



**December 11-19, 2023- Christmas on the Lower Mississippi**  
**“America Countess” Group Cruise**  
**HOLIDAYS & HISTORY ON THE RIVER**

**Package Includes:**

- Overnight Car Parking in Ormond & Viera (9) days
- Transportation to Orlando International Airport r/t from Ormond, Viera, **Jacksonville & The Villages**
- Air Flight Roundtrip w/ 1 checked Suitcase.
- Air Flight New Orleans to Orlando w/ 1 checked Suitcase.
- 1 Night Pre Cruise Hotel at Peabody Hotel or similar
- Breakfast Day 2 Peabody Hotel
- Tour Graceland Home & Museum
- 7 Night Cruise on American Countess- Small Ship “Countess”
- 7 Breakfast, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- All Nightly Entertainment on Countess
- All Hop on Hop off Excursion in each town.
- Gratuity on Countess to Ship Crew
- Beverage Alcohol Package on Ship
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# AMERICAN COUNTESS

Year Built / Refurbished	Guest Decks	Length	Staterooms	Guest Capacity	Number of Crew Members
1996 / 2020	4	361 ft.	123	245	98



## ALL-INCLUSIVE FARES INCLUDE:



1-night Pre-cruise Hotel Stay with free ground transfers between hotel and vessel



Unlimited Guided Tours designed with your comfort in mind aboard private, deluxe motorcoaches



Unlimited Beverages including an extensive wine list, choice spirits, local craft beers and specialty coffees



Open Bars & Lounges throughout the vessel including a juice bar EVERY morning



Locally Sourced & regionally Inspired Cuisine from land and sea



Gourmet Selections of freshly prepared choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner



In-room Dining Available



Pre-Paid Gratuities **(NEW)**



Port Taxes & Fees **(NEW)**



Unlimited WiFi



Live, Daily Onboard Entertainment & Enrichment



Bicycles\* and Hiking Sticks



## Dining

Inspired by America's heartland and our Southern heritage, our menus showcase our nation's varied cultural and culinary influences, including Cajun and Creole cuisine.



## Recreation

From lively performances to stimulating lectures with our knowledgeable historians or Riverlorians, you will find a pastime on the ship that suits your passion.



## Relaxation

This bold paddlewheeler boasts a sleek, contemporary design effortlessly hosting guests, with plenty of open space for guest gatherings, especially the portside bar, which will delight guests with an expansive panoramic view.



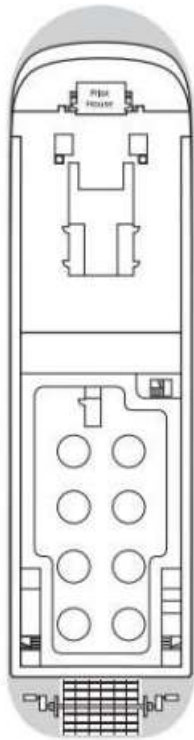
## Entertainment & Enrichment

Step into a different era of the river each evening with live, daily entertainment, including Broadway-inspired shows. Sit in on a lecture on the Lakes & Oceans, or participate in a science experiment with marine biologists from California Polytechnic State University. From expert Riverlorians and explorers to naturalists and historians, there is much to do and discover aboard an American Queen Voyages sailing.

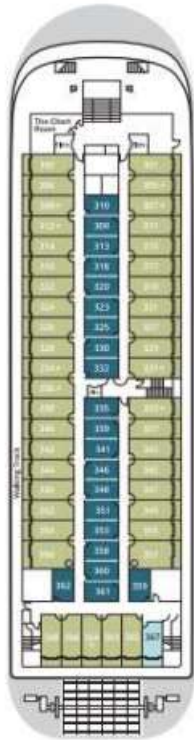
## Regionally Inspired Cuisines

Indulge in regionally inspired cuisine that is bound to make even the most trained palettes come alive. With lobster tails available daily and authentic flavors incorporated from each destination, every voyage is a culinary adventure. Beyond superlative dining, the culinary experience aboard American Queen Voyages ships is an intrinsic part of the overall journey that gives each guest a deeper gastronomic connection to the places they visit.

