

American Legends

JULY 2 - 11, 2012

DEPARTING ONCE ONLY

A Special 4th of July Holiday with the country's largest fireworks display, the Chicago Hilton Hotel, the 'Steamboat Express' to St. Louis, and the fabled Steamboat AMERICAN QUEEN.

FEATURING -

Included features of this one-time American Holiday.

★ Complimentary train travel to Chicago from any Midwestern city when booked early. Guests living in the West or East may take advantage of our special \$99.00 train fare to Chicago when booked early.

★ Fully hosted by professional tour manager from start to finish to handle all of the details. Also, special cocktail parties and events, both on the boat and ashore are included.

★ Two-night deluxe hotel stay in the heart of downtown at the historic Chicago Hilton, located right on South Michigan Avenue at Grant Park.

★ Travel aboard the Steamboat Express, our own classic 1940's Streamliner train between Chicago and St. Louis with complimentary meals and drinks while aboard. A beautifully restored Club Car originally built for the Santa Fe Railroad, this is a great start to the holiday and evokes the heyday of grand train travel.

★ Overnight hotel accommodations in St. Louis at the superbly located Hilton at the Ballpark. We have left plenty of time free for exploring St. Louis including the famous Arch and Union Station.

★ St. Louis sightseeing tour on sailing day by its most acclaimed historian, Nini Harris, including Forest Park, the

Cathedral of St. Louis and the Euclid District. Many of guests consider this in-depth brilliant tour one of the highlights of the entire vacation.

★ Rare six-night Steamboat cruise from St. Louis to Louisville aboard the Steamboat American Queen with ports of call including Cave-In-Rock, Henderson, and Brandenburg. All meals while aboard are included, with wine at dinner nightly with our compliments.

★ Special \$99.00 train fare home to any US city after the tour with motorcoach transfer to Indianapolis to connect with the train (Amtrak does not serve Louisville).



BOOK EARLY

Book Early and enjoy complimentary shore excursions in every port! A remarkable added value to an already comprehensive holiday!



The Grand Saloon - A recreation of Ford's Theater

STREAMLINER STYLE

Travel back in time with us to a more elegant and civilized manner of travel aboard the Steamboat Express. A beautifully restored Club Lounge car, originally built for the Santa Fe Railroad and their 'El Capitan' Streamliner, this vintage car makes travel fun again with big windows, comfortable 'club car' seating, fresh flowers, an attentive staff and, naturally, all meals, wines & spirits while aboard are included, a wonderful start to your Steamboat holiday! This is a special amenity we offer, available only from Uncommon Journeys-Train Holidays. **All Aboard!**



Day 1 | Arrive Chicago

Guests arrive in Chicago today and check in to the Historic Chicago Hilton Hotel and begin a two-night stay in this choice location, just blocks from the Museum Campus of the Shedd Oceanarium, Adler Planetarium, and Field Museum. Overnight at the Chicago Hilton.

Day 2 | Overnight Chicago

All day to enjoy everything Chicago has to offer. Great shopping in the form of Bloomingdales, Marshall Field's and Barneys is nearby as is a perfect beach on the shores of Lake Michigan. Guests have all day and evening to enjoy the Windy City. Tonight features a special evening cocktail reception, a nice time to meet your fellow travelers. Overnight at the Chicago Hilton. (R)

Day 3 | Arrive St. Louis

All Aboard! We depart the hotel this morning and board our train, the 'Steamboat Express' bound for St. Louis over the route of Union Pacific Railroad. Upon arrival in St. Louis, we transfer to the superbly located Hilton St. Louis, a block from the St. Louis Arch and a perfect location for viewing the spectacular fireworks show tonight! Overnight at the Hilton St. Louis. (CB, L)

Day 4 | All Aboard!

All morning to sleep in or explore St. Louis at your own pace before we depart this afternoon for a complete sightseeing tour by noted historian Nini Harris taking in Forest Park, the lovely Cathedral of St. Louis and the Euclid District. Later today, we board the AMERICAN QUEEN docked right under the Arch, and at 7:30pm the calliope plays, the big red paddlewheel turns and we set sail on our voyage of Discovery through America. (D)

Day 5 | On the River

All day Steamboating with plenty of time to catch up on reading, enjoy lunch on deck, fly a kite or perhaps nicest of all, a cool drink in the Calliope Bar as the American Queen toots her way down the Mississippi River towards the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers with the world's largest calliope playing merrily. Entire towns turn out along the riverbank to see her steam past and unlike an ocean cruise, there is great scenery around every bend in the river. Tonight is also our welcome cocktail party as we steam down the mighty Mississippi. (B,L,D)

Day 6 | Cave-In-Rock

Few natural formations are as awe-inspiring

or intriguing as a cave. The deep, dark recesses immediately conjure up images of adventure, mystery, terror, robbers and pirates. At Cave-In-Rock in southern Illinois, you can experience this fascination for yourself. Sitting atop the high bluffs overlooking the scenic Ohio River, the heavily wooded park is named for the 55-foot-wide cave that was carved out of the limestone rock by water thousands of years ago. Trails winding along the riverbank offer views of riverboats, barges and other river scenes. (B,L,D)

