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ABOARD THE LUXURIOUS AMERICAN QUEEN
APRIL 19–28, 2013

$200 ONBOARD CREDIT PER STATEROOM IF BOOKED BY OCT 26 2012 FREE 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM

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AMERICAN QUEEN™ STEAMBOAT COMPANY
STEAMBOATING
ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN VACATION

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Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association
224 Alumni Foundation Center
Mankato, MN 56001-6025
DEAR ALUMNI,

Enjoy authentic Americana aboard the luxury steamboat American Queen and let this unique river voyage on the Mighty Mississippi bring Southern culture to life. Revel in the magic of steamboating—a true American pastime, while taking in the sights and sounds of iconic plantation homes and the distinctive music of the South.

Your adventure begins with a stay in culturally-rich New Orleans, home of the famed French Quarter. Then board the American Queen and cruise to historic sites and classic river towns in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, each destination filled with antebellum grandeur. Take your nostalgic trip ashore as you visit the notable Oak Alley Plantation and the quaint town of St. Francisville, home to almost 150 historic buildings on the National Register. Visit Natchez, a city of Southern charm and grace, and immerse yourself in Vicksburg’s Civil War history. Take in the soulful Delta blues in Helena and round out your journey in Memphis, as much a bustling steamboat port today as it was in the early 1800s.

Discover the history of the South along with fellow alumni as you experience the timeless allure of the river aboard the graceful American Queen, America’s only authentic overnight paddlewheel steamboat. Your cruise includes fine American cuisine in multiple venues, elegant accommodations, and fascinating shore excursions. Also on board is an extraordinary showplace, perfect for live entertainment.

Reserve your spot on this unique voyage by October 26, 2012, to receive the 2-Night Pre-Cruise Program and the $200 onboard credit per stateroom.

Sincerely,

Micki Schaffer
Alumni Association Board President

AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

SPACE ON THIS CRUISE IS LIMITED
BOOK NOW!

800.842.9023 CALL 952.918.8950
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Covers cancellation penalties imposed by the airline, cruise line, Go Next, or hotels due to unforeseen covered reasons.

$20,000 Medical Expense:
- Pays covered hospital expenses with no daily limits
- Pays for covered injury or sickness within one year
- Pays additional covered transportation expenses
- Covers unused, non-refundable portions of your airfare if applicable.

$8,000 - $8,500 = $619
$6,501 - $7,000 = $499
$5,501 - $6,000 = $439
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$4,501 - $5,000 = $329
$4,001 - $4,500 = $259
$3,501 - $4,000 = $199
$3,001 - $3,500 = $139
$2,501 - $3,000 = $99
$2,001 - $2,500 = $59
$1,501 - $2,000 = $19
$1,001 - $1,500 = $13
$500 - $1,000 = $5

The Trip Protection Plan may be purchased up until final payment of your reservation and becomes effective upon our receipt of the payment for the cost of the plan. Cost is non-refundable.

We urge you to carefully review the Description of Coverage which provides the details of the Trip Protection Plan. Please note the exclusion of coverage for a medical condition that existed during the 60 days immediately preceding the Start Date and included the insured coverage effective date and other limitations.

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• Non-insurance services are provided by Travel Guard.

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MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
MANKATO (735)
APRIL 19–28, 2013
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PLEASE MAKE MY/OUR RESERVATION FOR:
✓ CRUISE PROGRAM WITH FREE 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY
✓ CRUISE PROGRAM ONLY (Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay credit of $175 per person)

Stateroom/Suite category requested: 1st choice _____________ 2nd choice _____________

Bed request:
✓ Twin (2 beds)  ❏ Queen/Double as per stateroom description

Dinner Seating Preference
Request: ❏ Early (5:15 p.m.)  ❏ Late (7:45 p.m.)

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

Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)
First Middle Last

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Preferred name on name badge

Email Address

Mailing Address
City State ZIP

Home Phone Cell Phone

Roommate (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $600 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by January 9, 2013 (100 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve _____________ space(s) and enclosed is my/our deposit for $_________________.

Deposits may also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.

I authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for $_________________ to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Name (as it appears on your credit card)

Security Code Exp. Date

Billing Address

SIGN HERE X

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Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement.

I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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PLEASE INCLUDE TRAVEL GUARD TRAVEL INSURANCE:
✓ Non-refundable premium payment enclosed. ☐ Please invoice me/us for the payment.

Please select the appropriate premium amount based upon the total per person cost of travel services purchased from Go Next.

|$1,501 - $2,000 = $149
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|$7,001 - $7,500 = $539
|$7,501 - $8,000 = $579
|$8,001 - $8,500 = $619
|$8,501 - $9,000 = $659

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There’s never been a better time to rediscover America. And there’s never been a better way to do it. From New Orleans to Memphis on the fabled waters of the Mighty Mississippi, experience the grandeur of the American South.

Enjoy casual elegance aboard the grand American Queen, the only authentic overnight paddlewheel steamboat in America, 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.

Come aboard and discover America from the remarkable perspective of the river. Experience the beauty, history and grand adventure unique to the steamboating tradition.

