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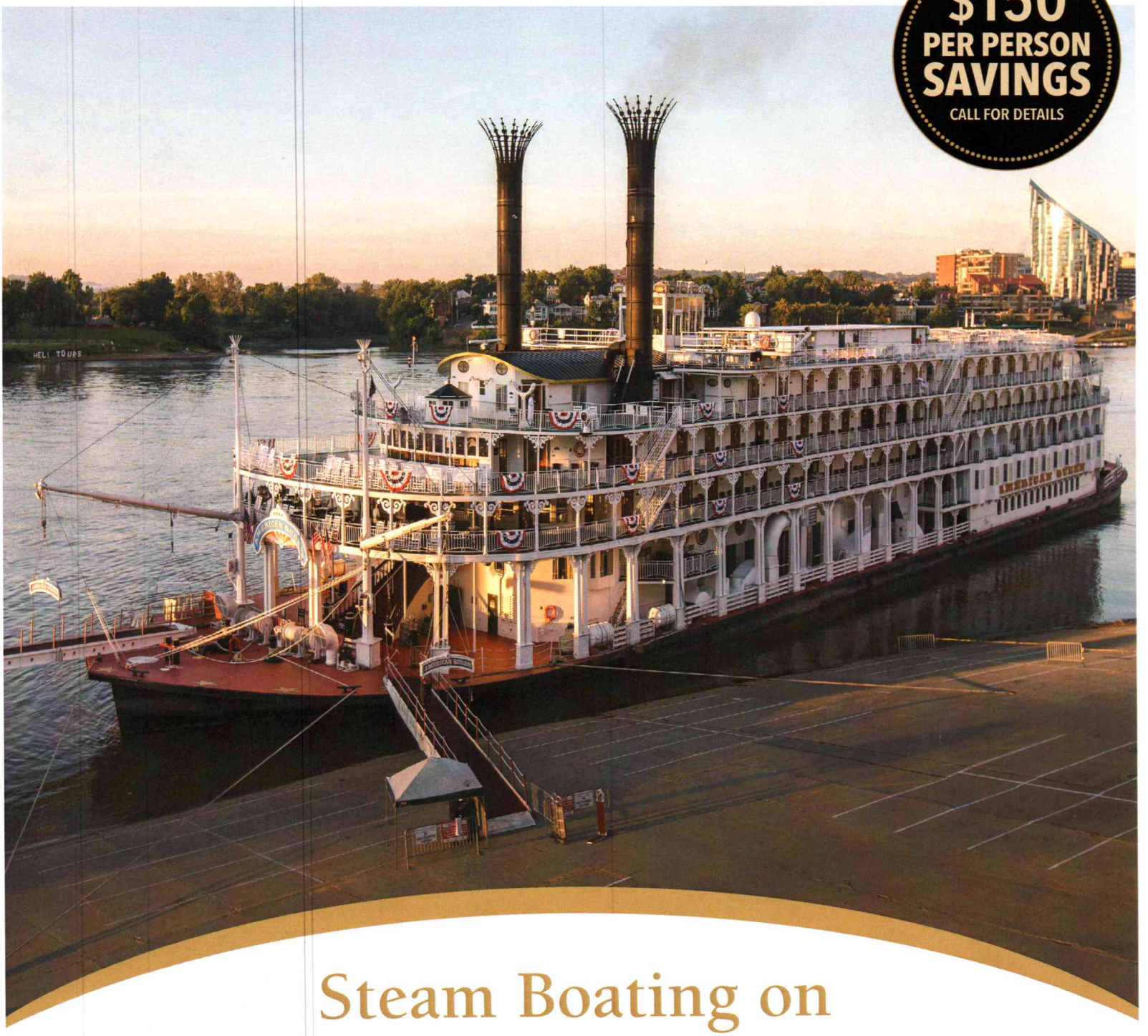

Steam Boating on the *American Queen*

from New Orleans to Memphis

Tour Dates: April 3-12, 2022

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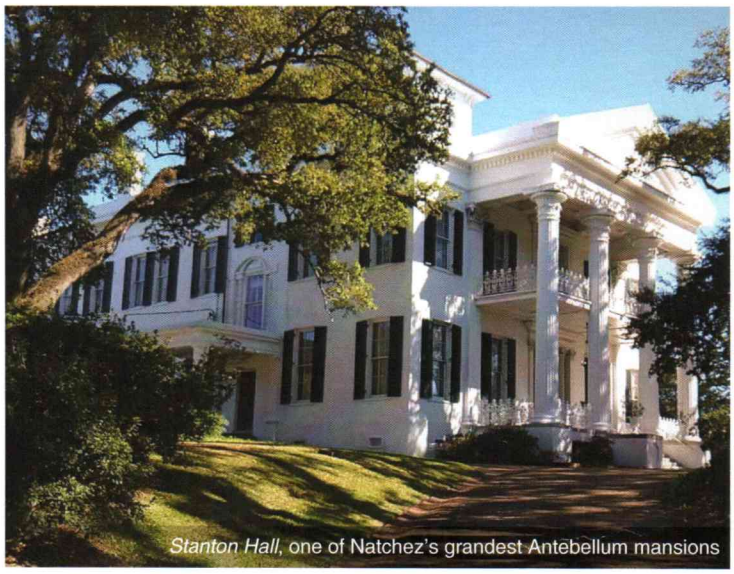


Stanton Hall, one of Natchez's grandest Antebellum mansions

B.B. King Museum

DAY 1 Arrive in Louisiana: Arrive in New Orleans, Louisiana today and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager and travelling companions at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome orientation.

