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# SOUTHERN CULTURE & CIVIL WAR

7-NIGHT MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE ABOARD THE ELEGANT *AMERICAN QUEEN*  
 MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS  
**JUNE 3–12, 2017**



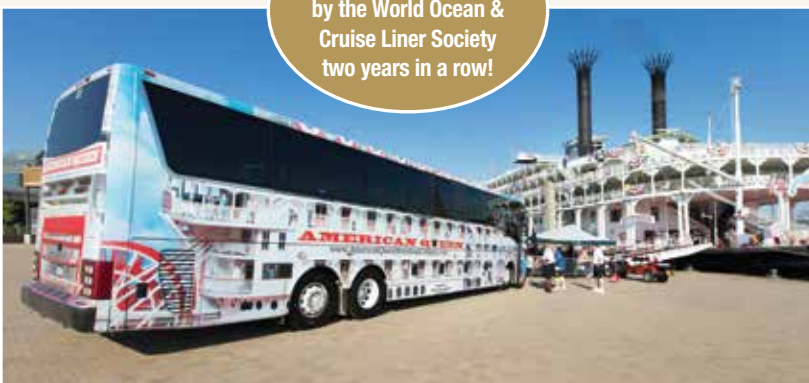
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- Day 1 Memphis, Tennessee  
Arrive, overnight in hotel
- Day 2 Memphis, Tennessee  
Overnight in hotel
- Day 3 Memphis, Tennessee – **Embark**
- Day 4 Greenville, Mississippi
- Day 5 Vicksburg, Mississippi
- Day 6 Natchez, Mississippi
- Day 7 St. Francisville, Louisiana
- Day 8 Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Day 9 Nottoway, Louisiana
- Day 10 New Orleans, Louisiana – **Disembark**

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- CRUISE PROGRAM – DECLINE FREE 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY

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- I/We will make my/our own transportation arrangements.
- Please contact me/us to discuss air options.

Stateroom/Suite category requested: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Request  Twin (2 beds)  Queen

Dinner Seating Preference

Request:  Early (5:15 p.m.)  Main (8:00 p.m.)

**GUEST 1: Full Name** (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

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M Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**PORTS OF CALL**

**Memphis, Tennessee**

Perched on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, Memphis has been welcoming steamboats since before the Civil War. Today the city abounds with Americana, from legendary Beale Street to Elvis Presley's Graceland.

**Greenville, Mississippi**

The heart and soul of the Mississippi Delta, this pleasant town is characterized by its plentiful museums, gardens and authors; local legend says that Greenville water grows writers. Situated near Indianola, the birthplace of blues musician B.B. King, Greenville beckons with its own colorful attractions, including the new Trop Casino and E.E. Bass Auditorium & Cultural Center.

**Vicksburg, Mississippi**

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 and major turning point in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.

**Natchez, Mississippi**

One of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and former capital of the state, Natchez is a charming and authentic Southern town with a rich heritage shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British and Spanish descent.

**St. Francisville, Louisiana**

With over 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register, this quaint town is a window to the past. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Boasting a storied past and vibrant present, 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 elegantly furnished Old Governor's Mansion to the imposing neo-Gothic Old State Capitol.

**Nottoway, Louisiana**

Between Baton Rouge and New Orleans lies one of the South's most magnificent plantation homes, Nottoway. Showcasing three floors, 64 bedrooms, 12 hand-carved Italian marble fireplaces and 22 soaring exterior columns, this extravagant mansion was constructed with 365 doors and windows—an opening for each day of the year.

**Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr.**

Dr. Robertson served as Executive Director of the U.S. 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. At his retirement in 2011, the University named him Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History.



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