~ New Orleans to Memphis ~





Experience authentic Southern culture as you journey through living history and soak in the romantic spirit of the Antebellum era. Fertile cotton fields, vast sugar cane plantations and imposing pillared mansions will transport you back in time, as will the Civil War battlefields.

Jazz lovers may want to add a pre-cruise stay in the "*Big Easy*" where the Jazz Festival will be taking place.

Escorted by Sandra Pauwels and Steve Thomas.

May 3 to 11, 2020 (9 days)

\$4,398_{USD}

Cruise only, per person, based on sharing double occupancy. Category D

Tour cost is based on full payment of cruise portion by no later than November 30, 2019.

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- Transfers from New Orleans Airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the ship
- 1 night accommodation in New Orleans
- 7 night cruise in cabin type selected on the *American Queen* Steamship
- Daily breakfast, all lunches and dinners on the cruise
- Beer and wine with Dinner
- Non alcoholic beverages
- Sightseeing as per the program
- Fully escorted
- Cruise port charges

NOT INCLUDED

• Airfare

- Gratuities on cruise ship staff, local guides, drivers approximately 19 USD per person, per day
- Meals and beverages in New Orleans other than breakfast
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional Travel insurance please contact Pauwels Travel for premiums



Day 1 - Sunday, May 3: New Orleans Enjoy your complimentary stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. The evening is yours to get self-acquainted with the many treasures of New Orleans.

A Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel for your convenience between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. It is here that our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving Premium Shore Excursions. An American Queen Steamboat Company representative, as well as a local representative, will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment, and sight-seeing suggestions so that you may maximize your time in New Orleans.

Welcome drink with your tour escorts Sandra and Steve in the evening.

Day 2 - Monday, May 4:

Embarkation (B, D)

Today after breakfast there will be walking tour of the French Quarter including a stop to try some of New Orleans's famous beignets. At 2 pm we will transfer to the ship. It's time to start your luxurious voyage down the Mississippi River, where memories will be made that will last a lifetime!

Day 3 - Tuesday, May 5: N

Nottoway Plantation, LA (B,L,D)

Nottoway is the South's largest, most glorious remaining antebellum mansion, with a rich history dating back to 1859. In a fabulous location along the Great River Road, this White Castle of the South transports visitors back to an era of glory and grandeur. Set among a natural backdrop of vibrant gardens and 200-yearold oak trees, the mansion boasts three floors and 64 bedrooms, and flaunts an incredible 22 white square columns. The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white with elaborate gold décor throughout. Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster and mud, and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings – one for each day of the year. Nottoway Plantation captivates all with a brilliant blend of true Southern hospitality, history and mystery.

INCLUDED EXCURSION:

Nottoway Plantation

Enjoy an included tour of 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. The mansion flaunts three-floors, 64-bedrooms, and displays an incredible 22 white square columns which contribute to its' nickname—"*The White Castle of Louisiana*." The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white and displays elaborate gold décor throughout. Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster, and mud and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings—one for each day of the year. Enjoy a guided walking tour of an American Castle as we explore within the pristine walls of Nottoway followed by a stroll through the lush grounds and gardens.



Day 4 - Wednesday, May 6:

St. Francisville, LA (B, L, D)

Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes. Below where St. Francisville is located currently, was a settlement called Bayou Sara in the 1790's. When this settlement was destroyed by flooding and fires, many of the structures and artifacts were hauled up the bluff into St. Francisville where they are still standing. The town is referred to as "two miles long and two yards wide," but that definitely doesn't mean they have nothing to offer! With over 140 buildings on the National Register, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside and bustling Main Street shops, this quaint town situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi River has a style all its own.

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:

Royal Street

Guests can hop off here and walk over to The Republic of West Florida Historical Site. Or choose to stroll into Grandmother's Buttons, a very unique southern boutique. Take a stroll down Royal Street at any of the shops or just to admire the beautiful trees and houses. Or stop into Grandmother's Buttons - a unique boutique that offers jewelry made out of 100 year old buttons. Inside the

store, you can visit the button museum to learn the history of the business and the inspirations of the art. The store is located inside of a former historic bank lobby with 16-foot ceilings and a bank vault, even if jewelry is not in your plans - the architecture is beautiful!

Old Market Hall

Become steeped in southern charm and local artistry. Stop at Harrington Gallery to experience one-of-a-kind paintings and beautiful pieces by local artists. Visit the Shanty Too, a quaint boutique featuring artisan jewelry and gifts. The structure was built in 1819 and has a beautiful open layout. Now, the building is used as a market center for the town to host their small businesses. Every day is different, you may see anything from jewelry and makeup, scarves and dresses, or snacks and produce!

West Feliciana Historical Society Museum

Learn about St. Francisville and Louisiana's history and culture. Also, feel free to stop at the West Feliciana Parish Library and relax with a good book or newspaper. This museum is dedicated to the history, people, and architectures of West Feliciana Parish. Built inside a former hardware store built in 1896, the Historical Society Museum displays many artifacts, photos, costumes, and articles all portraying the history of St. Francisville. Just across the street, you can stop in any of the fine boutiques and shops!

