

MISSISSIPPI RIVER HOLIDAY CRUISE

New Orleans . Nottoway . St. Francisville . Natchez . Vicksburg .
Greenville . Scenic River Cruising . Memphis

December 1-9, 2024



Featuring Natchez's Christmas Markets

Natchez and Christmas go together! Hallmark chose it as the filming location for its Hallmark Christmas Movie - "Every time a bell rings." It's also been named one of the "10 Best Christmas Towns in America." Now, special holiday markets have been created especially for American Queen Voyages. From handcrafted ornaments to yuletide delights, this cruise offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the local holiday traditions. You can stroll through craft stalls for a gift or treats to enjoy back on board. Nottoway Resort will light bonfires on the riverbank as a festive send-off. Giving Trees at different ports will help local charities. Hanukkah will also be observed so guests can enjoy traditional treats, including homemade latkes (fried potato pancakes).

*See the USA -
With Please Go Away™
Fully experience living history
during the Holiday Season*

- This river cruise on the American Queen, the largest steamboat ever built and a true steam "paddlewheeler," experiences the ports and plantations of America's historic south, coupled with the holiday atmosphere and traditions found nowhere else.
- The American Queen has health and wellness facilities that include a spa with masseuse located on main deck and a gym and pool located between the fifth and sixth decks.
- There are also several entertainment venues including the Grand Saloon - a stage theater modeled after Ford's Theatre. Other entertainment options include a movie theater on Deck 3, musical performances in the Engine Room Bar on Deck 2 and numerous card games and reading materials in the Gentlemen's Card Room, Ladies' Parlor, Mark Twain Gallery and Chart Room.
- Then, to this amazing river cruise experience Please Go Away™ Vacations has added multiple "features" and all-inclusive pricing.

- **Our PGA SELECT FEATURE** provides a valuable special bonus that you will receive when paid reservation deposits are made by the PGA SELECT FEATURE early reservation deadline. Details appear elsewhere in this brochure.
- The end result is a one-of-a-kind personally escorted and value added travel experience with no additional or hidden costs required in order to have a complete in depth travel experience. The result is one of our special "FEATURE" TRAVEL experiences. Compare!



Special Onboard Inclusions

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| • Unlimited Guided Tours | • Port Taxes & Fees |
| • Unlimited Beverages - (wine, spirits, craft beers, & specialty coffees) | • Open Bars & Lounges "plus" Juice Bar |
| • In-room Dining | • Unlimited WiFi |
| • Pre-Paid Gratuities | • Live Entertainment |
| • Gourmet Food Choices | • Bicycles / Hiking Sticks |
| | • Locally Sourced Foods |

*See Page 2 for
PGA Select Feature
(time & space limited)*

OUR PORTS OF CALL

IMPORTANT! *Sightseeing is provided with American Queen's "Steamcoaches" and their "Hop On - Hop Off" routes. Additionally, special Please Go Away™ Vacations "FEATURE" BONUSES (highlighted below) have been added to provide "behind the scenes" experiences, adding to your understanding and appreciation of America's history.*

Day 1 - NEW ORLEANS PRE-CRUISE NIGHT:

Our included air flights will whisk us to New Orleans, where upon arrival we will be transported to our waiting hotel. After check in and time to relax, your personal Please Go Away™ Vacation escort will host your first included for our special group Please Go Away™ Vacations "FEATURE" BONUS, a "Welcome to New Orleans Dinner" at a restaurant known providing an opportunity to sample New Orleans tastes. After dining together and getting to know other better we'll be ready for a relaxing night in anticipation of beginning our river adventure the next day..

Day 2 - NEW ORLEANS - TRANSFER TO

BOAT: *After enjoying our included breakfast it will be time for another Special Please Go Away™ Vacations' "FEATURE" BONUS: NEW ORLEANS IN DEPTH! Discover the history of New Orleans including its first settlers, long-standing cultures, religions, Hurricane Katrina and Mardi Gras. On this narrated driving tour, you will experience the city in depth. Relax in the comfort of our motorcoach as we glide past some of the most iconic attractions in the city including the French Quarter, Jackson Square, Lake Pontchartrain, and the Garden District, where elegant mansions stand as a testament to Greek revival, Italianate and Queen Anne Victorian styles. A stop in Jackson Square will be the perfect location to join your personal Please Go Away™ Vacations host and find a memorable souvenir or treat yourself to an "on your own" authentic New Orleans style lunch at one of the many cafes and eateries. Later we will travel down St. Charles Avenue, along the famous street car line where New Orleans' most prestigious and beautiful colleges, Tulane University and Loyola University, are located. There's more! We'll continue the day in New Orleans' breathtaking City Park. Comprising about 1300 acres, City Park is one of the oldest and largest urban parks in the country. The park's most notable asset is its large grove of mature live oaks, where the oldest trees range from 600-800 years old. Here we will take a short break to relax and soak in the awe-inspiring scenery of the "Big Easy." St. Louis Cemetery #3, better known as the "The City of the Dead" awaits. One of New Orleans' famed above-ground cemeteries, it is known for its highly ornate tombs, many of which are stunning works of art in their own right. Our knowledgeable guide will help us discover the significance behind each of the tombs, which correlate to many of the memorable chapters in the history of New Orleans. This "FEATURE" BONUS ends at our waiting Queen of the Rivers.*

