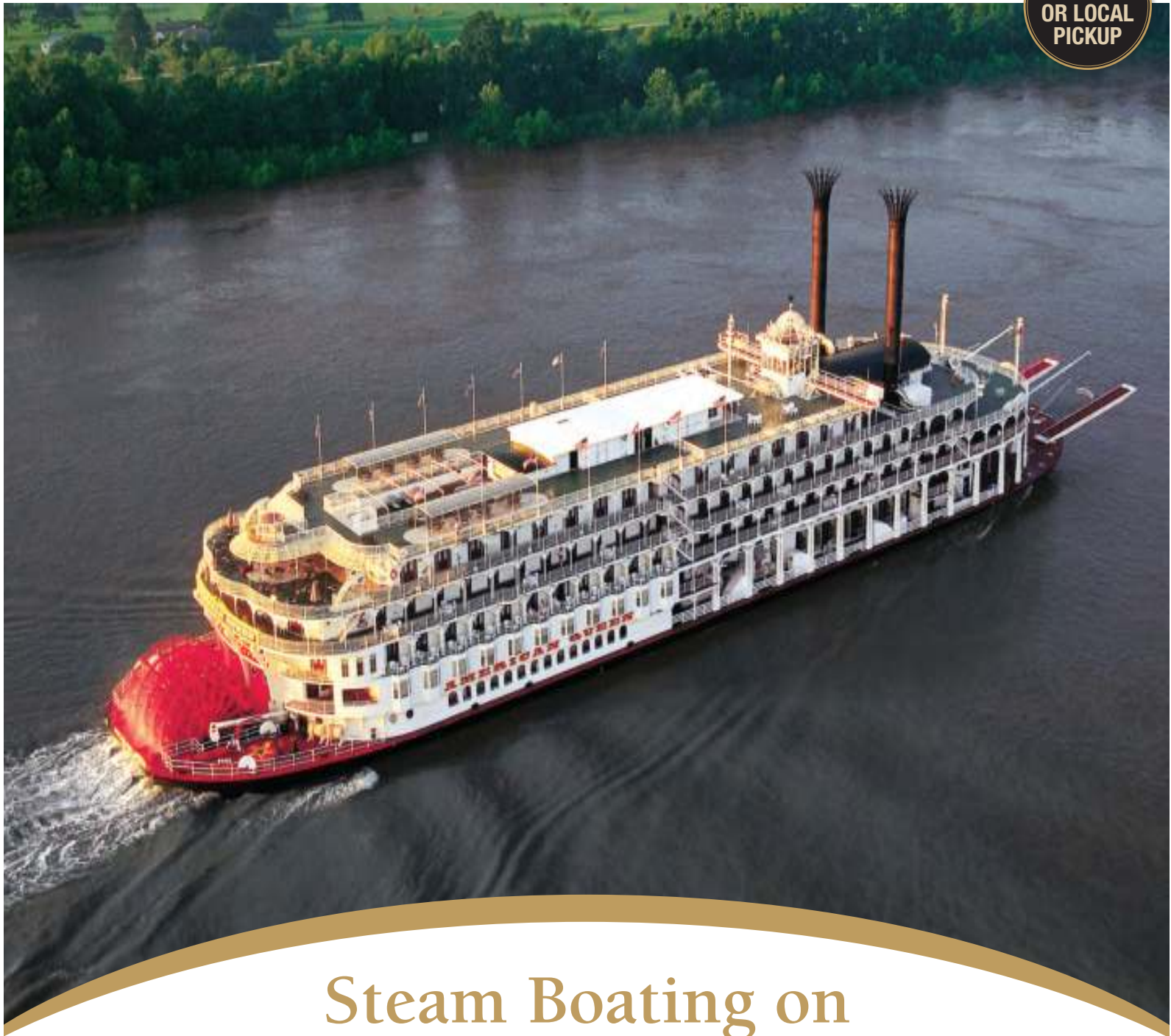


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Steam Boating on the *American Queen*

from New Orleans to Memphis

Tour Dates: March 24 – April 2, 2024

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Steam Boating on the *American Queen*



Jackson Square, New Orleans, Louisiana



Enjoy a "Hop On Hop Off" day to explore Natchez, Mississippi

DAY 1 Arrive in Louisiana: Arrive in New Orleans, Louisiana today and transfer to your hotel. Meet your tour manager and check in for your cruise at the *American Queen* Hospitality Desk inside the hotel.

