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QUEEN OF THE MISSISSIPPI!

From New Orleans to Memphis

with Women of the Midwest

March 24 - April 2, 2022



Dear Women of the Midwest,

It is time to feel like a queen! Join me on this once-in-a-lifetime journey up the Mississippi River, from New Orleans to Memphis, with visits to Oak Alley, Houmas House, Baton Rouge, St. Francisville, Natchez, and Vicksburg. Relive the era of Ol' Man River as it floats by and offers some of the most incredible views.

We will enjoy a two-night pre-cruise stay in New Orleans to experience the best this fun city has to offer. Together we will go behind the scenes of Mardi Gras, enjoy lunch at one of the most famous restaurants, learn all the ins and outs of the French Quarter, and also have time at leisure to enjoy and find our own favorite NOLA-corner.

Boarding the 150-passenger paddle wheeler "Queen of the Mississippi", we will immediately feel the blend of nineteenth century grandeur with all the comforts and amenities of a modern riverboat. All safety protocols are strictly kept and our lodging for the next seven nights in spacious staterooms with private balconies, seven unique lounges, a grand single-seating dining room, and plenty of room to stretch and relax, sets the tone for a journey unparalleled and incomparable with anything else!

And speaking of tone ...on top of everything, our cruise is a music-themed departure offering an extraordinary jazz and blues musical experience from the past, as we quietly float up the river. What's not to love?!

And there is more to enjoy! We have carefully selected American Cruise Lines as our partner on this adventure offering gourmet meals with an elegant mix of the fascinating cultures we are about to experience, some of the most tantalizing cuisines in the nation, Cajun and Creole, barbecue, and southern-inspired refreshments. A daily cocktail hour, beverages during lunch and dinner, a plentiful selection of daily shore excursions, entertainment onboard, gratuities, and port taxes, are all included.

In each port, we will experience special attention. Our shore excursions are all planned with local experts, historians, and naturalists to provide us with their unique and valuable insight and to enhance each area's exclusive heritage and culture.

Come, join me, solo or two-by-two, enjoy with girlfriends, or make new friends - even share a room with a new friend - we will introduce you ahead of time!

Get ready to cruise!

Sally Dunham

Ambassador, Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



March 24, 2022 (Thursday) - Traveling to New Orleans - Mardi Gras Tour

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to New Orleans. Upon arrival at Louis Armstrong airport, we meet our local tour guide and it's time to "Laissez bon temps rouler" (let the good times roll) - our program in the Big Easy is to begin!

New Orleans is a captivating city with an undeniable allure. It is rich in history and culture, renowned for its culinary and musical achievements, revered for its distinctive architecture, and celebrated for its revelry. By day, you can relive the history of its rich European heritage by exploring the heart and soul of the city in the famous French Quarter. Block after block of ornate cast iron balconies, music clubs, antique galleries, and eclectic boutiques make this the city's most visited area.

We begin our visit to the home of the greatest free show on earth with a clear look at the magic of Mardi Gras by stepping into the studios of Blaine Kern and his team of world-renowned masters of float-building and Carnival. We will get an insider's view of how Mardi Gras is constructed and you will have the opportunity to dress like a Mardi Gras float rider, enjoy a slice of the famous Mardi Gras king cake, and so much more. Finally, we stop for a late lunch, an experience in itself ... what better way to arrive in style! Check in to our hotel and the remainder of the day is yours at leisure. L

March 25, 2022 (Friday) - New Orleans

After a hearty breakfast, we embark on a private VIP tour of the New Orleans famous French Quarter. We will reflect on the rich history of the city itself and the remnants of a bygone culture, which is the unique life of the French Quarter. This Vieux Carré tour introduces us to the historic beginnings of the city. Discover the folklore, customs, and distinctive architecture of this European corner of America. We will be escorted past romantic courtyards and enchanting antique and specialty shops – all symbolic of the lingering charm of the Old World.

After a brief walk on the Moonwalk Riverfront and around Jackson Square, we hop on our own private carriage tour of the French Quarter. What a fun way to explore such an old city! Sit back and relax while the carriage driver unfolds 300 years of fun-filled history on your mule-drawn carriage ride.