Day 3 - NOTTOWAY: American Queen Steamboat Company features an exclusive port at Nottoway. While the boat is docked, visit the sugarcane estate – the largest standing antebellum mansion in the South. Nottoway is an intricate building with impressive detail. Original furnishings mingle with era-appropriate antiques to create an atmosphere that does justice to the home's original ambiance. It is fascinating history and luxurious aesthetic packaged in Southern hospitality – an experience that you will not want to pass up. It's time for another special included Please Go Away™ Vacations "FEATURE" BONUS: "Cajun Swamp Tour and Life in the Bayou Experience! *Enjoy a true Cajun experience in the back bayous and swamps of Louisiana. Leaving Nottoway Resort in our rear view, our local guide will discuss the affluent southern Louisiana lifestyle during the era when sugarcane reigned. As we arrive in La Place, Louisiana, home to the 250-acre, privately owned Manchac Swamp, prepare for an unforgettable journey. For the next hour and a half, our knowledgeable Cajun captain will guide us through these tranquil waters. See moss-draped cypress trees and lush vegetation, and possibly come within feet of jumping alligators, as we travel the meandering waters of the swamp.*

Day 4 - ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA: St. Francisville today is a testament to the lifestyle of a bygone era, with its plethora of charming antebellum-period homes and striking architecture. With over 140

buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside and bustling Main Street shops, this quaint town situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi River has a style all its own.

Day 5 - NATCHEZ, MS: It seems as if history fell asleep and awoke unscathed by the changing of times in this magical port. This charming river town was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi River. It's known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history – found on every street corner. Enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historic homes, all of which inspired Hugh Bayless to include Natchez in his book "The 100 Best Towns in America." Time will be allowed to experience and enjoy "The Christmas Markets of Natchez" that capture the spirit of the season and build upon the city's designation as one of the "10 Best Christmas Towns in America."

Day 6 - VICKSBURG, MS: Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern attractions. As a major battle site during the Civil War, this Southern town carries a history unlike any other. Learn about the historic conflicts of the city, taste its cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir.

Day 7 - GREENVILLE, MS: Greenville is a wellspring of music, literature, adventure, imagination, and history. Fertile alluvial soil, moderate annual climate, the blues, and some of the friendliest folk in the South are just some of the attributes of Greenville, Mississippi, the queen of the delta. This city has inspired greatness from Native Americans to cotton barons, Pulitzer-Prize winners, Civil Rights leaders, musicians, poets, and inventors.

Day 8 - SCENIC RIVER CRUISING: Watch small river towns and lush landscapes slowly become lost in the horizon as sunlight plays upon the deck. Take hold of a literary classic, curl up on a plush chair in a cozy corner and relish in the moment of tranquility. Experience the fulfillment that river cruising offers.

Day 9 - MEMPHIS: All too soon our adventure on the "Mighty Mississippi comes to a close. Our group will be transferred to the airport for our included return flight home. .

FREE PGA SELECT FEATURE Reserve By December 1, 2023



When you reserve by December 1, 2023 you will receive this in depth experience of American history the FRONTLINES OF THE CIVIL PREMIUM TOUR! Its value is \$119.00 per person. You will experience the site of one of the most pivotal battles in our country's history. Aptly described by President Lincoln as "the key to victory," the Siege of Vicksburg was the Union Army's crucial push to capture a vital strategic position during the American Civil War. Join us for an exclusive tour as our river coach travels the 16 -mile road that weaves through Vicksburg National Military Park.