Day 7 | Henderson

Quaint Henderson, Kentucky greets us this morning, an old city dating from 1784 and the home of naturalist John Audubon whose home may be toured. Reminders of his famous bird paintings are around every corner. See if you can find all eight of the town's bronze bird statues. Tonight is the Captain's special Welcome dinner, a treat followed by Jazz in the Engine Room Bar offering great views, cold drinks and a delightful atmosphere. (B,L,D)

Day 8 | On the River

All day Steamboatin' on the Ohio River, a great day to sleep in, attend a lecture by the Riverlorian, drink mint juleps at the 'top of the boat' Calliope Bar or snap some pictures as we literally sail through cornfields that stretch as far as the eye can see. Today is also the wonderful 'Southern picnic' onboard with platters of fried chicken, baked ham, gumbo, mud pie and other southern specialties. (B,L,D)

Day 9 | Brandenburg

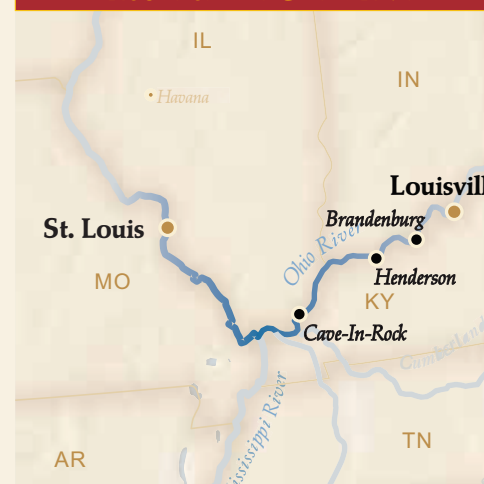
The historic downtown area, located in a fold of land between two high cliffs, hosted General John Hunt Morgan and his troops as they crossed the Ohio River into Indiana in 1863. The home where Morgan watched the troop crossing stands proudly overlooking the Ohio; although almost completely destroyed by the 1974 tornado that devastated Meade County, it was rebuilt to its original state and is now a private home. (B,L,D)

Day 10 | Louisville

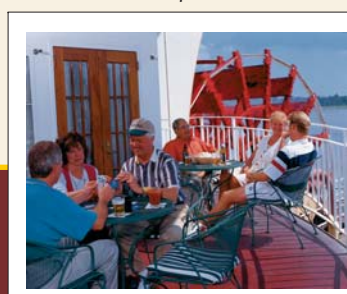
The American Queen ties up in Louisville this morning and Guests return home by air or train today. For guests that would like to return to by train, we offer low-cost \$99 return rail fare home with included motorcoach transfer to Indianapolis to connect with the train. For guests wishing to linger longer in Louisville, we offer special post-tour hotel rates at the opulent Seelbach Hilton. (B,L,D)



ROUTE OF THE GREAT RIVER



With superb cuisine overseen by famed chef Regina Charboneau, a choice of dining venues including a new casual outdoor restaurant serving dinner, acclaimed entertainment and more, there is simply no better way to see America, then up close in comfort and style.



She's the largest steamboat ever built, a soaring triumph of American ingenuity yet a river lady as gracious and congenial as her older sisters. Woodwork glistens and antiques fill her spaces, and outside, lacy filigree evokes the memory of the many grand river steamers that both preceded her and inspired her designers. Select a volume from the vast collection in the Mark Twain Gallery, the boat's library. Enjoy a sing-along in the Main Deck Lounge, or tap your toes to a lavish show in the two-deck-tall Grand Saloon, the most elegant show place on the river. You'll find your own favorite nook aboard the grand American Queen.

COMPLETE FARES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Listed fares are per person, based on Double Occupancy.

AAA Suite \$6,095

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.

AA Superior Outside \$5,695

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.



A Deluxe Verandah \$4,795

B Deluxe Verandah \$4,395

C Deluxe Verandah \$3,995

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.



D Outside Deluxe \$3,795

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.

E Outside Stateroom \$3,695

These cozy staterooms feature two lower single beds, large window, a large mirror, storage space, wall to wall carpeting, and a private bathroom with shower.

F Inside Stateroom \$3,395

G Inside Stateroom \$2,995

H Inside Stateroom \$2,895

I Inside Stateroom \$2,495

These comfortable staterooms feature two single beds. Some also have an additional single upper bunk. Eight of these staterooms are available for single occupancy.

Inside Single Occupancy cabins are available beginning at \$3,595. Outside beginning at \$6,890. Port fees are \$89pp and not included in the above fares.

"One cannot see too many summer sunrises on the Mississippi . . . they are enchanting"

- Mark Twain; Life on the Mississippi' 1883