We will stop at the historic, beautifully preserved Hermann-Grima House, a Federal, or Georgian, style house built by William Brand of Virginia for Samuel Hermann in 1831.

And finally, no tour of the city is complete without a visit to the famous Cafe Du Monde to taste the Beignets and Cafe Au Lait! After the tour (approximately 3 hours) you will be back at the hotel to relax and enjoy free time on your own. B | S

March 26, 2022 (Saturday) - New Orleans

After a filling breakfast, we gather in the lobby to meet our Cruise directors and leave our luggage in their safe hands. As we transfer

by private motorcoach, we will enjoy our last impressions of New Orleans on a brief city tour. We then board the charming luxurious paddle wheeler "Queen of the Mississippi". Get ready to stir your soul with the rhythms of Dixieland jazz, Delta blues, and gospel, soak up the rich French and Acadian cultures, be inspired by the stories of famed civil rights heroes, while enjoying delicious Cajun and Creole cuisine, as well as Memphis' famous BBQ. Welcome onboard!

Today we enjoy everything our paddle wheeler has to offer; we kick back and feel like queens as we begin our journey up the River. A welcome cocktail with champagne and hors d'oeuvres followed by a delicious lunch is served and later in the afternoon, we will be presented with safety instructions and we gather to be briefed about all the shore excursions available. This is the time to sign up for your favorite tours. We set sail in the early afternoon. B | L | S | D

March 27, 2022 (Sunday) - Houmas House & Oak Alley

Today is spent with excursions to Houmas House and Oak Alley and you will have time to do both. The stately grandeur of Houmas House is complemented by the flair of our guide, Ms. Judy Davis, who has a personality as magnificent as the mansion itself. As we arrive, we will be greeted on the riverbank to begin our private exploration through the gardens to the 16-room plantation home. During the excursion, Ms. Judy brings stories of the home's many inhabitants to life through the unique collection of Louisiana art. Later, you may explore the gardens on your own. Lunch is served onboard and the afternoon will be enjoyed at Oak Alley. The famous ancient oaks bordering your path to the mansion are your first sight upon stepping ashore. The perfectly aligned 300-year-old trees form a canopy which creates a particularly grand entrance for our arrival. In small groups, we will explore the antebellum plantation's many stately rooms and discover why it has earned the name "Grande Dame of the Great River Road." We will be visiting their popular gift shop, which is known for their world-famous pralines. We are back onboard in time to sip our pre-dinner cocktail and savor local hors d'oeuvres. We set sail around 5 PM - What a blissful day! B | S | L | D

March 28, 2022 (Monday) - Baton Rouge & St. Francisville

Choose between an excellent selection of shore excursions today. How about Louisiana Art & Science Museum, a Baton Rouge city exploration, or a visit to U.S.S. Kidd? Known as the "Pirate of the Pacific," this Fletcher-class destroyer is a memorial to the men and women who served in the American armed forces. Step back in time on this amazing tour as you witness original artifacts and aircraft from World War II. Additionally, you can choose to jump on a very special Baton Rouge spirits and tasting tour* to sample award-winning beer and rum, and learn about the process of creating these delicious libations. A Cajun pride swamp excursion is also offered*. Get within a few feet of "jumping gators" and be on the outlook



for nutria, ibis, turtles, herons, raccoons, egrets, and more. In St. Francisville, you should join the Rosedown Plantation tour. As you walk down the flowered path lined with towering oaks towards the Main House, you will be greeted by the lively resident expert, Tamie Miller. Throughout the tour, Tamie delves deep into the family history of Daniel and Martha Turnbull, sharing how their experiences helped shape the Main House into a home. At the conclusion of the tour, take time to peruse the grounds on your own or relax in a rocking chair on the front porch. Enjoy the pre-dinner cocktail hour onboard in great company of your fellow travelers and share your memories of the day! Sails are set after dinner and the night is yours to enjoy listening to jazz and blues as we float up the river. B | S | L | D

