

## The Mississippi Melody Tour: Music, Culture, and Scenic River Escapes

9 Days | 8 Nights

Memphis, TN

Tour Operates: 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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**This tour is not customizable.**

Set sail on the Mississippi Music Cities Cruise and immerse yourself in a world of music, history, and culture. Discover the roots of blues in Memphis, enjoy scenic river cruises, and experience Paducah's artistic treasures. Wander through historic Dover and Clarksville, and finish in Nashville, where country music legends come alive. Relax, connect, and explore with this perfect blend of leisure and excitement. Reserve your spot on this musical journey now!



### Highlights

- Dive into Memphis, the heart of blues, with live music, vibrant nightlife, and famous Southern barbecue.
- Cruise the Mississippi River, soaking in stunning views and lively local music performances onboard.
- Relax on the Ohio River, enjoying scenic views, fun activities, and delicious flavors from a curated menu.
- Discover Paducah's creative spirit with its galleries, murals, and rich history along the riverfront.
- Explore the beauty of Lake Barkley, with wildlife and scenic landscapes at Land Between the Lakes.
- Finish in Nashville, relishing in iconic music landmarks and hidden cultural gems.

**Secure your place on this unforgettable cruise today!**

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### Includes:

- ✓ 8-night's accommodation on the ship.
- ✓ A selection of shore excursions.
- ✓ Dining services, snacks, and complimentary cocktail parties.
- ✓ Onboard entertainment.
- ✓ Gratuities aboard the ship.
- ✓ Taxes.

### Map



Map Link – <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ggFQR-794a9DI0HdF4F1aBTZ-VrvVnI&usp=sharing>

### Day 1 – Arrive at Memphis, TN.

Your adventure kicks off in Memphis, Tennessee—a city where the magic of music and the echoes of history come alive. Strolling down the iconic Beale Street, you'll feel the pulse of blues music that first filled these streets in the early 20th century. As you soak in the vibrant nightlife and neon lights, the spirit of legends like B.B. King and Elvis Presley will inspire you. Don't miss the chance to savor the city's world-renowned barbecue—smoky ribs and pulled pork sandwiches, drenched in rich, spicy sauces, making your day in Memphis a feast for both your heart and taste buds. Enjoy your trip!

### Day 2 – Journey Down the Mississippi: Experience Music, Art, and Scenic River Vistas.

#### Highlights

- Start at Beale Street Landing, a lively park filled with fresh art and greenery along the Mississippi River.
- Enjoy the beautiful Memphis skyline reflecting on the water as you cruise.
- Experience live music from talented local musicians onboard, adding joy to your journey.
- Relax and take in the river's stunning scenery and memorable sights.

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Experience the magic of the Mississippi River as your cruise sets sail from Beale Street Landing. This charming spot, located in a park full of new plants and colorful art, offers a bright contrast to the flowing river. As you cruise, the Memphis skyline comes alive with its mix of historic and modern views reflecting on the water. Local musicians bring the river to life with vibrant performances, creating a joyful and unforgettable atmosphere throughout the journey.

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### **Day 3 – Discover and Delight: Experience Scenic Wonders, River Flavors, and Music Onboard.**

#### Highlights

- Start the morning with a leisurely pace, whether lounging in bed or savoring views from the balcony.
- Marvel at the ship's passage through the Ohio River's newest lock and dam.
- Be amazed by the breathtaking view where the Ohio meets the mighty Mississippi.
- Engage in fun activities, taste fresh dishes, and enjoy live music onboard.

Take the day at your leisure, whether it means lingering in bed or enjoying the morning from a private balcony. The ship's journey includes passing through the Ohio River's impressive lock and dam, a modern achievement finished in 2018. Marvel at the dramatic sight where two great rivers converge—the Ohio and the Mississippi—a moment of pure wonder. Onboard, there's much to explore taste the freshest river flavors, join in fun activities, and experience live shows celebrating the diverse music culture of the area.

