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Day 1  Memphis, Tennessee
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Day 3 Memphis, Tennessee – Embark

Day 4 Helena, Arkansas

Day 5 Vicksburg, Mississippi

Day 6 Natchez, Mississippi

Day 7 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Day 8 St. Francisville, Louisiana

Day 9 Nottoway, Louisiana

Day 10 New Orleans, Louisiana – Disembark

CRUISE PROGRAM INCLUDES

• 7 nights aboard the American Duchess, an opulent all-suite riverboat
• 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay at The Memphis Peabody hotel
• Exclusive tour of Shiloh National Military Park
• Vicksburg Premium Shore Excursion
• Onboard gratuities
• Award-winning shore excursions
• Onboard entertainment
• Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, an onboard historian and river expert
• Onboard meals
• 24-hour room service
• Cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks
• Wine and beer with dinner

SUITE CATEGORIES†

Interior Suites IS $4,495
Veranda Suites VS $6,495
Deluxe Suites DS $8,495
Loft Suites LFS $8,995
Owner’s Suites OS $10,995

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Memphis, Tennessee
Perched on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, Memphis has been welcoming steamboats since before the Civil War. Today the city abounds with Americana, from legendary Beale Street to Elvis Presley’s Graceland.

Helena, Arkansas
The queen of the Arkansas Delta, Helena is filled with fascinating 19th-century 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.

Vicksburg, Mississippi
Billed as the Red Carpet City of the South, Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its heritage with tremendous pride. 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.

Natchez, Mississippi
One of the oldest European settlements in the Lower Mississippi River Valley and former capital of the state, 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.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Boasting a storied past and vibrant present, Baton Rouge lives up to its motto, “Authentic Louisiana at Every Turn.” The capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the elegantly furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing neo-Gothic Old State Capitol.

St. Francisville, Louisiana
With over 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register, this quaint town is a window to the past. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows, and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

Nottoway, Louisiana
Between Baton Rouge and New Orleans lies one of the South’s most magnificent plantation homes, Nottoway. Showcasing three floors, sixty-four bedrooms, twelve hand-carved Italian marble fireplaces, and twenty-two soaring exterior columns, this extravagant mansion was constructed with 365 doors and windows—an opening for each day of the year.

New Orleans, Louisiana
Experience some of the best of New Orleans, from the traditional Southern oaks and Spanish moss of City Park to the French Quarter’s legendary Bourbon Street and Jackson Square.
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Aircraft and cruise line boarding privileges are limited to persons whose full payment and signed agreement have been received by GN and whose names are on the manifest given to the carrier before departure. Improper documentation, inadequate proof of identity, inadequate proof of age for children under 2, or any other reason may result in denial of boarding privileges. The air carrier and cruise line reserve the right to decline, accept or retain any person on the flight or cruise at any time within their sole discretion. If you are denied boarding privileges, you forfeit all monies paid and will be assessed any non-recoverable costs.

ADVANCE TRAVEL INFORMATION: U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. traveling exclusively inside U.S. borders do not need a passport or visa for travel. Homeland Security laws require that all guests travel with government-issued photo identification (ID) (such as a driver’s license) at all times. ID must be presented at the time of boarding. Guests without proper ID will be denied boarding. AQSC is required to provide all guests’ ID information including ID number, expiration date, and place of issue to the Coast Guard and/or other government entities prior to the vessel’s departure. Guests must provide this information to AQSC in advance. Travel documents will not be released until received. Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada entering the U.S. are required to bring their passport. For other nationalities, passports are required to enter the U.S. It is your responsibility to check with your local U.S. embassy/consulate to confirm visa requirements and to obtain the proper visa/U.S. alien card (green card).

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION PROTECTION: Under Public Law 89-777, the FMC requires vessels having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and which embark passengers from U.S. ports to maintain acceptable evidence of financial responsibility to indemnify passengers for nonperformance of transportation. AQSC maintains an escrow agreement to protect passenger payments for water transportation. This escrow agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Federal Maritime Commission.

HOSTS AND LECTURERS: Advertised hosts and lecturers (if applicable) are subject to availability and may be contingent on a minimum number of travelers; therefore, they cannot be guaranteed.

NOTICES: Any complaints or claims against GN must be made in writing and received by GN within 90 days after scheduled termination of the trip. Any action or suit against GN must be commenced within one (1) year after scheduled termination of the trip or be forever barred.

The rights and remedies relating to cancellations and major changes prior to departure, made available under this agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer any refunds under this agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by you waives all other remedies.

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INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

IF YOU CHANGE PLANS OR CANCEL, YOUR RIGHTS TO A REFUND ARE LIMITED: The following charges will be assessed for cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following fees will apply:

Cruise Program cancellations received 120 days or more prior to departure, $350 per person; 119-75 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 74-45 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 44-0 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 any 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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