March 29, 2022 (Tuesday) - Natchez

We will spend our day in Natchez. Join your personal choice(s) of excursions. The Historic Longwood tour will take you to one of the most elegant houses that graces the history of Natchez. It epitomizes the rise and fall of the South. As the Civil War began, the workmen stopped construction and the house was never completed. View the finished first floor with original family furnishings and the upper five stories that are still a work in progress. Among other excursions offered are Frogmore Plantation*, the Natchez View & Brews*, and the interesting tour "Tombs & Tales"*, which allows you to explore the Historic Natchez Cemetery, established in 1822 telling tales of the history, grandeur, mystery, and tragedy of Natchez. B | S | L | D

March 30, 2022 (Wednesday) - Vicksburg

We are in Vicksburg to enjoy the day and the choice of excursions is yours. A visit to Vicksburg National Military Park is almost a must. Join a park ranger who will guide you through the National Military Park which commemorates the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg in 1863. Explore the Visitors Center where life-sized exhibits and artifacts from the Siege of Vicksburg are on display. This excursion concludes with a brief bus tour of downtown Vicksburg and the riverfront murals. You can also enjoy the "Historic Vicksburg Comes to Life"-tour* or, if you are a lover of everything "Antebellum", jump on the "Antebellum Vicksburg Experience"-tour*. Enjoy an exclusive guided exploration by the owner of these impressive mansions as you listen to family stories of the house and people who lived here 175 years ago. And ...delight in special southern-inspired refreshments. We gather for a fun cocktail-hour onboard prior to our delicious dinner and the evening in company with good friends and great music! B | S | L | D

March 31, 2022 (Thursday) - On the River!

A day on the river! Today we will kick back and enjoy the beautiful scenery as we float by Greenville, Helena, and Tunica. Relax and unwind. Attend lectures onboard brought to you by knowledgeable historians and naturalists, and be entertained by some of the best musicians the river has to offer. B | S | L | D

April 1, 2022 (Friday) - Memphis

We arrive in Memphis early morning and a very special city unfolds in front of us. The Memphis City Exploration tour is a relaxing tour including all the highlights of this fascinating City on the Bluff, the city where blues were born. Its history is linked to cotton and music. Along your exploration, stop at the Lorraine Motel, the location where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Visit the Peabody Memphis Hotel, world-known for its five resident ducks, who march through the lobby daily. You can also choose a full-day tour to Graceland**. If you haven't visited Memphis and Graceland before, your journey isn't complete without a trip to the home of the "King of Rock 'N' Roll," Elvis Presley. You are offered the most in-depth experience available at Graceland, allowing you to explore fascinating exhibits such as Elvis' museum, estate grounds, the jungle and trophy rooms, his gravestone, and more. One last option today, is the "Rock n' Soul Museum & Music Hall of Fame"-tour*. The Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum was the first exhibition ever to have been developed by the Smithsonian Institution with another museum. Visit the Memphis Music Hall of Fame. Explore the museum and exhibitions and enjoy never-before-seen memorabilia, rare video performances and interviews, interactive exhibits, and more. No matter which tour you choose, Memphis will stay forever in your heart. What a day, what a journey! B | S | L | D

April 2, 2022 (Saturday) - Traveling Home

We enjoy our last breakfast onboard and it is time to disembark and head to the Memphis airport for our flight back home. Our memories of the beautiful journey will enrich our experience as we return home to share our adventures with family and friends. B

Please note:

You should be able to participate in two shore excursions daily. A detailed itinerary will be provided 90 days prior to departure. All excursions can be booked directly onboard during the briefing on March 26. There is no need to pre-book your shore excursions except Graceland on April 1.

*Indicates a "Premium" excursion. Estimate an additional cost between \$20-70 per person per excursion.

**Indicates a "Signature" excursion (Graceland only). Estimate \$190 per person for this excursion. This excursion must be pre-booked at the time of registration.

Itinerary subject is subject to change

B = Breakfast S = Snack L = Lunch D = Dinner



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Package Price - all staterooms are reserved on request basis:

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| A Stateroom (main deck), per person, double occupancy: | \$5,595 |
| AAL Stateroom (3rd deck), per person, double occupancy: | \$6,595 |
| AAC Stateroom (4th deck), per person, double occupancy: | \$6,995 |
| AAM Stateroom (5th deck), per person, double occupancy: | \$7,495 |
| Single occupancy (various decks): | \$7,495 |

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Balance is due on November 5, 2021, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree with our terms and conditions which can be found at <https://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours>. The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers and a maximum of 20 travelers.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour involves walking over relatively level terrain, possibly some cobblestone, gravel or a few steps. Comfortable shoes are recommended. LEVEL 2 is a typical level for our City Journeys. Depending on your choice of shore excursions, you may walk (much) more.