DAY 2 New Orleans Touring and Board the *American Queen*: This morning a local guide conducts a tour of "The Big Easy". You'll see historic Jackson Square, featuring St. Louis Cathedral, the French Quarter as well as the Garden District. Then visit the New Orleans School of Cooking. Enjoy lunch and learn about Cajun cooking in a fun and informative atmosphere. Later, board the incredible *American Queen*, your home for the next seven nights. Tonight, you are welcomed aboard with a fabulous dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 3 Nottoway Resort: Enjoy an included tour of Nottoway Resort, with the South's largest remaining antebellum mansion. This stunning historical plantation lies between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and offers a view of a truly grand plantation. The mansion flaunts three floors, 64 bedrooms, and displays an incredible 22 white square columns. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this American castle as we explore within the pristine walls followed by a stroll through the lush grounds and gardens. **Premium optional shore excursions may be offered in this port. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 St. Francisville, Louisiana: Today, continue up 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 *Hop-On Hop-Off day offers stops at historic Royal Street for a stroll or shopping, Old Market Hall, Grace Episcopal Church and the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum. **Premium optional shore excursions may be offered in this port. **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, the Natchez Visitor's Center, the Museum of African American History and Culture, and three of Natchez's grandest mansions, *Stanton Hall*, *Rosalie Mansion* and *Magnolia Hall*. **Premium optional shore excursions may be offered in this port. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 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 stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity, the *Anchuca* Mansion, the Old Courthouse Museum, the Old Depot Museum, the Lower Mississippi Museum, the Vicksburg Civil War Museum and the Bierdenham Coca-Cola Museum. **Premium optional shore excursions may be offered in this port. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 Port of Mississippi: Southern towns are known for their crops — corn, cotton, and rice. Greenville, while it may produce plenty of corn and soybeans each year, is said to actually produce writers. At one time, the town had more writers per capita than any other town in the country. Greenville is the home to acclaimed authors such as Shelby Foote, Walker Percy, Ellen Douglas, Willie Morris, David Cohn, and many more! Your included *Hop-On Hop-Off options today include stops at the Greenville History Museum, Hebrew Union Temple, 1927 Flood Museum, E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Greenville Writer's Exhibit, and the Trop Casino. **Premium optional shore excursions may be offered in this port. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 Steam Boating on the *Mighty Mississippi*: Today is a full day of leisurely steam boating along the mighty Mississippi. Settle yourself into a comfortable rocking chair and just let the



Visit *Longwood*, the largest octagonal house in the U.S.

picturesque scenery glide by. Or join in the fun of the numerous activities onboard the *American Queen*. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Disembark in Memphis and *Graceland*: The *American Queen* docks in Memphis where a local guide conducts a panoramic tour of the musical city. The afternoon is devoted to Elvis Presley's *Graceland*. You will 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. Tonight, enjoy some of Memphis' famous bar-be-que.

Meals: B, D

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

PORTS OF CALL

Monday – Embark the *American Queen* in New Orleans

Tuesday – Nottoway Plantation, Louisiana

Wednesday – St. Francisville, Louisiana

Thursday – Natchez, Mississippi

Friday – Vicksburg, Mississippi

Saturday – Port of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi

Sunday – Steam Boating on the Mississippi River

Monday – Disembark the *American Queen* in Memphis

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 – Hilton Riverside (or similar), New Orleans, Louisiana

Days 2 through 8 – Steam Boating aboard the *American Queen*

Day 9 – Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee



Tour Highlights

- 24 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- Spend one night in New Orleans with included narrated city tour including Jackson Square and Garden District
- Lunch at the New Orleans School of Cooking and learn about Cajun cooking in a fun & informative atmosphere
- Experience the nostalgic days of Steam Boating along the Mississippi River aboard the beautifully restored *American Queen* with open bars, Wi-Fi and daily entertainment
- Tour the 1859 Greek Revival and Italianate-style mansion, Nottoway Plantation, the largest antebellum plantation house in the South
- Call at quaint St. Francisville, with over 140 buildings on the National Register and beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside
- 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 Vicksburg, Mississippi, the "Red Carpet City of the South", blending Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions
- Call at the historic Port of the Mississippi region, the inspiration of authors, musicians and artists
- Spend one night in Memphis and visit the 14-acre *Graceland* Estate of Elvis Presley including the home tour, meditation garden and car museum

Steam Boating on the *American Queen*



Embark the *American Queen* in New Orleans

2024 Departure Date

		MARCH 24	
CAT STATEROOM		PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
A	Deluxe Outside Stateroom	\$5,449	\$3,059
B	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$5,309	\$2,969
C	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	\$4,949	\$2,739
D	Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Bay Window	\$4,579	\$2,499
E	Inside Stateroom	\$3,849	\$2,029

Pricing includes Roundtrip airfare from Chicago and hometown pick up from Lake County.

Add \$249 for port charges, government taxes and fees, which are subject to change. Mayflower's Guaranteed Share Program is not available on this tour.

*Hop-On Hop-Off options are subject to change.

** Premium optional shore excursions are in-depth experiences designed to satisfy your specific interests, and are offered at an additional cost. Information on available tours will be included in your river cruise documents package. Premium experiences require advanced reservations and are capacity controlled to provide an intimate and excellent experience. Activity levels vary.

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)

141 days or more prior to departure	Deposit Amount
140 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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