## MUSIC CITIES

# MEMPHIS-NASHVILLE MISSISSIPPI, OHIO & CUMBERLAND RIVERS



On this remarkable journey from Memphis to Nashville, experience the power of the Mississippi River, the grandeur of the Ohio River, and the beauty of the Cumberland River. Each waterway offers unique scenery with rolling hills, steep bluffs, soaring bald eagles, regal blue herons, fascinating historical sites, and sunsets reflecting on the water in indescribable beauty.



#### DATES:

**2024** – May 4SE; Jun 19SP, 26\*SP; Jul 3SP, 10\*SP,31SP; Aug 3\*SY, 10SY, 17\*SY; Sep 18\*SP, 21M; Oct 9SP,16SE,23SP, 30\*SP; Nov 9\*M

**DURATION:** 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

EMBARK: MEMPHIS
DISEMBARK: NASHVILLE
\*Reverse Itinerary

SHIPS: American Melody(M); American
Serenade(SE); American Splendor(SP); American
Symphony(SY)

FROM: \$3,720
AFTER \$500 SAVINGS ON SELECT DATES

#### **Expedition Highlights**

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 – ARRIVE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

Arrive the day before your scheduled cruise date. The package includes a premium hotel stay, where you can enjoy the city at your leisure. On the morning of the cruise, meet in the hotel lobby and we will transport you to the ship to begin your cruise. Pre-Cruise Hotel Stays must be reserved at least 30 days before your cruise date.



#### DAY 2 - MEMPHIS - EMBARKATION

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. Stroll along legendary Beale Street, where music flows from every doorway, and savor the rich flavors and aromas of the city's famous BBQ. Choose from an array of customized excursions. Your ship awaits at the nearby Beale Street Landing. Be entertained on board by local musicians as you savor a nightcap.



## DAY 3 - CRUISING THE MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RIVER

Transit through the Ohio River's newest lock and dam, completed in 2018 after 23 years of construction. View the awe-inspiring confluence of the Ohio River emptying into the mighty Mississippi.



#### DAY 4 - PADUCAH, KY

The beautiful Tennessee River empties into the Ohio River, and the Cumberland River and the Mississippi converge nearby, making Paducah an important port centralized at the axis. More than 50 murals highlight the region's rich history. Learn the importance of the town as headquarters for Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant as he embarked to secure Union control of the rivers. Only a block away, the excellent River Discovery Center illuminates the importance of the rivers to this historic port.

## DAY 5 – Cruising Lake Barkley and the Cumberland River

Cruising the Cumberland River's Lake Barkley is a special day that you will cherish. The 1966 completion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 57-foot Barkley Lock and Dam pooled the Cumberland River back for 134 miles and created a curving, stunning collection of coves totaling more than 1,000 miles of shoreline.



#### DAY 6 - DOVER, TN

Locals often welcome the vessel and set up booths of crafts and tasty treats. The adjacent bluff is the site of the historic Fort Donelson National Park, a site that played a pivotal role in the Civil War. It was there that Union forces led by Ulysses S. Grant won their first surrender to gain control of the rivers.



#### **DAY 7 - CLARKSVILLE, TN**

Your ship docks at the beautiful riverfront park at Clarksville. The town is named for General George Rogers Clark, a frontier fighter, Revolutionary War hero, and brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Local guides share the historical importance of the city as a major tobacco port during the 1800s.



#### **DAY 8 - NASHVILLE, TN**

From the legendary Ryman Auditorium to the Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville hosts an array of museums and performance venues that pay tribute to its heritage as the home of Country Music. The lively streets are lined with art galleries and unique shops that welcome you at every turn and the sounds of talented performers hoping for

stardom echo from every pub. Enjoy transportation and tickets to the renowned live show at the Grand Ole Opry featuring longtime Opry performers in addition to rising stars!



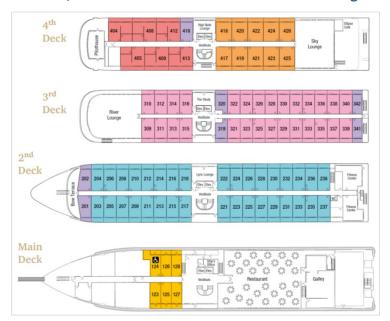
#### **DAY 9 - NASHVILLE, TN**

Nashville is well worth a pre- or post-cruise stay to further explore attractions such as the incredible Country Music Hall of Fame, the Patsy Cline Museum, and the Johnny Cash Museum. Walk in the footsteps of country music history with a VIP guided backstage tour of the legendary 1880 Ryman Auditorium. Visit President Andrew Jackson's fascinating Hermitage home, the Tennessee State Capitol, a full-size replica of the Parthenon, or the opulent Gaylord Opryland Hotel's nine acres of indoor gardens, rivers, and waterfalls. Throughout your stay, savor the town's warm welcome, the extensive options for delicious southern cuisine, and a plethora of musical entertainment venues.

Pre- and post-cruise arrangements are available.



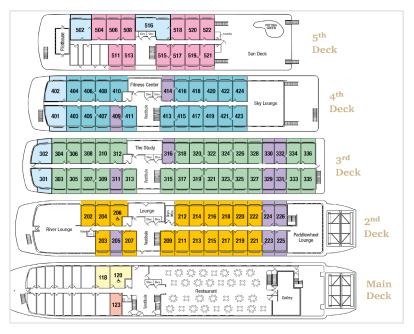
#### SERENADE, SYMPHONY & MELODY DECK PLAN – 180 guests



## American Serenade ★ American Symphony American Melody

	American Riverboat Cruises Depart Weekly		
Room Category	APR-JUN	JUL, AUG, NOV	SEP, OCT
Grand Suite	\$9,855	\$9,185	\$9,855
Owner's Suite	\$8,085	\$7,530	\$8,085
Veranda Suite	\$7,170	\$6,680	\$7,170
AAM	\$6,110	\$5,695	\$6,110
AAC	\$5,715	\$5,325	\$5,715
AAR	\$5,190	\$4,840	\$5,190
Single	\$6,585	\$6,140	\$6,585

#### **AMERICAN SPLENDOR – PADDLEWHEELER – 180 GUESTS**



#### American Splendor

	American Splendor Cruises Depart Weekly		
Room Category	JUN	JUL, AUG	SEP, OCT
Veranda Suite	\$7,170	\$6,680	\$7,655
AAM	\$6,110	\$5,695	\$6,110
AAC	\$5,715	\$5,325	\$5,715
AAL	\$5,510	\$5,135	\$5,510
AAR	\$5,190	\$4,840	\$5,190
А	\$4,530	\$4,220	\$4,530
Single	\$6,585	\$6,140	\$6,585
Single	\$5,960	\$5,550	\$5,960

\$500 per person
ON SELECT DATES



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