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VOYAGES™**



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Group Package Includes:

- Overnight Car Parking in Ormond & Viera (15) days
- Motor Coach Transfers to Orlando Airport r/t
- AIR FARE r/t with 1 checked bag and 1 carry-on
- (2) Nights Hotel Fairfield Inn & Suites on the River- Newport , KY
- (4) Nights at the Opryland Resort- Atrium Balcony Veranda Suite
- (1) Night Pre- Cruise Historic Peabody Hotel
- (7) Nights "American Countess" Interior Stateoom- CAT E- upgrade available
- (15) Breakfast, (11) Lunches, (13) Dinners

Admissions & Tours:

- ARK Encounter
- Creation Museum
- Hermitage Horse Farm Tour
- General Jackson Showboat Cruise & Christmas Show
- ICE
- Delta Flatboat in Opryland
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Backstage Tour Grand Ole Opry
- Professional Nashville Tour Guide Dec 7-11, 2023
- Jack Daniels Village & Tour
- Grand Ole Opry Show
- Singing Tour Guides- City Tour of Nashville
- Fiddle Dee Farm Christmas Show & Dinner
- Opryland Country Christmas Show & Dinner
- Tina Turner Museum
- Graceland All Access Tour – Home & Museum
- Hop on Hop Off Excursion in each Town on the American Countess

Free Time:

- Nashville Music Row, Honky Tonk Row, Casino & Opryland Mills Mall

Includes also:

- All taxes, Resort Fees, Port Charges, Gratuity to all Step on Guides Package A, Gratuity to Restaurant Servers Package A, Plus all Gratuity on American Countess (8) days
- Free Wifi, Free Beverage Alcohol Package & Port Excursions on American Countess

Itinerary at a Glance

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023

- Depart by Motor Coach to Orlando International Airport -from Ormond & Viera
- Car parking (7) days (Guest from The Villages, Orlando & Jacksonville, call for details to join us)
- Arrive at the Cincinnati airport.
- **Depart by First Class Motor Coach & same driver (7) Days.**
- Lunch at the Hofbräuhaus German Restaurant
- Check into your area hotel Fairfield Inn & Suites in Newport, KY
- Ark Encounter, a Must see to Believe and ChristmasTime Evening of Lights & More!
- Dinner at Emzaa's Kitchen Buffett

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023

- Breakfast Included at Hotel
- Optional Morning to the Hollywood Casino or Sleep in Late
- Lunch at Buckhead Grill or Similar
- Creation Museum & Christmas Town
- Dinner Voucher \$20pp for Creation Museum

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023

- Breakfast Included at Hotel
- Depart hotel by Motor coach to Nashville.
- Hermitage Horse Farm with tour and lunch!
- Meet your "Sharin's Nashville Tour Guide", who will be with us each day Dec. 7-11
- Check into Gaylord Opryland Resort Atrium Balcony Suite
- Orientation walking tour of the Opryland Resort
- Take a Delta flatboat ride in the Resort!
- Dinner on own

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023

- Breakfast included at the hotel in the Cascades American Café.
- Depart 9am-City sightseeing tour of Nashville with singing tour guides Dave and Daphne
- Country Music Hall of Fame Museum
- Honky Tonk Row -Lunch on own
- Backstage Tour of the Grand Ole Opry House.
- Christmas Dinner and show at the Fiddle Dee Farms

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023

- Breakfast included at the hotel in the Cascades American Café.
- Morning on Own
- Begin boarding for the General Jackson Showboat luncheon cruise.
- Tickets to ICE!
- Depart to Opryland Mall
- Dinner Included at Paula Deen's Opry Mills Mall
- Reserved PREFERRED seats for The Opry

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

- Breakfast included at the hotel in the Cascades American Café
- Jack Daniels Distillery Tour & Visit to Lynchburg, Tn or Free Time at Resort – Lunch on own
- Christmas in Tennessee Dinner Show with country music stars at the hotel (Last Year's Show- The Oak Ridge Boys)

Monday, Dec 11, 2023

- Breakfast included at the hotel in the Cascades American Café
- Depart hotel for Nashville to Memphis with a Join the Fun Tour Concierge
- Lunch at Ole Country Store at Casey Jones Village
- Arrive at the Tina Turner Museum
- Arrive at the Memphis Visitors Center – Meet your Tour Guide for Memphis City Tour
- Early Dinner at Kings Palace
- Check into Peabody Hotel (1) Night
- Meet your American Queen Voyages Team and Check in for Pre- Cruise, next day

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

About the Visits

Creation Museum Christmas & Village Spectacular Light Displays

Your Christmas Town adventure will begin in the Garden of Lights, our Eden Botanical Gardens! Stroll through the gardens amid the breathtaking display of thousands of multi-colored lights. Each year, we add new designs and more color throughout the garden trails, so your experience is never the same!