DAY 2 New Orleans Touring and Board the *American Queen*: This morning a local guide conducts a tour of "The Big Easy". You'll see historic Jackson Square, featuring St. Louis Cathedral, the French Quarter as well as the Garden District. Then visit the New Orleans School of Cooking. Enjoy lunch and learn about Cajun cooking in a fun and informative atmosphere. Later, board the incredible *American Queen*, your home for the next seven nights. Tonight, you are welcomed aboard with a fabulous dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 3 Nottoway Plantation, Louisiana: Stop at the exclusive port of Nottoway to visit the historic sugarcane estate. This 1859 Greek Revival and Italianate-style mansion, which is the largest antebellum plantation house in the South. Original furnishings mingle with era-appropriate antiques to create atmosphere that does justice to the home's original ambiance, an experience that you will not want to pass up. **Meals: B, L, D**

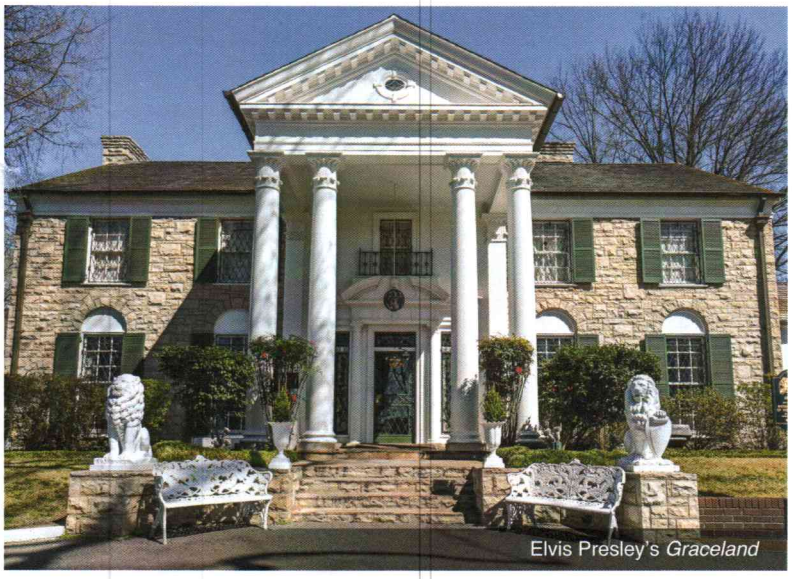
DAY 4 St. Francisville, Louisiana: Today, continue down the Mississippi River to the quaint town of St. Francisville. With over 140 buildings on the National Register, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside, bustling Main Street Shops and an ideal location on the bluffs above the Mississippi, St. Francisville is your window to the past. Your included tour features Grandmother's Buttons, a Victorian button museum and jewelry boutique, Grace Episcopal Church and the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum. Once you are refreshed, hop aboard the "Steamcoach" which will take you back to the ship. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Natchez, Mississippi: Enjoy a "Hop On Hop Off" day to explore Natchez, Mississippi, the center of the Antebellum South. Your included transportation allows you to hop off at the Old South Trading Post for some shopping and three of Natchez's grandest Antebellum mansions, *Stanton Hall*, *Rosalie* and *Magnolia Hall*. You may also visit the Museum of African American History and Culture and explore the quaint downtown shops. One of the optional tours offered here explores the cotton fields and cotton gin of Frogmore Plantation and a visit to beautiful *Longwood* Mansion. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 Vicksburg, Mississippi: Known as the "Red Carpet City of the South", Vicksburg, Mississippi perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. Your "Hop On Hop Off" day here features Anchuca Mansion, the Old Courthouse Museum, the Old Depot Museum and Bierdenham Coca Cola Museum. Optional tour here is to the Vicksburg National Military Park site of the "Siege of Vicksburg" which President Lincoln called "the key to victory" for the union army. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 Port of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi: The Mississippi Delta is more than a geographical region, it is a way of life. Your "Hop On Hop Off" options today include Greenville History Museum and the Hebrew Union Temple. Also visit the 1927 Flood Museum and the E. E. Bass Cultural Center home to the 1901 Stream Carousel. Take the optional tour today to visit the B.B. King Museum which honors of the "King of the Blues" as well as the Grammy Museum which spans all genres of music. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 Steam Boating on the Mighty Mississippi: Today is a full day of leisurely steam boating along the mighty Mississippi. Settle yourself into a comfortable rocking chair and just let the