Group airfare:

Group airfare is included in your journey. Specific itinerary will be available by the end of May 2021. All registered travelers will be notified. If you prefer to leave from a different airport than Omaha, just let us know. We can assist!

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Included:

- Airfare Omaha-New Orleans / Memphis-Omaha, economy class, taxes and fees included
- 2 nights pre-cruise in New Orleans at a centrally located 4-star hotel
- 9 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch in New Orleans on March 24, 2022
- Full meal plan (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks) during cruise
- Daily cocktail-hour during cruise (beer, wine, top shelf alcohol)
- Bottled water, coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, and wine during cruise
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program. For the cruise part, please see above */** indications
- Gratuities to crew onboard cruise ship
- Port taxes
- Professional tour guides during all tours and excursions
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person) and onboard cruise ship
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, March 24 - April 2, 2022
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as per February 28, 2021

Hotel Accommodation:

Final accommodation in New Orleans is confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.

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Not Included:

- Airline baggage fees, estimate \$35 for your first checked bag, \$40 for your second checked bag
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to sites other than mentioned
- Gratuities to local New Orleans tour guide and driver
- Professional fee, \$50 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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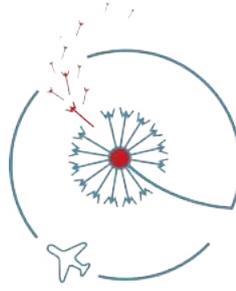
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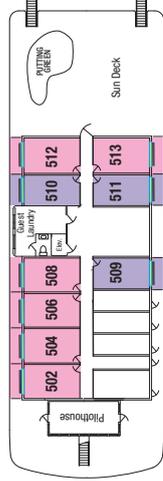
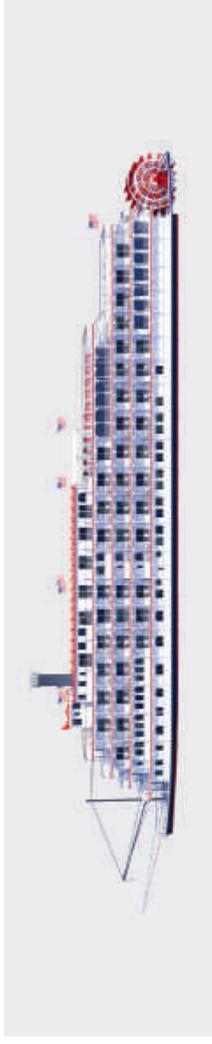
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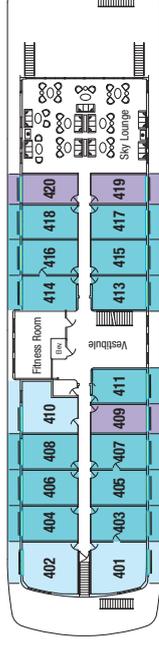
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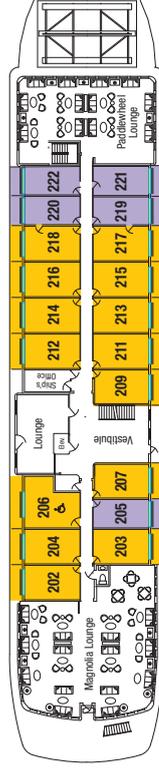
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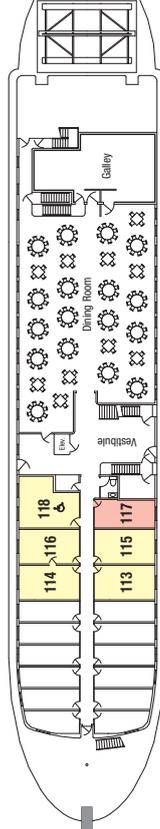
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