PRICES PPDO

Singles Welcome - Visit For Price

CATEGORY C - \$5,689.30

CATEGORY B - \$5,969.30

Category descriptions on following page

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:

- FRIENDSHIP BONUS PLAN: \$56.89 - 59.69 Cash or 113.78 - \$119.39 FutureTravel Credit
- \$50.00 TRAVEL WALL OF FAME SAVINGS
- \$25.00 EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAVINGS

YOUR CHOICE OF STEAMBOAT ACCOMMODATIONS



B – OUTSIDE STATEROOM WITH OPEN VERANDA / 190-205 sq. ft. with open veranda . Queen bed or two single beds . Full bathroom with standard tub/shower combination . Flat-screen TV . French doors open to deck. Interior and/or exterior access . **Observation Deck.** Imagine opening French doors to a sweeping river vista and the fresh breezes of the river. Sit on the deck outside your stateroom and greet early-morning strollers, relax in bed with your favorite book or soak in a hot bath.



C – OUTSIDE STATEROOM WITH OPEN VERANDA / 140-160 sq. ft. with open veranda . Queen bed or two single beds . Full bathroom with shower or standard tub/shower combination . Flat-screen TV . French doors open to deck . Exterior access . **Observation, Texas and Cabin Decks.** Open your French doors, and enjoy the fresh air. Sit on the deck outside your stateroom, and take in the gently changing views of the landscape, or indulge in a leisurely morning in bed with room service.



YOU WILL ENJOY - ALL INCLUDED



EXCELLENT DINING / Inspired by America's heartland and our Southern heritage, *American Queen's* menus showcase the varied cultural and culinary influences of our nation. In the elegant J.M. White dining room, any meal will keep you savoring the memory of the flavors and sharing your excitement for our excellent service – even after you leave the boat. If you are looking for a more casual atmosphere, the Front Porch Café is for you. Meals there feature favorite main dishes, such as roast prime rib alongside irresistible sides – roasted new potatoes, classic mac-and-cheese and fresh salads.



ENTERTAINMENT / Entertainment on the *American Queen* is one-of-a-kind. Stunning live performances are scheduled each night in the two-story Grand Saloon, where you might be taken back to the roaring 20's with a big band set, or maybe a more theatrical show, featuring Broadway's biggest hits. And be sure to bring your dancin' shoes to the Engine Room Bar to enjoy a live set by our talented musicians. And be sure to enjoy the smaller areas where you can relax, have a pleasant conversation, and enjoy your favorite liquid refreshments.



ENRICHMENT / Learn more about the region in which you are traveling with a number of enrichment programs we offer. See for yourself the highlights of each port that we visit on one of our guided Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions, or elect to take part in one of our expertly designed premium experiences. And our onboard historians – we like to call them Riverlorians – provide interesting lectures on the history and culture that surrounds you as you roll down the river. You will learn about a most important part of our nation's history, while at the same time, you are right there - where it happened.



RELAXATION / The rhythm of the river invites you to take a deep breath and enjoy the simple moments like listening to the only remaining steam calliope. Take in the sunrise with a cup of coffee as you sit on the white rocking chairs of the Front Porch of America, or have a drink at the River Grill as you watch the paddlewheel turn. Admire the rich mahogany furniture of the Mark Twain Gallery. Grab a freshly baked cookie and curl up with a good book. America will literally float by in a setting and environment that can happen in no other way.

PLUS HOLIDAY TRADITIONS & CHRISTMAS MARKETS



Additional Please Go Away™ Vacations

FEATURE BONUSES & MORE:

- ♦ Free Memory Photo Video capturing all tour members in candid pictures that will record the good times and special happenings.
- ♦ Complete tour documentation and informational memos prior to departure.
- ♦ Online pre-departure briefing to review travel documents and to answer all questions.
- ♦ **"All inclusive pricing"** - everything shown on this brochure is already included in the prices shown on this brochure. Unlike many other programs, there are no hidden charges or the need to add a lot of "extras" in order to have a complete travel experience.
- ♦ With a minimum of 12 paying passengers traveling, you will be personally hosted throughout by a Please Go Away™ Vacations representative who will take care of all travel details, allowing you to relax and absorb the experiences that await.

