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New Orleans Roundtrip River Cruise – May 26, 2018

Board one of the brand new riverboats offered through American Cruise Lines as you celebrate the music, history, and culture of the Lower Mississippi. (8 days – 7 nights)

Your journey begins and ends in New Orleans, a melting pot of French, African, and American culture. Here you can enjoy exclusive access to its vibrant music scene and the best in Cajun and Creole cuisine.

On the curated tours of area plantations such as the Oak Alley, Frogmore, and Rosedown, hear stories about southern life from a team of passionate experts who we have assembled to show you each place in detail.

Explore historic towns and beautiful gardens along the way and be treated to an exclusive American Cruise Lines classical piano concert at the famous J.N. Stone House. In Vicksburg, the expert guides show you the battlefields, the USS Cairo, and the most significant historic sites throughout the city.

Our very own Mark Twain will be joining us on this exciting trip down the Mississippi with exclusive presentations!



Shore Excursion Tours

Day 1 – New Orleans, LA – Embarkation

Day 2 – Oak Alley, LA

Oak Alley Plantation Tour – Featured – 1 hour guided tour and extra time for self-exploration – ¾ mile walking (golf carts available to bring guests from gates to the house) – Handicap accessible except for the second floor of the house. There are virtual tours of the second floor available on iPads at the house

- Walk the path bordered by 300 year old trees which form a canopy setting which form a canopy setting a particularly grand entrance for our arrival
- Southern belles welcome us on arrival and are our guides for the day

- In small groups, we bring you through the antebellum plantation's many stately rooms and show you why it has earned the name "Grande Dame of the Great River Road"
- After the tour, there will be a special gathering with mint juleps on the west lawn
- Visit the popular gift shop which is known for their world-famous pralines



Day 3 – Natchez, MS

Frogmore Plantation Tour – Premium - 2.5 hours – 1 mile walking (golf carts available for guests unable to walk) – Handicap accessible

- Our local guide will accompany you to the cotton gin and will be your escort as you explore the 1,800 acre cotton plantation
- In small groups, the plantation owners will delve in to the history of plantation life
- Pick real cotton directly from the cotton fields
- Participate in a live gospel performance
- Learn about the progress in cotton technology from Eli Whitney's original gin to their modern day computerized plantation

J.N. Stone House Tour & Concert – Premium – 2.5 hours – ¼ mile walking – Handicap accessible

- Be greeted by fourth-generation owner, Joseph Stone, whose family has owned the home for over 135 years
- He will guide you on a personal tour of his unique antebellum-style home and cover the many different purposes it has served over the years
- Explore his eclectic collection of period-specific artwork and one-of-a-kind antiques
- The afternoon concludes in the music hall with wine and beverages as Mr. Stone performs an exclusive classical piano concert

Historic Natchez Exploration (Longwood Plantation) – Featured – 1 hour bus tour and 1 hour house tour – ¼ mile walking within the house – Handicap accessible

- Our expert local guide will build upon the lecture you received the night before by our onboard historian
- The tour guide will provide you with an insider's perspective into the city's rich history
- Explore the Longwood Plantation home, famous for remaining incomplete, as the Union workers left the structure unfinished to go fight in the Civil War

Day 4 – Vicksburg, MS

Vicksburg National Military Park – Featured – 3 hours – Minimal walking – Handicap accessible

- The night before the tour, our onboard Civil War historian gives an overview on the sights you'll visit at the Park the next day
- Upon arrival at the park, rangers who are well-versed in Civil War history guide you on a customized tour that's specific to the interests of the group

- Our private tour guide will stay with you throughout the day to answer questions and provide additional knowledge
- Explore the:
 - Restored ironclad gunboat, U.S.S. Cairo
 - Battlefield where the Siege of Vicksburg took place
 - Over 1,300 monuments dedicated to those who lost their lives

Day 5 – St. Francisville, LA

Rosedown Plantation Tour – Featured – 3 hours – 1 mile walking – Handicap accessible (golf carts available to get to entrance)

- When you enter the Main House, you will be greeted by our lively resident expert, Tammie Miller
- As you tour the home, Tammie will explain the family history of the owners and how their experiences helped shape the Main House into a home
- At the conclusion of your tour, time is set aside to explore the grounds on your own
- Sit in a rocking chair on the front porch with

cold refreshments and some of Tammie's freshly made cookies



Day 6 – Baton Rouge, LA

Signature Atchafalaya Basin Tour — 7 hours – Minimal walking – Handicap accessible - *Must be Pre-Booked prior to joining the cruise*

- Explore America's largest and most complex river basin ecosystems
- Cruise through the open waters of the Atchafalaya Basin as native guides discuss the abundant plant and wildlife indigenous to the area
- Learn about the locals living on houseboats and how they have protected this land over the years
- After the basin boat tour, travel a short distance to Pat's Fisherman's Wharf for a simple luncheon with southern favorites
- Continue on a city tour of Baton Rouge viewing historic landmarks of this town
- Enjoy a stop at the Louisiana State Museum to learn about the state's unique past and present
- Travel time between Baton Rouge and Henderson is approximately 1 hour and will be narrated by a local guide

U.S.S. Kid – 2 hours – Minimal walking – Partially handicap accessible

- Known as the “Pirate of the Pacific,” this Fletcher-class destroyer is a memorial to the men and women that served in the American armed forces
- On this self-guided tour, see artifacts and aircraft from World War II

Historic Baton Rouge Tour – Featured – 2.5 hours – ½ mile walking – Handicap accessible

- After breakfast, you will be welcomed to Baton Rouge at the ship with colorful Mardi Gras beads
- Your first stop is the Louisiana Old State Capitol
 - Watch a one-of-a-kind interactive film which will bring you face-to-face with the ghost of the castle, Sarah Morgan
- Afterwards, a Baton Rouge native will serve as your tour guide and will bring you to the Louisiana State Museum, a completely interactive museum with three floors of displays detailing each different region of Louisiana

Day 7 – Houmas House, LA

Houmas House & Plantation – Featured – 1 Hour house tour followed by self-guided tour of the gardens – ½ Mile Walking – Handicap Accessible but NO elevator to the second floor of the house

- “*The Sugar Palace*” – 16 rooms filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork
- Take a private tour through the gardens and home
- Once inside, permission is granted to use the home’s furniture for a truly authentic experience
- Stories of the home’s many inhabitants brought to life through the unique collection of Louisiana art
- Ms. Judy Davis, who has a personality as magnificent as the mansion itself joins us aboard for an entertaining evening of humor and songs of the South



Day 8 – New Orleans, LA – Disembarkation

New Orleans City Tour –options – Minimal walking – Handicap accessible

- Guide will give you a local’s look at the area’s most famous attractions
 - French Quarter
 - The colorful garden district
 - Famous stately mansions which still remain in period form
- Plenty of time to enjoy the local flavors, like chicory coffee, sweet beignets, and famous New Orleans jazz music
- Passengers will be dropped off at the end of the tour either at the airport or Harrah’s

Cruise Details:

Cruise starts May 26, 2018

Enjoy a private balcony

Cost: \$4,800 pp.

\$500 Deposit due at reservation

Final payment is due 120 days from cruise date (1/26/18).



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