Grace Episcopal Church

Originally built in 1827, this restored Gothic structure is one of the oldest Protestant churches in Louisiana. Learn about its significance during the Civil War and its' historical Civil War cemetery. Built in 1860 and rebuilt in 1893 after the Union caused heavy damage in 1863, Grace Episcopal Church stands tall in St. Francisville. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the church and the grounds and make sure to check out the organ located inside – it dates all the way back to 1860! This church is one of the state's oldest Protestant churches that still stand today.



Day 5 - Thursday, May 7:

Natchez, MS (B, L, D)

This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi. The city is known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history – found on every street corner. Enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historical homes, all of which contribute to Hugh Bayless' book "The 100 Best Towns in America."

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:

Rosalie Mansion

Built in 1823, this was a Union headquarters for Natchez during the Civil War built in 1823. This 1716 mansion was built by the French as a fort on the bluffs of Natchez. The Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution have since gained ownership and have been maintaining the house and grounds since 1938. On this guided tour, hear the history of the house and the artifacts from an expert tour guide dressed in period clothing. Guests can explore the extensive gardens, gift shop, library, or carriage house before they leave.

Natchez Visitor's Center

Learn about the river in this beautiful southern town, visit exhibits, or shop at the gift shop! Enjoy a short, 20-minute video in the Visitor's Center Theater and hear about the history of Natchez upon arrival. Then, explore the building at your leisure. At the entrance a scaled display model of the city is showcased. Stop in the office for some general information and questions about the town and its history, including town highlights and points of interest.

William Johnson House Museum

An incredible, historic 3-story brick house constructed after the 1840 Natchez tornado. William Johnson was known as the "Barber of Natchez"; he began as a slave and gained his freedom at age eleven. After his freedom, he began to work his way up in society, eventually becoming almost fully accepted within society. As the town barber, William Johnson was able to hear the stories and gossip of many of the residents, which he documented in his diary for more than 16 years. His 3-story brick home was built in 1840 and showcases many.

Magnolia Hall

This fully restored mansion was owned by a wealthy cotton broker and merchant and was built in 1858. This Greek Revival Mansion was built in 1858. The house was built before the breakout of the Civil War in town but did suffer some damage – a cannon ball was actually launched into their kitchen! It is now fully restored – the main floor offers a showcase of many antiques and furnishings and the upper floors offer a costume collection located in the Historic Clothing Museum. Tour the house and then stop in the gift shop for some souvenirs.

Stanton Hall

A magnificent, Antebellum Greek Revival Mansion built on an entire city block of Natchez. Irish Immigrant and cotton merchant Frederick Stanton built this Palatial Greek Revival mansion in 1857. It was appraised at \$83,000 during that period, even before it was furnished. Take a 30-minute tour of the house – which takes up the entire block and is fully furnished. Afterwards you can stop for lunch in the Carriage House Restaurant, known for their fine southern cuisine.

King's Tavern and Charbonneau Distillery

Step off the motorcoach and walk through the front gate leading to the second floor porch of this 1789 building - the oldest structure in the city of Natchez. Join us for an American Queen exclusive tour of King's Tavern - a newly opened restaurant and bar, owned by Regina Charbonneau, a nationally renowned chef, and her husband Doug. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the distillery followed by a guided tour of the bar, located just next door.

Natchez Association for the Preservation of Afro-American Culture Museum

View photographs and artifacts or hear the history of African-American heritage in Natchez and Adams County. Here, learn the history and culture of the African Americans in Natchez over time. Guests can hear the stories or explore the many exhibits that portray the hardships that African Americans suffered and those that prevailed in a time period which allowed for minimal success to the entire race. Add another dimension of Natchez history by stopping at this museum.

Day 6 - Friday, May 8:

Vicksburg, MS (B, L, D)

Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern attractions. Described as the key to the South by President Abraham Lincoln, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Vicksburg was founded in 1811 and grew as a vital river port city. It was a major component to the Civil War and carries much of the history within the town. Today, Vicksburg is a popular spot for tourists to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir.



INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:

Church of the Holy Trinity

This Episcopal Church is more than 125 years old and houses six Tiffany stained-glass windows. This incredible church spans over 125 feet long, is 52 feet wide, and reaches 61 feet high to the apex of the roof. The church was constructed in Norman style, finished in red brick, though it showcases zigzag tracery which was highly unique to the style at the time. The stained glass windows may be the main draw - there are 34. They were given as memorials and six of them were created by Tiffany Studios in New York under the supervision of Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Anchuca Mansion

Anchuca, meaning "happy home" is one of the most significant antebellum homes in Vicksburg and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1830 and provided shelter for those suffering during the War. The word Anchuca derives from an Indian word meaning, "happy home", which is the exact vibe this home gives off. Built in 1830 by politician J.W. Mauldin, Anchuca is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During the war, the house was used as a shelter for those who had suffered. Tour the home and its beautiful furnishings.