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### **Day 4 – Paducah's Artistic Charm: Explore Quilts, Galleries, and a Blooming Spring Wonderland.**

#### Highlights

- Step into the National Quilt Museum, where fabric masterpieces captivate art lovers from everywhere.
- Enjoy downtown Paducah, a vibrant hub of art, with galleries, murals, and artisan studios to explore.
- Appreciate the town's rich history with its stunning old buildings and historical riverfront.
- Witness the Dogwood Trail Celebration in spring, with streets brightened by dogwood blooms.

Discover the vibrant city of Paducah, home to the famous National Quilt Museum, where colorful fabric artworks captivate visitors from all around the globe. As a UNESCO Creative City, downtown Paducah is alive with art, from galleries and stunning murals to bustling artisan workshops. Stroll through the historic streets lined with 19th-century buildings that echo the city's rich past. In spring, experience the Dogwood Trail Celebration as the streets bloom with beautiful dogwood flowers, creating a magical atmosphere.

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### **Day 5 – Journey Through Nature: Explore Serene Shores and Wildlife at Lake Barkley.**

#### Highlights

- Cruise along Lake Barkley and enjoy views of over 1,000 miles of winding shoreline and peaceful coves.
- Marvel at the shifting limestone cliffs from your room's large windows or private balcony.

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## River Cruises - USA



- See the vast Land Between the Lakes, a 170,000-acre natural paradise with forests, wetlands, and wildlife.
- Spot elk and bison roaming freely in this beautiful recreation area, perfect for nature lovers.

Set sail on a leisurely cruise along Lake Barkley on the Cumberland River, where each turn reveals new beauty. This scenic waterway, crafted by the Barkley Lock and Dam, stretches over 1,000 miles of shoreline dotted with serene coves. Relax from the comfort of a private balcony, enjoying views of shifting limestone cliffs. The voyage also takes guests near the Land Between the Lakes, a vast natural playground with forests, wetlands, and meadows alive with elk and bison.

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### Day 6 – Historic Dover Awaits: Visit Fort Donelson and Relive Moments That Shaped America.

#### Highlights

- Discover Dover, a quaint town with a unique blend of history and modern charm.
- Learn about the Battle of Fort Donelson, a turning point in the Civil War led by Ulysses S. Grant.
- Experience the Fort Donelson National Battlefield with engaging tours and scenic river views.
- Journey through time and explore the rich heritage of this significant historical site.

Explore a historic town that beautifully blends its rich past with a lively present. This town, famous for the Battle of Fort Donelson in 1862, where General Grant achieved a crucial win, invites visitors to step back in time. At the Fort Donelson National Battlefield, guests will enjoy interactive tours that make history feel real. As they journey through this significant site, the picturesque views of the Cumberland River add an extra layer of wonder to their experience.

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### Day 7 – Discover Clarksville: Walk Historic Trails and Uncover Tales of Frontier Bravery.

#### Highlights

- Step ashore at Clarksville, a vibrant town named after the brave General George Rogers Clark.
- Stroll the narrow trail by the riverfront, tracing the town's growth from a historic hub to a lively city.
- See the 1898 U.S. Post Office and Customs House, standing as proud reminders of the past.
- Listen to local guides share tales of Clarksville's colorful history and frontier spirit.

Clarksville, a town rich in heritage, welcomes visitors to its charming riverfront along the Cumberland River. Named after the heroic General George Rogers Clark, the town offers a delightful mix of past and present. As guests walk along the waterfront trail, they will trace Clarksville's evolution from a major tobacco center to a vibrant city. With stunning sights like the 1898 U.S. Post Office and Customs House, and engaging tales from local guides, each step brings Clarksville's unique story to life.

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**Day 8 – Discover Nashville's Soul: Iconic Venues, Vibrant Streets, and a Night at the Grand Ole Opry.**

**Highlights**

- Visit the iconic Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame, celebrating Nashville's musical legacy.
- Stroll through lively streets, enjoying colorful murals and discovering unique art in historic neighbourhoods.
- Savor Nashville’s famous hot chicken and listen to live music from aspiring artists in charming venues.
- End the day with a magical evening at the Grand Ole Opry, where country music takes centre stage.