Very Important Cancellation Provisions and More - Read Carefully - Understand or Ask Now

Travel Protection and Cancellation Assessments It is the desire of Cheyenne Travel Agency, Inc. dba Please Go Away™ Vacations that you place the money you pay for your deposit and final payments at minimal risk. Immediately upon reserving American Queen Voyages imposes a non-refundable administration fee of \$250.00 per person upon cancellation for any reason. One of the many "features" provided for you in this special departure is travel insurance that provides protection beginning at the time you reserve and continuing through conclusion of your travel experience. This protection provides you can cancel for "covered reasons" as determined solely by insurance provider and receive a 100% cash refund of monies paid less the cost of travel insurance in an amount equal to that shown for such protection on the confirmation you received at the time of reserving. Any cancellation for "non-covered" reasons determined solely by insurance provider is additionally subject to the following non-refundable amounts: 120 days prior to departure – 25% of monies paid; 105 days prior to departure – 50% of monies paid; 75 days prior to departure – 75% of monies paid; and 45 days prior to departure – 100% of monies paid.

There's More In addition, everything else referenced in this brochure as being included is included in the one price you pay. Among these are, but not limited to: personal escort (with minimum of 12 qualifying passengers) and roundtrip air from Wichita (air from all other major cities available, with prices adjusted to reflect any differences), special included Please Go Away™ Vacations "FEATURE" BONUSES (highlighted in the daily itinerary portion of this brochure), air/port/other taxes/government fees, transfers, other charges. Should air schedules force an additional overnight stay, it will be at the passenger's expense (not expected). Always compare our special personally escorted and value added group "FEATURE" TRAVEL experiences "point by point" - you'll be pleased when you do because you will readily determine that you receive more for your money when you "See the USA with Please Go Away™."

Deposit A normal deposit of \$1,250 per person is required to secure space. The earlier you reserve the better choice you have as to stateroom location, flight times, airplane seating, dining times, and possible additional savings. Reserve now and be protected by our exclusive limited **RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE**. This exclusive no cost benefit allows you to reserve now to lock in best accommodations, flight schedules, preferred dining times, etc., and still be able to, subject to \$250.00 cruise line fee, cancel "for any reason" until the refund date. After this date, cancellations "must" be for "covered reasons" as determined solely by the insurance provider.

Comments on Airlines Used As part of Cheyenne Travel Agency, Inc. dba Please Go Away™ Vacations' unmatched personal service of "taking" travelers on the personally escorted travel experiences detailed in this catalog and/or this brochure, as opposed to "sending" them on their own; while at the same time providing value-added "all inclusive" travel experiences where everything specifically referenced in the descriptive brochure is already included in the price shown. This includes, but is not limited to, round trip air transportation from a specific named departure city or cities (changes in the departure city used are allowed with proper adjustment of pricing). The identity of specific carrier(s) used, which may include a code-share flight, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date, when known. In the alternative, individual travelers may arrange their own air transportation that properly coincides with arrival and departure requirements of the specific tour departure. If done, proper reductions will be calculated. In today's travel world airlines regularly charge to check luggage, for overweight luggage, and for other services. When imposed, airlines require the traveler to individually pay for these amounts with credit or debit cards, or cash. Because of this, such charges are not included in any indicated tour cost. Flight air fares will be calculated from Wichita, KS unless schedules or availability indicate otherwise. We are pleased to attempt to arrange flights from other departure cities if more convenient for, and requested by, our travelers. When this occurs, fare adjustments - either up or down - are passed through to the affected traveler.

Comments on Travel Companies This travel adventure is offered by Cheyenne Travel Agency, Inc. dba Please Go Away™ Vacations in concert with American Queen Voyages. Rarely, because of river or other conditions, and to assure the safety of passengers, it is necessary for the *American Empress* to alter its planned itinerary, including the possibility of not being able to dock at a planned port of call.

Limitations of Liability, Disclaimer, and More - VERY IMPORTANT! All persons reserving will be provided with a confirmation packet, a disclaimer and limitation of liability form. It is incorporated into this brochure as if set forth in full herein. Should you desire not to proceed with your reservation, it will be necessary for you to notify Cheyenne Travel Agency, Inc. dba Please Go Away™ Vacations in writing within (7) days of receiving these documents. Doing so will generate a prompt refund to you of your reservation deposit. Should any person not return the disclaimer, properly signed, it will be understood that all persons covered by your reservation understand and agree to the terms. A copy of the disclaimer is available for viewing prior to making reservations, upon request.

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I/we desire to reserve _____ spaces for the following persons: _____,
All names should be exactly as they appear on Driver's License or Current Passport

Dates of Birth: _____, _____, _____ I/we desire: () CATEGORY B () CATEGORY C () Other, if available

Reservation deposit payment (check preferred) in the amount of \$1,250. per person is enclosed. I/we prefer air flights out of: _____

My/our reservation(s) is made by December 1, 2023 and qualifies for the PGA SELECT FEATURE worth () Yes () No

Name of person making reservation

Address/City/State/Zip

Email