Old Court House Museum

Built in 1858, this building stands as the most historic structure in Vicksburg, hosting speakers and guests like Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Teddy Roosevelt, and others! Construction for this colossal courthouse began in 1858 and was completed miraculously just two years later in 1860 for \$100,000. It was restored by Eva Whitaker Davis after the tornado of 1953 swept through Mississippi. Now, the courthouse is filled with countless artifacts including, confederate flags, portraits, the trophy antlers won by steamboat Robert E. Lee in an 1870 race, an original Teddy Bear given by Theodore Roosevelt, and much more!

Lower Mississippi River Museum

Listen to the risks and benefits of life surrounding the Mississippi River and learn the Federal Government's role the Mississippi River's past and present. This museum's mission is to show the role of the government in Mississippi's past and future, to maintain a healthy river. Guests can explore showcases of the history of Vicksburg and the region or exhibits about the 1927 flood and how it affected Vicksburg and the Mississippi River. Learn about the fish of the river up close in the museum's 1,515 gallon aquarium or choose your own adventure on the river with the Mississippi Trail Interactive exhibit! (*Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays*)

Yesterday's Children Antique Doll & Toy Museum

This museum was featured in Southern Living, Delta Magazine and Dolls Magazine. Enjoy a self-guided tour featuring over 1,000 dolls and toys dating back to 1843. At the Biedenharn Coca-ColaTM Museum, enjoy the wide variety of Coca-ColaTM memorabilia in an authentic candy store and soda fountain setting. This building is where Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1894.

Day 7 - Saturday, May 9:

Port of the Mississippi Delta / Greenville, MS (B, L, D)

The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region. It is a way of life - a true cultural experience based around agriculture, music and history. These small river towns have been the inspiration for authors, musicians and artists for centuries. Lower Mississippi River voyages include a unique glimpse into a Port of the Mississippi Delta.

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:

Greenville History Museum

Here, guests can learn about Greenville and all the important events and people the town has to offer. The museum is home to many artifacts, photos, memorabilia and souvenirs dating back to the early 1800s. See personal objects of local past citizens,



businesses or well-known historical present-day celebrities! The museum has plenty of information about the Greenville Flood of 1927, including many pictures and stories.

Hebrew Union Temple

This guided, extensive museum about Hebrew history was built in 1906. Located in front of the temple is an original carriage stone - used for passengers as they climbed in and out of horsedrawn carriages in the 19th and early- 20th centuries. The temple showcases original stained glass and an original working organ both from 1906 and extensive artifacts and memorabilia from WWII.

1927 Flood Museum

Located in the oldest structure in Downtown Greenville, the Flood Museum depicts the history of one of the worst natural disasters the county has ever seen. View the flood artifacts and photos illustrating the flood's impact during the long four months Greenville was flooded. Watch a short documentary illustrating the cause and effects of the Great Flood and the struggle of man against nature.

E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center

The art center is home to the Armitage Herschell Carousel. This carousel was created in 1901 and is the oldest fully functioning Armitage carousel today. Mississippi at that time was still legally segregated, many people approached the owner about having separate nights for carousel rides, but the owner refused, he wished for everyone to ride together. Take a ride on this amazing machine and hear the whistle blow and travel back in time.

Trop Casino

Just a short distance from the dock, guests can find themselves in Greenville's Trop Casino. The city's newest addition includes a \$6.8 million expansion including a riverboat and landbased casino. Enjoy the latest slots and table games or enjoy a fine dining experience at one of the casino's extraordinary restaurants.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

This fine Gothic Revival Church, erected in 1907, is the second building of this parish. It was designed and financed by Father P.J. Korstenbroek, who served at the church for 33 years and was memorialized in William Alexander Percy's "Lanterns on the Levee". Many of the stained-glass windows came from the Munich studios of Emi Frei.

Greenville's Writers Exhibit

Located on the second floor of the William Alexander Percy Memorial Library, the exhibit highlights a number of writers from Greenville. Many of those featured helped to create an extraordinary literary atmosphere in Greenville. Writers who have called the city home have won the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award and O. Henry Award. Writers influenced by the creative ambiance here include William Alexander Percy (for whom the library is named) Shelby Foote, Walker Percy, Hodding Carter, Jr., Charles Bell, Beverly Lowery, Ellen Douglas, Bern Keating, Julia Reed and David L. Cohn.

Day 8 - Sunday, May 10:

River cruising (B, L, D)

Relax on deck with a copy of Huckleberry Finn or another imaginative selection borrowed from our revered Mark Twain Gallery, enjoy some quiet time in the Ladies' Tea Parlor, or recruit your fellow guests for an exciting board game in our Gentlemen's Card Room. For a remarkable one-of-a-kind experience, take a guided tour of the American Queen's Engine Room to explore the inner workings of our classic, steam-powered vessel. There is always plenty to do between dawn and dusk on the river!

Day 9 - Monday May 11:

Memphis (B)

Arrival 8:00 AM. Thank you for cruising with us! We hope that you had a memorable experience and look forward to welcoming you aboard in the future. Enjoy Memphis at your leisure or consider a Post-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion with airport transfer.

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