Nashville invites guests to experience its rich musical heritage, starting with visits to the legendary Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Strolling through lively streets filled with colorful murals, visitors will discover hidden gems and local artisan shops, each telling its own story. As the sun sets, the excitement builds for an unforgettable evening at the Grand Ole Opry, where the soul of country music takes center stage in a spectacular show of talent and tradition.

**Day 9 – End Your Cruise in Style: Discover Music History and Nashville's Hidden Treasures.**

As the journey brings you back to Nashville, the possibilities for exploration continue. Guests can get close to the legends of country music with visits to the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Patsy Cline Museum, or the Johnny Cash Museum. Beyond music, Nashville invites visitors to uncover its rich past, from the historic Hermitage estate of Andrew Jackson to the beautiful architecture of the Tennessee State Capitol, ensuring a memorable end to an unforgettable cruise.

*End of your Music Cities Cruise.*

**Sailing Dates**

2025
April 22, 2025
June 10, June 17, June 24.
July 01, July 22.
August 05, August 12,
September 02, September 23, September 30
October 07, October 14, October 21, October 28.

### Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals outside of the cruise
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for Guides (expected).
- × Fares do not include all shore excursions.

**American Riverboat:** Experience luxury like never before aboard the American Riverboat.

Each spacious stateroom offers all the comforts of a modern hotel, featuring full-size bathrooms, private balconies, and expansive picture windows for breathtaking views. With interior entrances and floor-to-ceiling glass doors, guests can enjoy uninterrupted panoramas from the privacy of their rooms.

The riverboat's stunning four-story glass atrium and diverse dining options, both indoors and outdoors, promise memorable culinary experiences. Stay active in the state-of-the-art fitness center or unwind in one of the multiple lounges. The crowning jewel is our top deck Skywalk, providing an unmatched vantage point for soaking in the majestic river vistas.

### Deposit & Payment Policy

On trips of 9 nights or less - A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation

On trips of 10 nights or more - A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation

Final payment is due 90 days prior to the sailing date.

Any reservation made within 90 days of the departure date must be accompanied by full payment and is subject to Cancellation Terms.

### Change & Cancellation Policy

- Up to 91 days – 100% refundable
- 90 – 46 days – 50% refundable
- 45 – sailing date – Nil refund

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- Cancellation Administrative Charge of \$500.00 per person will be applied to all refunds in the table above.
- You may request changing your cruise itinerary or departure date up to 91 days before the scheduled sailing. Cruises may not be changed within 90 days of sailing. All changes will incur a \$250 per person administrative fee and will be subject to fare increases - if applicable.
- In the case of Non-performance of Cruises: If the Cruise Lines, cancels your cruise, or delays your cruise for more than 3 calendar days, and you do not accept an alternative cruise or choose not to travel on a delayed cruise, you are entitled to a refund of cruise fare and charges for accommodations, services and facilities (including port fees, taxes and other ancillary charges paid to the carrier relation to your cruise) for the cancelled or delayed cruise.

### FAQ

- **How many guests does the cruise ship accommodate?** The Cruise Lines' ships are small and intimate and only carry between 90 and 180 guests.
- **Is your cruise all-inclusive?** It includes all shipboard meals, entertainment, tips and gratuities, alcohol, and other port charges and fees in the price of the cruise. Many shore excursions are also included in the cost of the cruise.
- **Are all meals included?** Your cruise is all-inclusive including all meals and snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from soft drinks and water to coffee and tea.
- **Are excursions included in the cruise fare?** The cruise has three categories of excursions: Featured, Premium, and Signature. Featured excursions are included in your cruise fare and there is at least one included in each port of call on cruises on the Mississippi River, Columbia & Snake Rivers, and in Alaska. Premium excursions typically cost between \$10 and \$99 per person, and Signature excursions are exclusive experiences for only very small groups of guests. These can be fishing charters, flight-seeing tours, and kayaking excursions, or farm-to-table culinary experiences, and are \$100 or more.
- **What should I pack for my cruise?** It is recommended that you wear casual sportswear during the day including comfortable walking shoes, windbreaker, hat, sunscreen, rainwear and umbrella, and a jacket or sweater for cool evenings. Casual country club attire is recommended in the evenings and for dinner. Staterooms are 110-volt household current and offer USB ports. Please remember to bring your own phone charger and photo identification.
- **Is there a dress code requirement?** Casual resort attire is recommended both on the ship and ashore. For dinner, men's clothing might include a sports shirt and slacks, with a sports coat or sweater. Women can wear dress, or a top and slacks. We ask that you dress appropriately as if you were going out for a nice dinner.

