

## Discover the Magic of the Mississippi: A Historic Southern Cruise

8 Days | 7 Nights

New Orleans, LA

Tour Operates: 10<sup>th</sup> March to 16 December 2025

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**This tour is not customizable.**

Discover the essence of the South on a Mississippi River cruise that offers cultural enrichment and breathtaking scenery. Starting in New Orleans, this fully escorted journey leads you through historic treasures like Oak Alley and Houmas House. Explore the deep history of Vicksburg and the serene beauty of St. Francisville, all within the comfort of a seamless travel experience. This tour promises both relaxation and discovery.

**Join us on this unforgettable cruise—reserve your spot now!**



### Highlights

- Begin your journey in vibrant New Orleans, where jazz, rich history, and delicious cuisine set the stage for adventure.
- Cruise the majestic Mississippi, enjoying stunning views and lively onboard entertainment.
- Explore the historic beauty of Oak Alley and the elegance of Houmas House, connecting with Southern heritage.
- Dive into Baton Rouge's rich history, from the Old State Capitol to the bustling downtown.
- Discover the charm of Natchez and the Civil War history of Vicksburg with engaging guided tours.
- Conclude your journey in New Orleans, leaving with cherished memories of the river's beauty and history.

**Book your unforgettable Mississippi River experience today!**

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### Includes:

- ✓ 7-night's passage on the ship.
- ✓ A selection of shore excursions.
- ✓ Dining service, snack, and complimentary cocktail parties.
- ✓ Onboard entertainment.
- ✓ Gratuities aboard the ship.
- ✓ Taxes.

### Map



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### Day 1 – Arrive at New Orleans, LA.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, visitors are welcomed by a city that pulses with life, where jazz rhythms fill the air, and the flavours of Creole cuisine tantalize the senses. This city is the ideal gateway to an unforgettable Mississippi River cruise. After checking into a comfortable hotel, guests can explore the city's treasures, from the charming French Quarter to the historic National World War II Museum. The following morning, guests will enjoy a smooth and effortless transition to the cruise ship, with all luggage expertly handled, allowing for a worry-free start to the river adventure. Enjoy your trip!

### Day 2 – Experience the Majestic Mississippi: A Scenic Cruise Filled with History and Music.

#### Highlights

- Start your day with a warm welcome at the reception, setting the stage for an unforgettable journey.
- Soak in the breathtaking views as you cruise along the historic Mississippi River.
- Connect with fellow travelers, making new friends along the way.
- Enjoy vibrant performances that capture the soul of the Mississippi's musical history.

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Boarding the ship is the first step in a day filled with excitement. At the Welcome Reception, travellers are warmly greeted, setting a positive tone for the adventure ahead. As the ship cruises down the historic Mississippi River, guests can take in the breathtaking scenery while enjoying performances that echo the spirit of the river's musical roots. This immersive experience is sure to leave a lasting impression, making the day truly special.

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### **Day 3 – Explore the South’s Rich History: Oak Alley’s Grandeur and Houmas House’s Splendor Await.**

#### Highlights

- Stroll under the majestic oaks of Oak Alley, leading you to a grand historic home steeped in Southern history.
- Discover the architectural and agricultural legacy of the South at this remarkable site.
- Visit Houmas House, known for its 19th-century luxury and stunning gardens.
- Uncover the rich history and stories of life at this opulent estate, surrounded by natural beauty.

As the cruise continues, guests could visit Oak Alley and Houmas House, two stunning landmarks in Louisiana. Oak Alley’s Avenue of ancient oaks and its historic mansion offer a window into the grandeur of the South's past. Houmas House, known as "The Sugar Palace," showcases the lavish lifestyle of the 19th century, with beautiful gardens and fascinating stories of those who once resided there. These visits bring to life the elegance and history of Louisiana's river road estates, creating a memorable experience for all.

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### **Day 4 – Discover Baton Rouge: A Day of History, Art, and Scenic Louisiana Landscapes.**

#### Highlights

- Uncover the history of Baton Rouge, a city with a name and legacy dating back to 1699.
- Delve into Governor Huey P. Long’s influential career at the Old State Capitol.
- Experience the stunning design of the 1932 State Capitol, known for its grand architecture.
- Explore downtown Baton Rouge, where art, history, and natural beauty converge.

Baton Rouge, a city with deep historical roots, is the heart of Louisiana. Known for its "red stick" origins, it's where guests can delve into the life of Governor Huey P. Long at the Old State Capitol Museum. The tour continues to the grand 1932 State Capitol building. As visitors explore downtown, they'll be captivated by the city's flourishing art scene and stunning architecture. A narrated boat tour through the lush Louisiana swamp offers a thrilling view of the area's natural beauty, adding another layer of excitement to the day.

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### **Day 5 – Uncover Southern Elegance: Natchez’s Historic Charm and Vicksburg’s Civil War Legacy.**

#### Highlights

- Explore the grand 19th-century homes in Natchez, preserved from the Civil War, offering a rich glimpse into Southern history.