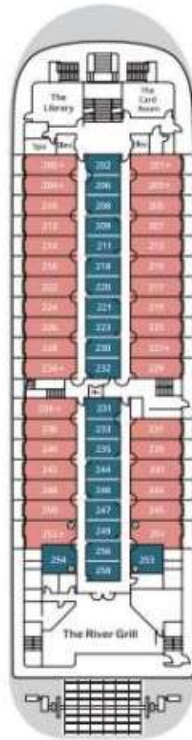




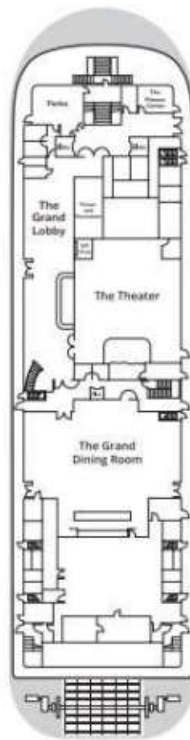
**DECK 4  
SUN DECK**  
Pilot House



**DECK 3  
OBSERVATION DECK**  
The Chart Room  
Walking Track  
Staterooms



**DECK 2  
CABIN DECK**  
The Library  
The Card Room  
Spa  
The River Grill  
Staterooms



**DECK 1  
MAIN DECK**  
Perks  
The Fitness Center  
The Grand Lobby  
The Theater  
The Grand Dining Room



# **Itinerary**

## **Monday, December 11, 2023**

- Depart to Orlando International Airport Arrive Memphis – Transfer to Hotel- Not Included
- Check into Peabody Hotel- 1 night stay Included!

## **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

- Breakfast included at Peabody Hotel
- Luggage will be taken to the American Countess
- 10:00am Board Motor Coach to Graceland “Everything Elvis Tour” 4- Hours
- You will then be dropped off at the American Countess to Board the Vessel
- Dinner
- Entertainment each night on Vessel

## **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

- **Arrive Tunica, MS**
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Enjoy Included Hop on Hop off Excursions
- Nightly Entertainment

## **Thursday, December 14, 2023**

- **Scenic River Cruising**
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Day Activities & Nightly Entertainment

## **Friday, December 15, 2023**

- **Natchez, MS**
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Enjoy Included Hop on Hop off Excursions
- Day Activities & Nightly Entertainment

## **Saturday, December 16, 2023**

- St. Francisville, LS
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Enjoy Included Hop on Hop off Excursions
- Day Activities & Nightly Entertainment

## **Sunday, December 17, 2023**

- Baton Rouge , LS.
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Enjoy Included Hop on Hop off Excursions
- Day Activities & Nightly Entertainment

## **Monday, December 18, 2023**

- Nottoway, LS.- Exclusive to A.Q.V
- Breakfast, Lunch Dinner on Ship
- Enjoy Included Hop on Hop off Excursions
- Day Activities & Nightly Entertainment

## **Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

- New Orleans
- Breakfast on Vessel
- Disembark to Airport
- Arrive Orlando International Airport
- Return by Motor Coach Transportation to Parked Car

### **Tennessee Christmas Cruise Aboard the General Jackson Paddle Boat**

This musical Christmas treat celebrates the tremendous legacy of holiday favorites from some of Tennessee's greatest musical stars like Garth Brooks, Blake Shelton, Reba McEntire, Luke Bryan plus many more. From the Great Smoky Mountains, we'll hear bluegrass and Americana styled holiday hits and from the heart of Memphis, we'll feature some Christmas rhythm and blues from the King of Rock and Roll himself, Elvis Presley. Our show culminates with a touching and joyful.

**Peabody Hotel Enjoy your pre-cruise hotel.** For your convenience, our Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel, and our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving premium experiences. Representatives from American Queen Voyages and our local port/city partner will be available to provide you with dining, entertainment and sightseeing options to maximize your time here.

### **Graceland Christmas Tour**

Graceland Voted #1 by everyone. Including *USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice for "Best Holiday Historic Home Tour"* for four years in a row! Graceland has also been nominated to be a contender again in 2022. This Tour Includes Home w/ Audio, Cemetery, Automobile and Preservation Museum

**Tunica** was established in 1840, close to 300 years after Hernando de Soto traveled through the area. Named after the Tunica Native Americans, today Tunica is the third-largest gaming region in the United States, after Las Vegas and Atlantic City. It is also a gateway to the Blues Visitor Center & Museum, housed in an 1895 railroad depot, which features a large display of guitars used by famous musicians. The county was established with a tiny population of 821, of whom 30 percent were enslaved. By 1860 the free population remained small – just 883 people – though the slave population had increased to 3,483.

