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ABOARD THE LUXURIOUS AMERICAN QUEEN

JULY 3-9, 2014

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ALONG THE OHIO RIVER

THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN VACATION



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## DEAR ALABAMA TRAVELERS,

Board the grand *American Queen* for an experience as American as apple pie. From night skies vibrantly alight with fireworks and downtown districts buzzing with history to quaint riverside towns bound by timeless charm—celebrate our nation's independence and the small-town splendors of classic riverside America.

Your adventure begins with a stay in Pittsburgh, renowned for its superb architecture, museums and verdant parks. Celebrate Independence Day before boarding the *American Queen*, the largest and most opulent riverboat in America. Visit Wheeling, replete with grand Victorian architecture and home to the West Virginia Independence Hall and the Capitol Theatre. Savor the small-town charm of Front Street in Marietta, and discover an enduring pioneer spirit in Point Pleasant, a quaint town situated where the Great Kanawha and Ohio Rivers meet. Witness history spring to life in Maysville, Kentucky, whose downtown is graced with centuries-old buildings and intriguing museums, before your voyage concludes in Cincinnati.

Share the magic of river boating with fellow alumni, as you cruise the Ohio River aboard the graceful *American Queen*. This luxurious vessel sets a new standard with its fine American cuisine in multiple venues, elegant accommodations and exciting shore excursions, all included in your river cruise.

Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by December 20, 2013 to receive the one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Pittsburgh and the \$100 onboard credit per stateroom.

Sincerely,

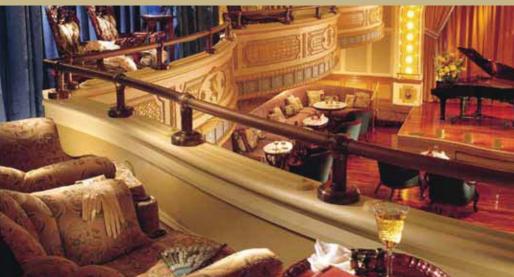
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Ashley Clayton Alumni Tour Coordinator

AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

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Cruise Program cancellations received 101 days or more prior to departure, \$200 per person; 100-61 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 60-31 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 30-0 days prior to departure, 100% of total fare.

**HEALTH:** Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of my person who, in the opinion of GN is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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Call Go Next at 800-842-9023	

#### PLEASE MAKE MY/OUR RESERVATION FOR:

CRUISE PROGRAM WITH FREE 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY

CRUISE PROGRAM ONLY (Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay credit of \$75 per person)

#### PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

I/We will make my/our own transportation arrangements.

□ Please contact me/us to discuss independent air options.

Stateroom/Suite category requested: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ \_ 2nd choice

Bed request: 
Twin (2 beds) 
Queen

Single and Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

Request: Single Triple

**Dinner Seating Preference** 

#### All guests must travel with a government-issued photo ID.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

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Preferred name on name badge				Birth Date		
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# A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

## INCLUSIONS

There's never been a better time to rediscover America. And there's never been a better way to do it. From Pittsburgh to Cincinnati, cruise the fabled waters of the Ohio River, and celebrate the birth of our great nation on this genuinely American voyage.

Enjoy casual elegance aboard the grand *American Queen*, the largest riverboat in the world, and your antebellum mansion on the water. Open French doors to sweeping river views and enjoy easy conversation on the promenade. And at the end of the day, retreat to the Victorian charm of your fine accommodations.

Discover classic riverside America on a journey aboard the 432-passenger *American Queen*, newly restored in 2012. Experience the beauty, history and grand adventure unique to the riverboat tradition from the remarkable perspective of the river.

- 7-night voyage, including all meals, aboard the grand American Queen
- Complimentary hop-on, hop-off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- The acclaimed cuisine of American chef Regina Charboneau
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly all-American staff
- Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert
- Professional showboat-style entertainment, dancing nightly and calliope concerts

# GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 1-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel or similar, breakfast, taxes, porterage and transfers to the *American Queen*
- **Private Go Next reception** including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer and soft drinks
- \$100 onboard credit per stateroom

- Complimentary bottle of wine per stateroom
- Services of an onboard Go Next program manager
- Exceptional value



## **RIVER CRUIS**

### JULY 03 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Your journey begins with a one-night stay at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, the city where the first steamboat originated. Once known as the "Gateway to the West" from its days as a frontier outpost at the start of the Ohio River to "Steel City" to "Pop City," Pittsburgh today is a cultural hub rich with historical landmarks and modern attractions including the renowned Carnegie Science Center and the Andy Warhol Museum.

## JULY 04 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

#### Depart 12AM

Morning at leisure. Embark on your river cruise aboard the graceful *American Queen* in the afternoon. This evening, watch magnificent fireworks illuminate the sky from the decks of your classic riverboat.

### JULY 05 RIVER CRUISING

The Ohio River flows for 981 miles along the border of six states. From first light to last dance, your leisurely day of cruising this mighty tributary of the Mississippi is sure to be unforgettable.

