

Maiden Voyage

April 12-19, 2012 - 8 days from \$1,895 per person

A One-time Maiden Voyage of the American Queen with overnight in New Orleans and including round-trip train travel from any US City!

We do not very often get the opportunity to feature a "Maiden Voyage" and certainly rarer still, one heralding the return of the grandest steamboat ever built - the American Queen. Beginning with an overnight stay in New Orleans, we embark this majestic vessel for a six-night round-trip voyage through the waters of the Lower Mississippi River, making port calls at Oak Alley, St. Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg, and Houmas House. Reserve your place aboard History today!

Day 1 | Arrive New Orleans

Guests arrive this afternoon in New Orleans and transfer to our hotel with the balance of the evening is at leisure to enjoy the Crescent City. Overnight at the Westin Canal Place.

bustling Main Street shops, you'll find plenty to keep you on the go in St. Francisville. (B,L,D)

Day 5 | Natchez

Historic Natchez with its impressive collection of more than 200 antebellum homes is our destination today and you will want to have your camera handy. Explore the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, visit historic Jefferson College, or just amble down the Natchez Trace. (B,L,D)

Day 6 | Vicksburg

Discover a unique blend of old and new in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Take in the diversity from Vicksburg National Military Park to the Waterways Experiment Station. Billed as the "Red Carpet City of the South," Southern hospitality is alive and well and awaiting your arrival. (B,L,D)

Day 7 | Houmas House

Houmas House Plantation and Gardens is so much more than just a tour of a grand antebellum estate. Experience the southern splendor of "The Sugar Palace" when you step into 16 rooms filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork. (B,L,D)

Day 8 | Welcome Home!

The American Queen docks this morning after breakfast and guests travel home by train or air. Welcome home! (B)

Day 2 | Set Sail

This morning, we enjoy a tour of the historic French Quarter including Jackson Square followed by a visit to fabled Cafe du Monde for the best beignets and cafe au lait in North America! This afternoon we depart the hotel and board the grand American Queen. At 8pm, the whistle blows, the calliope plays and the big red paddlewheel turns as we begin our holiday aboard this legendary Steamboat. (D)

Day 3 | Vacherie (Oak Alley)

Located in the Saint James Parish, the name of this bayou town derives from the French for dairy farm. It's pronounced VASH-uh-ree. It's the site of Oak Alley, a much-photographed plantation that combines architectural splendor and the natural wonder of its canopy of 300-year old oak trees. (B,L,D)

Day 4 | St. Francisville

This quaint town located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River is your window to the past. With over 140 buildings on the National Register, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside, and

FEATURES

- ❖ Round-trip train travel to New Orleans - the perfect nostalgic way to travel to & from the Steamboat.
- ❖ Overnight stay in New Orleans before the voyage at the superbly located Westin Canal Place.
- ❖ New Orleans French Quarter tour with visit to Café du Monde.
- ❖ Six-night American Queen 'Maiden Voyage' from New Orleans with visits to Oak Alley, St. Francisville, lovely Natchez, historic Vicksburg, and Houmas House. Naturally, all meals are included onboard as well as some of the best entertainment afloat.
- ❖ Special welcome aboard and cocktail party aboard the Steamboat.

FARES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Fares listed are per person, based on double occupancy

AAA Suite	\$4,995
<i>The finest of accommodations, each of these lavishly furnished suites features a full-size antique bed, a sofa-bed conversational group, and a well-appointed private bathroom with tub and shower. Beautiful windowed French doors open onto the deck or veranda for a commanding view of the river.</i>	
AA Superior Outside	\$4,745
<i>These outstanding staterooms open onto the deck or veranda via windowed French doors. All offer private bath with tub and shower, and some offer either two single beds or a queen-size bed.</i>	
A Deluxe Verandah	\$3,895
B Deluxe Verandah	\$3,545
C Deluxe Verandah	\$3,195
<i>These staterooms feature a marvelous view of the river from a bay window or from windowed French doors that open onto the deck. All offer a private bathroom with tub and shower, and some offer either two single beds or a queen-size bed.</i>	
D Outside Deluxe	\$3,095
<i>These staterooms feature a marvelous view of the river from beautiful floor-to-ceiling bay windows. All offer private bathroom with tub and shower and, some offer either two single beds or a queen-size bed.</i>	
E Outside Stateroom	\$2,945
<i>These cozy staterooms feature two lower single beds, large window, a large mirror, storage space, wall to wall carpeting, and private bathroom & shower.</i>	
F Inside Stateroom	\$2,695
G Inside Stateroom	\$2,345
H Inside Stateroom	\$2,245
I Inside Stateroom	\$1,895
<i>These comfortable staterooms feature two single beds. Some also have an additional single upper bunk.</i>	

Inside Single Occupancy cabins are available beginning at \$3,795. Port fees are \$89pp and not included in the above fares.



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