

# LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE

## MEMPHIS to NEW ORLEANS



Embark on a unique riverboat adventure along the Lower Mississippi River between New Orleans, Louisiana and Memphis, Tennessee. Savor a week aboard our intimate and relaxed modern riverboat with 180 guests or fewer. Our enthusiastic all-American crew is ready to share with you a wonderful journey filled with historical tales, culinary delights, vibrant music, and new friends.



**2025 – PADDLEWHEELERS:** *American Heritage* – TUE – JUN 3-24; SEP 26, OCT 3  
*American Splendor* – TUE – FEB 25-JUN 3; JUL 8, 15; AUG 19, 26; OCT 28-NOV 11  
**RIVERBOATS:** *American Serenade* – FRI – FEB 21-JUN 6; OCT 8; NOV 12  
*American Symphony* – MAR 12, 19; APR 5; TUE – NOV 4-DEC 16; DEC 24  
*American Melody* – FRI – MAR 28 - MAY 16; NOV 14, 21

**2026 – PADDLEWHEELERS:** *American Heritage* – TUE – JUN 3, 10; SEP 26, OCT 3  
*American Splendor* – WED – FEB 25-JUN 3; JUL 8, 15; AUG 19, 26; OCT 28-NOV 11  
**RIVERBOATS:** *American Serenade* – FRI – FEB 14-JUN 6; OCT 16, 23  
*American Symphony* – WED - MAR 4-APR 15; TUE –JUL 1, 8; AUG 26; SEP 2;  
NOV 4-DEC 16; DEC 24  
*American Melody* – SAT – MAR 28 - MAY 16; OCT 31-NOV 21

**DURATION:** 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** MEMPHIS, TN  
**DISEMBARK:** NEW ORLEANS, LA  
Or Reverse Itinerary

**SHIPS:** *American Melody; American Serenade; American Splendor;*  
*American Symphony; American Heritage*

**FROM:** \$3,795

**AFTER \$500 SAVINGS + FREE AIR on Select Dates**



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 – ARRIVE MEMPHIS, TN

Welcome to Memphis, a historic city which rises picturesquely up the hillside from the river, adorned with grand oak trees, lush parks, and historic sites that commemorate everything from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement. Immerse yourself in its rich musical legacy as you stroll along legendary Beale Street, where music flows from every doorway, and savor the rich flavors and aromas of the city's famous BBQ. After a day of exploration, return to the comfort of The Guest House.

Pre- and post-cruise arrangements are available.



## DAY 2 – EMBARKATION - Cruising the Mississippi River

Step aboard your ship and set sail into a captivating experience. Begin with a warm welcome at the reception, an ideal place to connect with fellow travelers. As the ship elegantly cruises along the river, engage in the dynamic array of onboard entertainment. Each moment is designed to enhance your experience, promising a journey filled with delightful encounters and memorable entertainment.

## DAY 3 – Cleveland, MS

Known as the "City of Hospitality," Cleveland, Mississippi, has played a significant role in shaping the cultural landscape of the South. Its history is deeply intertwined with agriculture, particularly cotton farming, reflected in the historic downtown where remnants of the city's cotton trading past still remain.

## DAY 4 - Vicksburg, MS

Vicksburg is a place of drama. During the Civil War, the struggle to control Vicksburg proved to be a major turning point. The well-fortified connection between river and rail transportation was known as "The Gibraltar of the West." A narrated exploration of the well-preserved National Military Park battlefield enlivens this powerful story and highlights its significance. President Abraham Lincoln summarized Vicksburg's importance clearly when he said, "Vicksburg is the key. The war can never be brought to a close until that key is in our pocket... They can defy us from Vicksburg... As valuable as New Orleans will be to us, Vicksburg will be more so." Several excursion options are available, including exploring museums and historic sites with local expert guides or on your own.



## DAY 5 - Natchez, MS

In Natchez, grand homes sparkle like jewels, adorning the bluffs that tower above the river. Since 1716, when the French first built a fort here among the Natchez Indians, the town has grown to boast elaborate mansions built by planters in the 1800s to flaunt their wealth. With no Civil War fighting here, Natchez still features hundreds of antebellum homes and buildings. Each of these architectural treasures has its own story to tell, creating a charming downtown that embodies the essence of southern charm and hospitality. Explore on your own or enjoy an array of curated, guided explorations. Tour the elaborate townhomes, visit a working cotton farm to learn about the crop's importance in history and today, and discover the historic Under-The-Hill Saloon. Drift through quaint shops, nibble on local delights, and enjoy the



expansive views of the majestic river valley from the bluff-top park.

#### **DAY 6 - St. Francisville, LA**

As the bow-ramp from the ship opens and stretches to the shore, you will be welcomed into the historic cotton port of St. Francisville. Overlooking the river from atop a high, St. Francisville began as a part of Spanish West Florida in the early 1800s until American settlers overthrew the Spanish governing forces, and the region later became part of the United States. Experience this town's rich history on your own or with a variety of guided excursions. As you explore, discover the Historic District which boasts magnificent mansions and unique boutique shops and admire cottonwood trees which transition to stately oaks adorned with Spanish moss.



#### **DAY 7 – River Cruising**

Today is your day to unwind and take it all in. Glide effortlessly along the Mighty Mississippi, surrounded by breathtaking panoramas of cottonwood trees and graceful blue herons.