### JULY 06 MARIETTA, OHIO

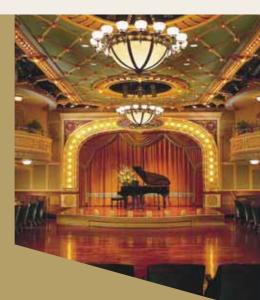
#### Arrive 8AM-Depart 5PM

As the first permanent settlement of the Northwestern Territory, and named for Marie Antoinette, Marietta holds a fascinating history. In addition to the Ohio River Museum, consider a visit to The Castle, a historic gem with an astounding art collection and beautiful Gothic Revival architecture, set before a backdrop of the Appalachian Plateau's scenic rolling hills.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Tour stops include Front Street; Mound Cemetery, where many Revolutionary War officers are buried; the Campus Martius Museum, showcasing America's migration west; the Ohio River Museum; and the Historic Harmar Village, where you'll find eateries, boutiques, museums and more.

## LIFE ON THE WATER

Life on the *American Queen* is as unique and enriching as the riverboat tradition itself. Night after night, music fills the majestic two-deck tall Grand Saloon, a stunning replica of the famed Ford's Theatre. Showboat-style cabaret acts and old-fashioned radio shows add variety and charm to the evening lineup. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and river lore. The Ladies' Parlor and Gentlemen's Card Room are meeting points for new friends. And the calliope, a steam-powered organ, beckons anyone inclined to play.





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## JULY 07 POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA

Arrive 8AM-Depart 5PM

Delightfully quaint, Point Pleasant is situated where the Great Kanawha and Ohio Rivers meet, and is characterized by a pioneering culture and a past filled with epic battles. The 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant is illustrated in just one of the many vibrant floodwall murals displayed along the scenic riverfront.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Your motor coach tour includes Point Pleasant Riverfront Park; Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, commemorating the October 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant; the Mansion House; and the Point Pleasant River Museum.

## JULY 08 MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY

#### Arrive 12PM–Depart 5PM

Founded by frontiersmen, including Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone, Maysville was once a key center for hemp and tobacco production, and later a hub for wrought-iron manufacturing. Today, this picturesque town—situated at the confluence of Limestone Creek and the Ohio River—packs in lovely parks, antique shops and art galleries, while honoring its past with floodwall murals, well-preserved antebellum architecture, and fascinating museums.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Take in some of the town's leading historic attractions on a motor coach tour with stops at the Floodwall River Mural; the Washington Opera Theatre; the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, where an interesting collection of miniatures are on display; and the famous Russell Theater, a Spanish-style atmospheric theater, which featured the world premiere of Rosemary Clooney's first film, *The Stars Are Singing*, in 1953.

## JULY 09 CINCINNATI, OHIO

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Queen.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of Cincinnati, known as the "Queen City," your return should be scheduled to depart after 2:00рм.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge. All port times are approximate. Itinerary and shore excursions are subject to change.

## SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Creating plates inspired by culinary classics of America's South and utilizing the best of the season's offerings from stops along the way, award-winning chef Regina Charboneau lends her expertise and Southern hospitality to the unique dining experience on the *American Queen*. Grab a simple snack at the River Grill, indulge in the elegance of the J.M. White Dining Room, or satisfy your appetite any hour of the day at the Front Porch Café as you sample Charboneau's delectable creations, from Pork Loin stuffed with Andouille Sausage to Corn Fritters and Bourbon Pecan Pie.





## THE GREATEST VALUE

## PRICING

### SUITES WITH DECK

Promenade Deck Elegantly furnished suite, cozy sitting area with sofa bed and cocktail table, French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower. A A A \$4,699

### **SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS** with private deck\*

**Texas & Promenade Decks** French doors that open onto a private deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower. \**Staterooms on the Promenade Deck offer additional square footage in lieu of private decks.* 

AA \$4,499

## DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH DECK

**Promenade**, **Observation**, **Texas & Cabin Decks** Windowed French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and/or shower.

A	\$4,299
B	\$3,299
C	\$2,999
D	\$2,799 \$2,799

## DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS

**Cabin Deck** Large bay window, inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower.

## E **\$2,699**

INSIDE CABINS

**Observation, Promenade & Texas Decks** Inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

\$2,549
\$2,249
\$2,149
\$1,949

*Luxury Suites and Single Cabins/Staterooms are available upon request.* Fares are per person, double occupancy. Onboard meals, refreshments & entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation options to Pittsburgh and/or from Cincinnati. Port charges of \$79 per person and gratuities are additional.

## **OPULENT COMFORT**

Welcome to the grand *American Queen*, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and antebellum charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the *American Queen* feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Sip sweet lemonade and partake in the convivial atmosphere of open verandas and the promenade, or enjoy a quiet respite in your elegant suite or deluxe stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard the *American Queen* flows like a gentle river—at your pace and according to your taste.





"PILOTING ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WAS NOT WORK TO ME; IT WAS PLAY – DELIGHTFUL PLAY, VIGOROUS PLAY, ADVENTUROUS PLAY – AND I LOVED IT."

- MARK TWAIN

**"WE HAD A GREAT TRIP!** Heartily recommend it. Great food and wonderful people to travel with." – Jan and Mac T., Richmond, VA

"I highly recommend the tour on American Queen-GREAT BOAT."

- Frank B., Los Ranchos, NM

"Traversing the great United States waterways aboard the elegant *American Queen* with fine dining, superb service, and authentic Victorian era charm, allowed us to experience the romance of the river without leaving modern day amenities behind.

## THIS VOYAGE FAR EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS."

– Dawn M., Minneapolis, MN