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- **Is there a luggage limit?** There is no restriction placed on luggage. However, it is recommended that you bring as few bags as necessary. Suitcases less than 10 inches high may be stowed under your bed.
- **When should I plan to arrive for boarding?** Cruises depart at 2:00 p.m. or earlier if all guests have arrived. Guests may board between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Guests are recommended to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Crew members will carry your luggage to your stateroom.
- **How early can I disembark the ship?** On most cruises, the ship arrives at the port of disembarkation the evening before the last day of the cruise. The morning of disembarkation, breakfast is provided, and guests may stay on board until 8:30 a.m.
- **What amenities are available in the staterooms?** Your cruise staterooms, most at more than 300 square feet, are by far the largest in their class. The majority of staterooms have spacious private balconies and feature a roomy private hotel-like bath and a large, opening picture window, allowing you spectacular up-close views of landscape, ports, river and sea. Each stateroom is tastefully designed with your comfort and convenience in mind and includes the following amenities: Twin or King-sized bed, twice-daily stateroom service, individual climate control system, spacious closet and four-drawer dresser, dual night tables, alarm clock, writing desk & stationery, remote-controlled satellite TV, USB ports and mini-refrigerator, in-room single serve coffee brewer (with coffee and tea pods), shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap and hair dryer (with grab rails in every bathroom).
- **Is there cellular service on board?** Cell phones can be utilized on board, but service is not always available and can be spotty depending on weather and location and can also vary depending on your service provider.
- **Is there TV and Internet on board?** All ships are equipped with satellite TV. TV service can be intermittent, particularly in remote areas. Internet Wi-Fi service on all ships is powered by Star link.
- **Are the ships accessible for those with disabilities?** The cruise company is committed to providing guests with a safe, secure, and comfortable cruising experience. Please see Vessel Accessibility under General Information for more information.
- **Is there an elevator on board?** The ships are also equipped with an elevator for ease of movement between passenger decks.
- **Can you smoke aboard the ship?** Smoking is only allowed in designated areas on the ships. Please note that smoking is strictly prohibited in staterooms and on private balconies.
- **What is dining like aboard the ships?** Your cruise offers open seating at every meal in the spacious dining room, a great time to share your experiences with companions and build new friendships. Carefully selected fresh seafood, meats, and produce are often purchased in the regions we visit, allowing your chef to highlight the cuisine with local flavor.

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You are also provided with complimentary wine and beer during lunch and dinner service. A complimentary cocktail hour with full bar is hosted each evening before dinner. Soft drinks, coffee/tea, water, and snacks are available 24 hours a day.

- **Can you accommodate special dietary requests?** The cruise company will work to cater to any special dietary needs you may have. Submit your special dietary requirements within the Guest Information Form found in your personalized online cruise portal. Refrigeration is available to store insulin or other medications requiring protection.
- **What common spaces are on board?** Your cruise features various oversized lounges aboard each of its ships, including internet stations and a well-stocked library. Many decks are available to guests, including a lounge deck and observation deck. Binoculars, guides, and additional reading materials are available throughout the ships.
- **Is there fitness equipment on board?** Yes, your cruise features new state-of-the-art fitness equipment in a designated exercise area aboard every ship. For exact details on the equipment available on your ship, please call your Cruise Specialist.
- **What onshore excursions are offered and how do I sign up?** Each of our small ships provides a genuine and customized exploration of areas inaccessible to large ships and crowds, allowing us to explore small towns in the most meaningful way possible. There are typically two to four excursion options at each cruise port that cater to a range of different interests and activity levels. Excursions range from educational experiences in partnership with local museums to active adventures that include ATV rides and kayaking. Every excursion is led by a local guide and accompanied by an A professional team member who is always available to assist.