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**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.

**Natchez** is known for its elegance, hospitality, and impressive preservation of historic homes – found on every street corner. It seems as if history fell asleep and awoke unscathed by the changing of times

in this magical port. Natchez is home to over 1,000 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Most of the homes survived the American Civil War and their history flows in abundance along the Mississippi. Natchez has a long and fascinating history, dating back to 1716, making her the oldest continuous settlement on the Mississippi. Even before Natchez was settled by Europeans, the area was home to the Natchez Indians, noted for being the only Mississippian culture with complex chiefdom characteristics to have survived long into the period after the European colonization of America began.

### **Natchez Hop-On Hop-Off Tour Included**

**The Old South Trading Post** Be sure to bring your taste buds to this unique stop! Sample Southern muscadine juice, dips, salsas, jellies, cappuccinos, and coffees— all while you browse the huge assortment of items for sale. There's something for everyone here, including a wide selection of books, candies, one-of-a-kind shirts, hats, souvenirs, drug store items, and even alligator items! Suggested Visit: 15 minutes

**Rosalie Mansion** This magnificent mansion, an outstanding example of Federal style architecture, was built by a wealthy cotton planter in 1823. The Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution have since gained ownership and have been maintaining the house and grounds since 1938. On this self-guided tour, discover the history of the house and the artifacts found throughout. Suggested Visit: 30 - 45 minutes

**St. Francisville** today is a testament to the lifestyle of a bygone era, with its cache of charming pre-war homes and striking architecture. With over 140 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, sprawling estates nestled in the countryside and bustling Main Street shops, this quaint port situated on the Mississippi has a style all its own. This oldest town in the Florida Parishes, St. Francisville has been called the town two miles long and two yards wide; it lies on a loessal ridge created by the dust storms of the Glacier Period.

**Baton Rouge** Beyond the typical attractions and activities available on a Baton Rouge, Louisiana river cruise, you can also explore the capital's rich history through its cuisine. With each stop on cruises from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, you'll find new eateries to try, exciting excursions, and cities with hidden gems on every corner.

### **Baton Rouge Hop-On Hop-Off Tour Included**

**USS KIDD DD-661** Just a short walk from the dock, guests can explore a Fletcher-Class Destroyer that fought in many battles in U.S. history. Named after Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, who died on the bridge of his flagship during Pearl Harbor, the USS Kidd has received eight battle stars for WWII service and four battle stars for Korean War service. This 2,050-ton, 376-foot-long vessel has since been converted into a museum, with exhibits of extensive collections of war artifacts, ship models, real fighter planes and bombers, and memorials. Suggested Visit: 1 - 2 Hours

**Capitol Park Museum** This impressive museum showcases collections of visual arts, jazz, costumes, textiles, and artifacts from Louisiana history. It was founded in 1906 and holds over 450,000 artifacts and works of arts. Permanent exhibits include: "Experiencing Louisiana: Discovering the Soul of America," and "Grounds for Greatness: Louisiana".

**American Queen Voyages features an exclusive port at Nottoway**, located in White Castle, LA, on the south bank of the Mississippi River, part of the Baton Rouge metropolitan area. Here you can visit the estate of sugarcane magnate Randolph Nottoway – the largest standing pre-war mansion in the South (53,000 sq ft) –

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 a luxurious aesthetic – an authentic Southern experience you will not want to pass up. The surrounding town of White Castle was established as a town in the 1880s with the influx of people and business brought by the logging industry in the cypress swamps of the area.

### **Nottoway Resort Included Mansion Tour**

Enjoy an included tour of Nottoway Resort, the South's largest remaining antebellum mansion. This stunning historical plantation lies between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and offers a view of a truly grand plantation. The mansion flaunts three floors, 64 bedrooms, and displays an incredible 22 white square columns which contribute to its nickname and the "White Castle of Louisiana." The most popular room among guests is the White Ballroom, which is painted entirely in white and displays elaborate gold décor throughout. Rooms are trimmed in custom plaster frieze made from Spanish moss, clay, plaster and mud and are all original to the house. And as if that weren't enough, this immaculate mansion was constructed with 365 openings, one for each day of the year.