- 7-night voyage, including all meals, aboard the grand American Queen
- Complimentary shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of “Steamcoaches”
- The acclaimed cuisine of American chef Regina Charboneau
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- The only steamboat with multiple dining options, all at no additional charge
- 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 river historian
- Professional showboat-style entertainment, dancing nightly and calliope concerts

2-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel, including sightseeing, breakfast, taxes, porterage and transfers from the American Queen

2 private Go Next receptions including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer and soft drinks

$200 onboard credit per stateroom

Complimentary bottle of wine per stateroom

Services of an onboard Go Next program manager

Exceptional value
Life on the American Queen is as unique and enriching as the steamboating 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. Card tables in the Ladies’ Parlor and Gentlemen’s Card Room are meeting points for new friends. And the calliope, a steam-powered piano, beckons anyone inclined to play.

**APR 19 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**
Your journey begins with a two-night stay at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Just steps from the hotel is Riverwalk Marketplace, home to more than 100 food and shopping outlets, and the historic French Quarter, a mere four blocks away.

**APR 20 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**
Where the Mississippi River ends, the French, Spanish, Creole and Haitian medley thrives. Experience New Orleans, from the traditional Southern oaks and Spanish moss of City Park to the legendary Bourbon Street and Jackson Square.

**GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE EXCURSION** Take in the sights and sounds of New Orleans.

**APR 21 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**
Enjoy the morning at leisure before embarking on your river cruise aboard the grand American Queen.

**APR 22 OAK ALLEY, LOUISIANA**
Located in Saint James Parish, Oak Alley Plantation combines architectural splendor and the natural wonder of 300-year-old oak trees. Spend time strolling beneath their spectacular canopy, and learn about the rich history of this Southern estate.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Take a tour of the historic plantation and its beautiful grounds.

**APR 23 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA**
With over 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register, this quaint town is a window to history. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Visit historic and modern sites, including the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum, the Grace Episcopal Church and the Old Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry and handmade items.

**APR 24 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI**
One of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley, Natchez is a charming and authentic Southern town with a rich heritage shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British and Spanish descent.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** A tour of Natchez mansions includes Stanton Hall, considered the grandest of the Natchez mansions; Longwood, a huge octagonal house; and Regina Charboneau’s ante bellum mansion, Twin Oaks.
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. Dine al fresco 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 of America as you sample Charboneau’s delectable creations, from Pork Loin stuffed with Andouille Sausage to Corn Fritters and Bourbon Pecan Pie.

Billed as the Red Carpet City of the South, Vicksburg displays its pre-Civil War heritage with tremendous pride. Historic landmarks include Cedar Grove Mansion, with five acres of stunning gardens, and Anchuca, the first columned mansion in Vicksburg. The site of a dramatic siege and major turning point in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Stops on the Vicksburg tour include the Southern Cultural Heritage Center, the Vicksburg Battlefield Visitor’s Center and the Old Court House Museum, which showcases artifacts from pre-Columbian times to Civil War Implements.

Discover steamboating—a lifestyle born of both restless ambition and the pursuit of pure relaxation. Aboard the American Queen, the richness of this timeless river culture comes with plenty of added modern luxuries as you cruise the day and night away in one of the distinctive dining venues, the impressive Grand Saloon, or your elegant stateroom.

The queen of the Arkansas Delta, Helena is filled with fascinating architecture from before and after the legendary Battle of Helena. The Delta Cultural Center lays out Helena’s antebellum roots and is also home to King Biscuit Time—the nation’s longest-running blues radio program.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Traveling by deluxe Steamcoach, visit notable stops like the Cherry Street Historic District, the Delta Cultural Center, Bubba’s Blues Corner and the Helena Museum. Also visit two stunning examples of late 1800s architecture at the Moore-Hornor House and the Pillow Thompson House.

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

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY
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, antique double or queen bed, and bath with tub and shower.

AAA $5,595

**SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH PRIVATE DECK**

**Promenade Deck** French doors that open onto a private deck, two single beds, and bath with tub and shower.

AA $5,195

**DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH DECK**

**Observation & Texas Decks** Windowed French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds or one queen bed, and bath.

A $4,295
B $3,895
C $3,495
E $3,195

**DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS**

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

D $3,295

**INSIDE CABINS**

**Observation, Promenade & Texas Decks** Inside entrance to stateroom and bath with shower.

F $2,895
G $2,495
H $2,395
I $1,995

Fares are per person, double occupancy. Onboard meals, refreshments & entertainment are included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation to New Orleans and/or from Memphis. Port charges of $109 per person are additional.

OPULENT COMFORT

Welcome to the grand American Queen, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian 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 UNDERSTAND NOW WHY MARK TWAIN LOVED THE MISSISSIPPI. A wonderful steamboat cruise featuring New Orleans, Memphis, and fascinating stops in between, punctuated with luxury accommodations, great food, exciting entertainment and a welcoming spirit that is uniquely Southern.”

– Les and Suzanne W., Portland, Oregon

“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, Minnesota