Elvis Presley's *Graceland*

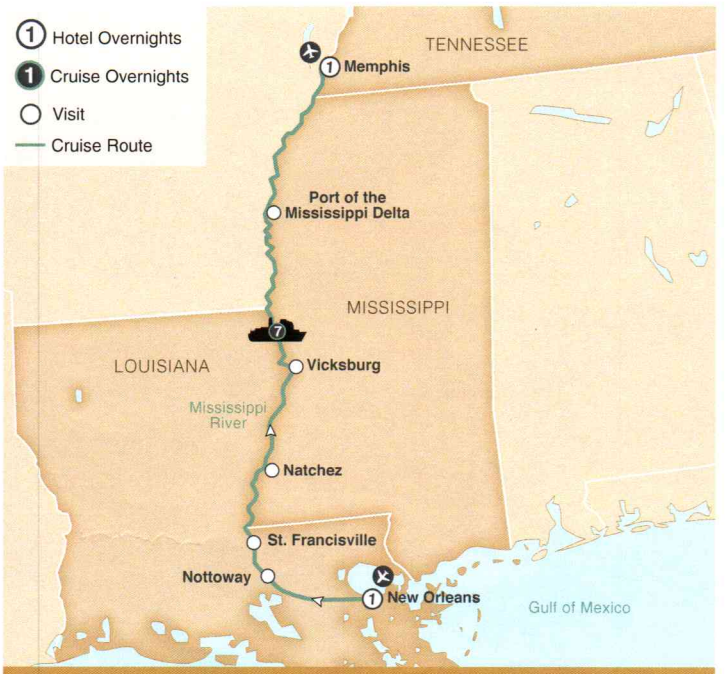
picturesque scenery glide by. Or join in the fun of the numerous activities onboard the *American Queen*. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Disembark in Memphis and *Graceland*: The *American Queen* docks in Memphis where a local guide conducts a panoramic tour of the musical city. The afternoon is devoted to Elvis Presley's *Graceland*. You will tour the mansion, the heart of the 14-acre estate and see the living rooms, music room and "jungle" den. You will also see the meditation garden where "The King" is laid to rest. See Elvis' two custom airplanes, tour the Car Museum, The Entertainer Career Showcase Museum as well as the new state-of-the-art Visitor Entertainment Complex. Tonight, enjoy some of Memphis' famous bar-be-que. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 10 Travel Home: After breakfast a group transfer is available to the Memphis International Airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

PORTS OF CALL

Monday – Embark the *American Queen* in New Orleans
Tuesday – Nottoway Plantation, Louisiana
Wednesday – St. Francisville, Louisiana
Thursday – Natchez, Mississippi
Friday – Vicksburg, Mississippi
Saturday – Port of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi
Sunday – Steam Boating on the Mississippi River
Monday – Disembark the *American Queen* in Memphis



Tour Highlights

- 24 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Spend one night in New Orleans, "The Big Easy"
- Narrated city tour of New Orleans including St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square and the Garden District
- Lunch at the New Orleans School of Cooking and learn about Cajun cooking in a fun and informative atmosphere
- Tour the 1859 Greek Revival and Italianate-style mansion, Nottoway Plantation, the largest antebellum plantation house in the South
- Call at the quaint town of St. Francisville, with over 140 buildings on the National Register and beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside
- Visit Natchez, Mississippi, the center of the Antebellum South and home to restored mansions *Stanton Hall* and *Longwood*, the largest octagonal house in the U.S.
- Call at Vicksburg, Mississippi, the "Red Carpet City of the South", blending Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions
- Visit the historic Port of the Mississippi Delta region, the inspiration of authors, musicians and artists for centuries
- Experience the nostalgic days of Steam Boating along the Mississippi River aboard the beautifully restored *American Queen*
- Spend one night in Memphis and visit the 14-acre *Graceland* Estate of Elvis Presley including the home tour, meditation garden and car museum
- $50 in Mayflower Money

Steam Boating on the *American Queen*

Embark the *American Queen* in New Orleans

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 – Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana

Days 2 through 8 – Steam Boating aboard the *American Queen*

Day 9 – Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee

2022 Departure Date		APRIL 3	
		PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
CAT	STATEROOM		
A	Deluxe Outside Stateroom	$5,799	$3,319
B	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	$5,599	$3,199
C	Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda	$5,249	$2,999
D	Deluxe Outside Stateroom with Bay Window	$4,899	$2,749
E	Inside Stateroom	$3,999	$2,149

Add $199 for port charges, government taxes and fees, which are subject to change.

Pricing includes cruise and round trip airfare from Grand Rapids, MI.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - $499 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)	
121 days or more prior to departure	Deposit Amount
120 days until day of departure or early departure from tour	100% of tour cost
No refund on unused portions of the tour	

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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