1	Dec 11	Memphis, Tennessee	Hotel Stay	>
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3	Dec 13	Tunica, Mississippi		>
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5	Dec 15	Natchez, Mississippi		>
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7	Dec 17	Baton Rouge, Louisiana		>
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9	Dec 19	New Orleans, Louisiana	Disembark	>



## E - Inside Stateroom



GUESTS

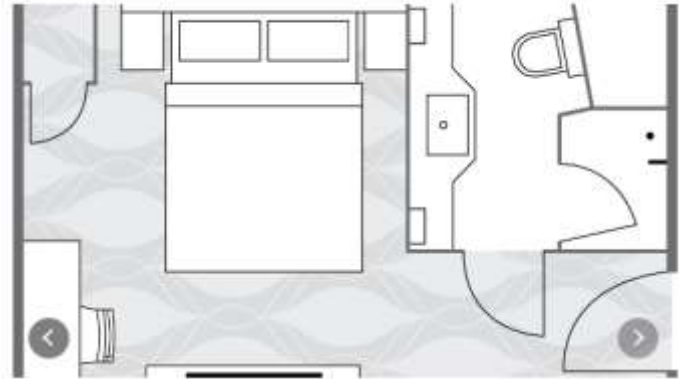
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SQ FEET

153 SQ FT

DECK

2 & 3



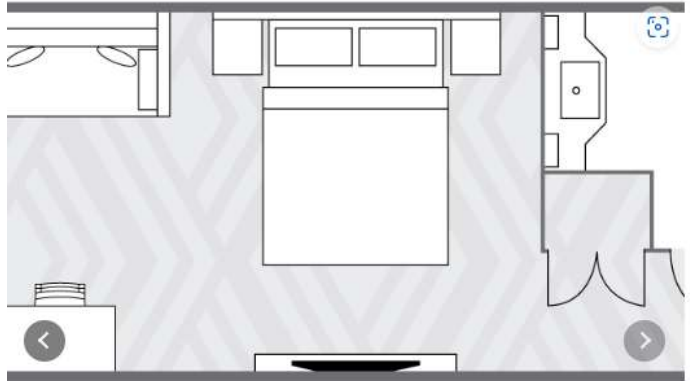
These staterooms invite you to relax and unwind in modern comfort. These spaces offer a tranquil retreat where you can feel at home on the river and prepare for exciting days brimming with fun activities.

- Queen bed or two single beds
  - Full bathroom with shower
  - Safe, Bathrobes and Slippers
  - Writing desk with chair
  - Flat-screen TV
  - Interior access
  - Located on Cabin and Observation Deck
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## B - Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda

145 - 230 SQ FT | Deck 3



Start your morning on the river by opening sliding doors to enjoy the fresh air and picturesque landscape as we gently drift past. Indulge in some snacks on the deck outside your stateroom, socialize with fellow guests or simply enjoy a luxurious day of lounging.

- European Queen bed or two single beds
- Full bathroom with shower
- Safe, Bathrobes and Slippers
- Sitting area with chair and desk
- Flat-screen TV
- Sliding doors open to deck
- Interior access
- Located on Observation Deck

Accessible staterooms 356 and 357 are 265 sq. ft. and feature a roll-in shower

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**\*Price subject to change and increase. Make Deposit to secure your Price and Booking. Group Booking Price with all Inclusions.**

**\*Interior Suite \$3,399 pp based on a Double**

**\*Interior SOLO \$4,999**

**\*Ladies, call if you are looking for a Female Travel Mate.**

**Open Veranda \$4,394pp based on a Double**

**\*Open Veranda Solo \$6,999 SOLO**

**\*Ladies, call if you are looking for a Female Travel Mate.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment – Deposit \$500 -Non-Refundable**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment - \$1000 on July 12, 2023**

**Final Payment September 1, 2023**

**\*Travel Insurance Recommended**

**Call Join the Fun Tours- 386-235-3443 \*Prices Subject to Change**