#### **DAY 8 – Oak Alley, Houmas House, LA**

Step off your ship docked right at Houmas House and explore one of the most elaborately renovated of the grand homes along the river, once a private home and a thriving historical agricultural enterprise. Entertaining and knowledgeable guides will escort you through the magnificently restored home's unmatched collection of stunning period furnishings and artwork. The ornately landscaped grounds include 38 acres of gardens, fountains, and

majestic live oak trees. Later, experience the opulence and natural wonder of the Oak Alley estate with its breathtaking parallel row of 28 ancient and massive live oak trees. Here, you can savor a complimentary taste of one of the best mint juleps in the South.



#### **DAY 9 - New Orleans, LA**

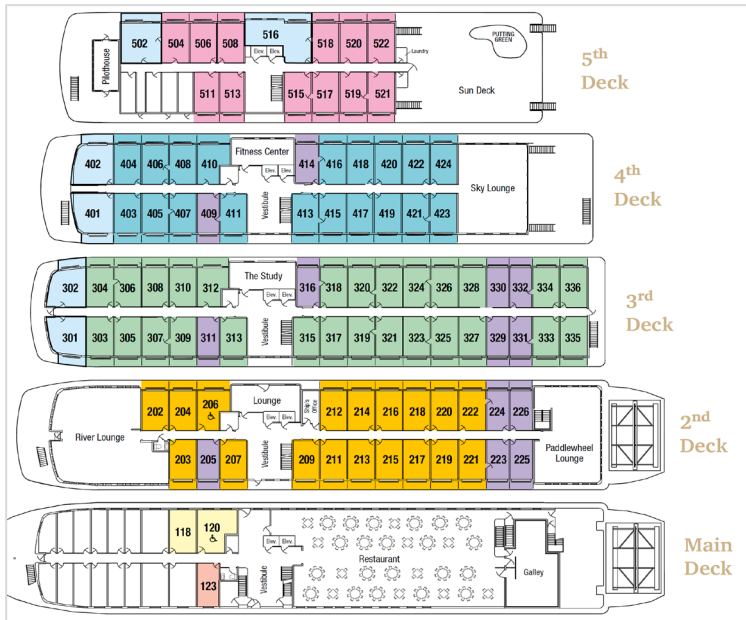
New Orleans is worth some extra time. Enjoy a feast for your senses if you linger in this magical city, renowned for its delicious cuisine, vibrant music scene, and rich culture with an international flair. Stroll the tree-lined avenues, take a carriage ride through the French Quarter, hop aboard a streetcar to the gorgeous Garden District, or visit the renowned National World War II Museum. If departing the ship in New Orleans, enjoy available city excursions and motorcoach transfers to the airport. Or extend your stay to further explore the delights of the Big Easy.





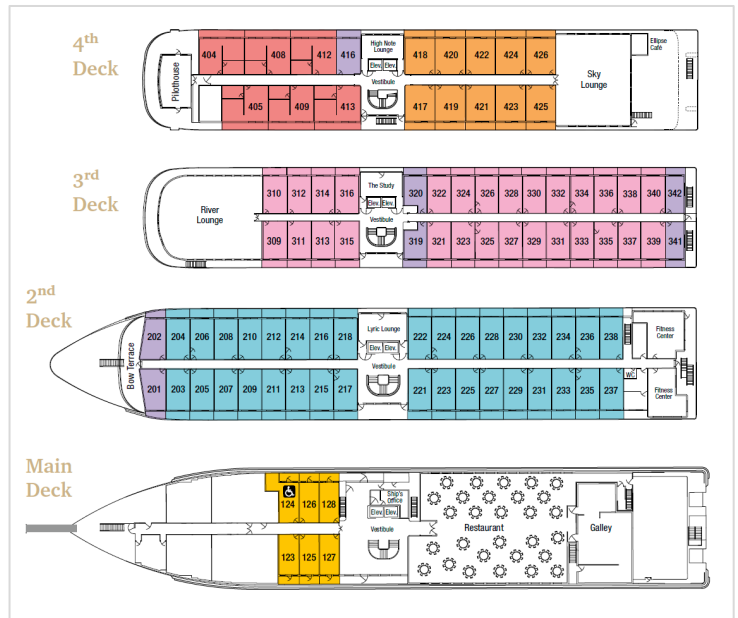
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**AMERICAN SPLENDOR/HERITAGE – PADDLEWHEELERS**



**RIVERBOATS**

**AMERICAN MELODY, SERENADE, SYMPHONY**



Room Category	American Paddlewheelers Cruises Depart Weekly		
	MAR, JUN	APR, MAY, SEP, OCT	FEB, JUL, AUG, NOV
Veranda Suite	\$7,295	\$7,795	\$6,800
Premium Balcony	\$6,155	\$6,575	\$5,735
Deluxe Balcony 1	\$5,810	\$6,205	\$5,410
Deluxe Balcony 2	\$5,490	\$5,865	\$5,115
Standard Balcony	\$5,275	\$5,635	\$4,915
Standard Waterview	\$4,610	\$4,925	\$4,295
Single Balcony	\$6,705	\$7,165	\$6,250
Single Waterview	\$6,065	\$6,475	\$5,650

Room Category	American Riverboat Cruises Depart Weekly			
	FEB	MAR, JUN	APR, MAY, SEP, OCT	JUL, AUG, NOV, DEC
Grand Suite	\$9,345	\$9,985	\$10,620	\$9,345
Veranda Suite	\$7,295	\$7,795	\$8,290	\$7,295
Premium Balcony	\$6,155	\$6,575	\$6,995	\$6,155
Deluxe Balcony	\$5,810	\$6,205	\$6,600	\$5,810
Standard Balcony	\$5,275	\$5,635	\$5,995	\$5,275
Single Balcony	\$6,705	\$7,165	\$7,620	\$6,705

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