We have taken steps to make the sign-up process as simple as possible. Guests receive a link to a personalized online cruise portal 90 days prior to embarkation date. There, guests can access valuable documents and information about their cruise. 60 days prior to embarkation, guests may pre-reserve their shore excursions in their personalized online cruise portal.

- **What entertainment options are on board?** To further enhance your cruising experience, your cruise has various forms of entertainment from onboard entertainers to local experts and historians with knowledge of American history, ecology, and the local culture. There are activities, lectures, presentations, and discussions that bring each region to life. Depending on the itinerary, onboard activities include Art Classes, App-titude Classes (Tech Made Easy), Cooking Demonstrations, Fitness, Trivia and more.
- **If a medical emergency or incident happens, how quickly can we get ER care and to a local medical facility?** The cruise company has relationships with law enforcement agencies, local transportation companies, and medical service providers that put emergency services within close reach of our ships, whether underway or in port. Our health and safety protocols combined with our state and local partnerships enable us to provide safe travel experiences in more than 35 states across America. Our fleet of domestic ships travel U.S. waterways and only visit U.S. ports with ready access to medical and emergency services. We do not leave sight of land and do not clear customs or immigrate into the U.S. to dock our ships.

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- **What medical care does the Cruise Line have on board?** Each ship carries a first responder and has defibrillators and oxygen. These individuals can identify and stabilize a situation for transport ashore. If medical treatment beyond the capability of the crew is required, shipboard personnel will arrange transportation and remain in contact with the patient.
- **Is there a ship cleaning policy?** The cruise company cleans staterooms daily and has regular sanitation schedules for all common spaces, with particular emphasis on high-touch areas. Hand sanitizer is available in multiple areas throughout the ship and at the gangway. Cleaning and sanitation policies are designed to limit the spread of germs. Masks and gloves are available to guests and crew upon request.
- **Is there Vessel Accessibility?** The Cruise Lines small vessels are designed to accommodate all guests while meeting United States Coast Guard construction standards. We strongly encourage guests to inform their Cruise Specialist of specific travel requirements and if they may require an accessible stateroom or other accommodation. Specific accessibility requests must be made at time of booking. Guests may inform their Cruise Specialist at the time of booking if they are traveling with any mobility equipment to ensure we can provide a stateroom that best accommodates their specific need. Advance notification allows for the crew to prepare for guests' arrival.

All vessels in the Cruise Lines fleet have designated accessible staterooms available. These rooms are based on need and are booked on a "first come, first served" basis. American Riverboats, Patriot Class, Coastal Cats, and Constellation Class vessels are equipped with two modern elevators that can accommodate mobility devices. The Cruise Lines vessels are designed to operate on shallow waters and dock at small facilities. The crew is trained in the use of boarding transfer chairs and guests are transferred from the dock to the vessel in the transfer chair.

Passengers must bring and be solely responsible for any necessary items related to all medical conditions or mobility challenges. Guests who are unable to care for their basic needs (e.g. dressing, eating, moving from wheelchair to seating and/or from seating to wheelchair or standing and attending safety drills) must have a capable traveling companion.

- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi Inc. is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

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Note: The Cruise Line does not guarantee departure point, termination point or any intermediate stop. Itineraries, schedules, routes, ships, and staterooms are always subject to change at any time without notice due to weather conditions, availability of docks, shoaling, river conditions, operation of locks, mechanicals, or any other reason. The times and dates of departure and arrival are also subject to change. Some Intracoastal Waterway cruises may travel coastwise at times. The Mississippi River between St. Paul and St. Louis has particularly fickle river conditions which may require itinerary modification.

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