SOUTHERN CULTURE & CIVIL WAR

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

ITINERARY

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

CRUISE PROGRAM INCLUDES

• 7 nights aboard the American Queen, the largest and most opulent riverboat in the world
• 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay
• Exclusive tour of Shiloh National Military Park
• Exciting shore excursions to fascinating river towns and cities
• Attentive service from an experienced Go Next Program Manager
• All entertainment aboard the American Queen
• Daily lectures by the onboard Riverlorian
• An array of sumptuous dining options including regional cuisine by an award-winning culinary team
• Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks
• Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
• $100 shipboard credit per stateroom
• Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required

DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES

Gain new insights and discover fascinating perspectives on the places you’ll explore from an engaging group of distinguished guest lecturers. The vast range of topics presented will enrich your travel experience and provide you with a deeper understanding of America’s rich history and cultural heritage.

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HOSTED BY:
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Virginia Tech Alumni
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

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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.