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- Tour historic townhouses and a working cotton estate, experiencing the true charm of Southern hospitality.
- Enjoy breathtaking views from the bluff, where Natchez overlooks the majestic Mississippi River.
- In Vicksburg, dive into Civil War history with guided tours at the National Military Park, understanding the pivotal battles.

In Natchez, the beauty of historic homes along the Mississippi River captures the essence of the Old South. Guests can tour these majestic residences, delve into the history of a working cotton estate, and admire the river views that have inspired generations. Vicksburg offers a compelling journey through history at the Vicksburg National Military Park. Here, the story of a key Civil War battle is told through engaging guided tours, providing a powerful connection to American heritage amidst the serene river landscape.

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### Day 6 – Uncover St. Francisville’s Charm: Historic Mansions and Majestic River Scenery.

#### Highlights

- Discover the history of St. Francisville, a picturesque town with panoramic views from its high riverbanks.
- Stroll through the Historic District, where majestic mansions reflect the town’s prosperous past.
- Enjoy browsing unique boutiques surrounded by the town’s historic charm.
- Take in the serene landscape with its towering oaks and Spanish moss, embodying Southern elegance.

St. Francisville, perched high above the river, offers breathtaking views and a journey back in time. Once a bustling cotton port, this charming town invites visitors to explore its rich history. Whether on a guided tour or wandering alone, guests will be captivated by the Historic District, where grand mansions tell tales of past elegance. The landscape, with its majestic oaks and Spanish moss, perfectly captures the timeless beauty of the South, making the experience unforgettable and deeply rewarding.

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### Day 7 – Discover New Orleans: Jazz-Filled Streets, Delicious Creole Eats, and Rich History.

#### Highlights

- Feel the pulse of New Orleans, where jazz resonates through the streets, adding life to every corner.
- Explore the historic French Quarter, with its charming balconies and hidden courtyards perfect for unwinding.
- Indulge in the culinary delights of New Orleans, enjoying beignets, gumbo, and po' boys.
- Discover history at the National WWII Museum, a must-see in this dynamic and cultural city.

New Orleans offers a feast for the senses, where the rhythm of jazz weaves through the city’s streets. The French Quarter beckons with its picturesque balconies and secret courtyards, perfect for unwinding and soaking in the atmosphere. Guests will delight in the taste of beignets from Café du Monde and the rich flavors of local cuisine. A visit to the National WWII Museum adds a compelling layer of history, making the time spent in New Orleans both enriching and memorable.

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**Day 8 – Say Goodbye to the Mississippi: Final Moments in Jazz-Filled New Orleans**

In a city where jazz is a vibrant way of life, the journey along the Mississippi River reaches its end. Over the past eight days, travellers have gathered memories and a newfound appreciation for the river's storied past. As they disembark, the Mighty Mississippi and its peaceful landscapes extend a quiet, yet profound farewell, ensuring that this remarkable adventure will be remembered fondly.

*End of your Historic Mississippi River Cruise Tour.*

**Sailing Dates**

2025
Mar 10, Mar 16, Mar 22, Mar 29
Apr 04, Apr 10, Apr 16, Apr 22, Apr 28
May 04, May 10, May 16, May 22, May 28.
Jul 01, 2025
Oct 10, Oct 16, Oct 22, Oct 28.
Nov 03, Nov 09, Nov 15, Nov 17, Nov 23, Nov 28.
Dec 04, Dec 10, Dec 16.

**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

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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.

**Classic Paddlewheelers:** Step back in time aboard our Classic Paddlewheelers, where nostalgic charm meets modern comfort. These beautifully designed riverboats offer the largest staterooms in the industry, each with a private balcony for unparalleled views of the scenic river landscapes. After a day of discovery, unwind in one of the spacious lounges or savor regionally inspired dishes in our elegant, glass-enclosed restaurant. Enjoy the stunning vistas from multiple observation decks, or stay active in the onboard fitness center, all while relishing a truly unique river cruising experience.

### 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

Cancellation Administrative Charge of \$500.00 per person will be applied to all refunds in the table above.

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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.
- **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.

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- **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.

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.

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- **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 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.
- **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.

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- **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.

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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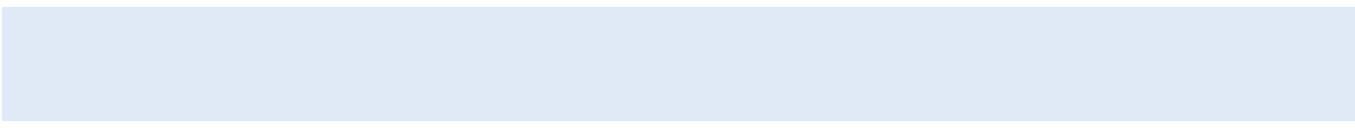
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