



A Terrapin Tours "Signature Tour" Experience

Mississippi River Cruise ~ The Antebellum South ~

March 18 – April 2, 2020



Experience authentic Southern hospitality and the mighty Mississippi River!

Journey by motorcoach from New Hampshire to New Orleans and enjoy sightseeing in this historic and lively city. Then it's all aboard the AMERICAN QUEEN - the only authentic, steam-powered, overnight paddlewheeler boat in the world - for an 8 day/7 night cruise, traveling North from New Orleans to Memphis on the Mississippi River. Disembark in Memphis and enjoy a visit to Elvis' Graceland before we begin our journey back to New Hampshire.

Highlights of the 16 day/15 night Signature Tour include:

3 Nights en-route from New Hampshire to New Orleans, LA • Spend 2 Nights in New Orleans at the **Hilton New Orleans Riverside** • **Sightseeing in New Orleans** including the historic **French Quarter, Garden District**, and more, plus free time to experience the city's history, architecture, culture, and cuisine on your own • 8 days/7 nights aboard the **American Queen** – a steam-powered, paddlewheel riverboat, filled with modern amenities and brimming with historic charm and opulence. • Visit **Memphis**, home of the King of Rock and Roll, BBQ, and the blues • Tour **Elvis Presley's Graceland**—including the Graceland Mansion, Motor Car Museum, Elvis' two custom airplanes and more • 3 additional nights en-route from Memphis to New Hampshire • Sightseeing en-route and in New Orleans TBA • **While on-board the American Queen:** *nightly on-board entertainment, all onboard meals, including both fine dining and casual cuisine, complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions in each port of call (premium excursions available), taxes, port charges, and pre-paid gratuities for cruise staff*

Tour departs from Concord, NH

TOUR COST			DURATION 	MEALS 
Stateroom Category	Price Per Person DOUBLE	Price Per Person SINGLE		
Stateroom A	\$7,099	\$11,599	16 Days / 15 Nights <i>*7 Nights on-board the American Queen, 8 nights hotel accommodations.</i>	15 B / 11 L / 10 D <i>*Includes all taxes and gratuities</i>
Stateroom C	\$6,699	\$10,799		
Stateroom D	\$6,399	\$10,199		
Stateroom E	\$4,799	\$6,999		



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the length and inclusions of this tour, participants should be in good physical health to participate. During this tour several locations, including historic sites and outdoor attractions, require walking on uneven surfaces and/or dirt pathways.



For More Information or to Reserve:

Reservations are not available online, please call 603-348-7141

NOTE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS TOUR:

\$500 per person, non-refundable deposit required at time of reservation. See attached for additional information.



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Daily Itinerary Overview ~ March 18 – April 2, 2020

Day 1 ~ This morning we'll depart New Hampshire and travel to Pennsylvania. We'll stop for rest breaks and lunch along the way.

Day 2 ~ We continue our journey today, sit back, relax, and get to know your fellow passengers as we head south across the Mason Dixon Line. Overnight in Virginia.

Day 3 ~ Today we continue our journey and travel into the deep south. Start practicing your best "southern drawl" and enjoy the sights along the way as we pass through Tennessee and Alabama. We'll spend the night in Mississippi.

Day 4 ~ This morning we will depart our hotel and make the final drive to New Orleans! We arrive in the "Big Easy" around mid-day and will enjoy an afternoon of sight-seeing at some of the city's famous historic landmarks and attractions. We'll check into the Hilton Riverside New Orleans for our 2-night stay.

Day 5 ~ Today we will explore the many treasures of New Orleans - including the historic French Quarter, Mardi Gras World, and the Garden District. We'll spend our second night at the Hilton Riverside Hotel, which is located in the heart of the city. Nestled against the banks of the Mississippi, you can watch the ships come sailing in or dive into the city life just steps away. Grab a beignet, listen to live jazz, or ride a streetcar - you never know what you'll experience in the vibrant culture and excitement of New Orleans just outside the hotel's front door.

Day 6 ~ After free time this morning, we'll check out of our hotel and transfer to the AMERICAN QUEEN. You'll settle into your stateroom, explore this beautiful, world-class paddlewheeler, and wave "Au Revoir" to New Orleans as we set off on an incredible adventure up the Mighty Mississippi!

Day 7 ~ Our first port of call is in Nottoway, LA. Our included excursion will bring us to Nottoway Plantation, 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.

Day 8 ~ Today we visit St. Francisville, LA. The "hop on, hop off" included shore excursions offer a wide variety of sights to see. Enjoy local art and shopping, historic homes, architecture, and more.

Day 9 ~ The charming river town of Natchez, MS offers elegance, hospitality and an impressive preservation of history. Included shore excursions offer unique shops, restaurants, museums and historic homes.

Day 10 ~ Next, we arrive in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Described as "the key to the South" by President Abraham Lincoln, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Shore excursions provide an opportunity to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, and visit the many museums.



Day 11 ~ The Port of the Mississippi Delta / Greenville, MS offers visitors a unique glimpse into the Mississippi Delta way of life. Visit the area's shining examples of its music, history, and culture.

Day 12 ~ Our final day on the river – enjoy the grandeur of the AMERICAN QUEEN and soak in her authentic beauty and charm. Relax on deck with a book borrowed from the Mark Twain Gallery, enjoy some quiet time in the Ladies' Tea Parlor, or recruit your fellow travelers for an exciting board game in the Gentlemen's Card Room. Reflect on your time aboard this authentic, Mississippi River Boat and the amazing memories you will take with you.

Day 13 ~ We'll arrive in Memphis, TN this morning. After disembarking, our coach and driver will be waiting for our group to bring us to see the home of "The King"! We'll tour Elvis Presley's Graceland—including the Graceland Mansion, Motor Car Museum, and Elvis' two custom airplanes. We will begin our journey north this afternoon (overnight TBA).

Day 14 ~ We'll continue our journey towards home today, making rest breaks and a stop for lunch before spending the night in Ohio.

Day 15 ~ Today we will make our way to upstate New York. Rest breaks and a stop for lunch will be made. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with the company of your fellow travelers and look back on our fond memories of our Mississippi River Cruise!

Day 16 ~ New Hampshire bound! The final leg of our journey will take us back home today. We expect to arrive in the early evening after making stops along the way for rest breaks and lunch.

INCLUDED MEALS: 15 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 10 Dinners – *schedule TBA*

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: 15 Nights overnight accommodations (7 Nights on-board the American Queen, 8 nights hotel accommodations) including taxes and luggage handling • Round-trip motorcoach transportation from Concord, NH and transportation while in pre-and-post-cruise cities • Services of a Professional Tour Director for the duration of the tour • While on-board the American Queen: nightly on-board entertainment, all meals (beer and wine included with dinner), Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions in each port of call (premium excursions available for additional fees), taxes, port charges, and pre-paid gratuities for cruise staff • All sight-seeing and entry fees as noted on tour brochure and itinerary, additional sight-seeing TBA • 36 Meals: 15 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 10 Dinners

TOUR EXCLUSIONS: All items and expenses of a personal nature • Meals not included on the published itinerary • Upgraded shore excursions (optional) • Gratuities for your coach driver and tour director

Please note that the order of activities is subject to change, but inclusions and attractions will remain the same