About the Creation Museum- The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000-square-foot facility has welcomed millions of guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky.

About The Ark

An unforgettable evening of festive lights, live music/shows, holiday dining, gift shopping, and more at the life-size Noah's Ark

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky Exhibits -Travel back in time on a mile-long scenic bus ride and be amazed when the massive Ark comes into view. Our life-size Noah's Ark is three exhibits in one—the massive structure itself, the incredible craftsmanship, and the beautifully fabricated teaching exhibits. The combination of all three will inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah's Ark. State of the Art Exhibits Looking up at the massive structure and incredible workmanship of the hull is only the beginning of your encounter with the Ark. Our commitment to historical accuracy and artistic excellence continues inside on three decks full of beautifully crafted teaching exhibits that will inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah's Ark.

Welcome to Gaylord Opryland Resort

Situated in the heart of Nashville, Gaylord Opryland Resort welcomes guests to a stunning, one-of-a-kind resort experience. Guests can explore 9 acres of airy, indoor garden atriums, a wide selection of award-winning restaurants & bars, the world-class Relâche Spa, and a state-of-the-art fitness center. With 3 Million Christmas Lights and Nightly Holiday Activities
Gaylord Opryland with over 3 million Christmas lights and acres of decorations will be hung throughout the Opryland Resort. Plus, the Flat Boat Tour to see entire Resort by water.

The Delta Flatboat Tour

Climb aboard one of the Gaylord Opryland's Mississippi-style, Delta Flatboats and take a leisurely ride down the Delta River, part of our Nashville motorcoach trip.

Found in the Delta, one of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel's three atriums, the Delta River is made up of water samples from 1,700 rivers from regions around the globe including samples from every registered river in the United States. From the exotic plants to several animal species, Delta Riverboat Tours offers an afternoon of relaxation and exploration.

Future Derby champions at Hermitage Farm

Celebrates Kentucky's unique agricultural heritage and the signature industries that make us a place like nowhere else. Experience our renowned thoroughbred operations, sustainable, organic farm-to-table dining, bourbon tastings, and contemporary artwork displayed in a 19th-century estate reimagined through 21st-century eyes.

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, located in downtown Nashville, has been called the "Smithsonian of country music," celebrated for its broad cultural impact, educational mission, and unrivaled collection of historically important artifacts related to country music. Chartered by the state of Tennessee in 1964

EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF THE OPRY ON A BACKSTAGE TOUR

Get up close to where country music stars and legends make history every week, live on the Opry. Explore our American country roots and let us show you around the house with a guided backstage tour. Kick things off with Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood in our immersive theater experience, then hang out backstage, get insider stories, see where the show is broadcast on Circle TV and WSM Radio, and so much more!

Fiddle Dee Farms is proud to present Nashville's award-winning dinner show: We Need A Lot of Christmas Dinner Show

We Need A Lot Of Christmas is back more music, dancing and fun than ever. Fiddle Dee Farms is proud to team up with the producers of some of your favorite shows in Pigeon Forge and a few fan favorites from the Nashville theater scene, to present a one-of-a-kind holiday dinner show experience.

The Grand Ole Opry

A weekly American country music stage concert in Nashville, Tennessee, founded on November 28, 1925, by George D. Hay as a one-hour radio "barn dance" on WSM. Currently owned and operated by Opry Entertainment (a division of Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.), it is the longest-running radio broadcast in U.S. history.^{[1][2]} Dedicated to honoring country music and its history, the Opry showcases a mix of famous singers and contemporary chart-toppers performing Country, bluegrass, Americana, folk, and gospel music as well as comedic performances and skits.^[3] It attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world and millions of radio and internet listeners.

Jack Daniel's Distillery

Explore the historic Jack Daniel's Distillery on this guided tour from Nashville. Embark on a tasting tour of the distillery and sample several tastings of premium Tennessee whiskey. You also have free time to walk through the nearby town, famous for their Tennessee Walking Horse, and downtown Lynchburg.

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.

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.





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.



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.

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



In-room Dining Available



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



Pre-Paid Gratuities **(NEW)**



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



Port Taxes & Fees **(NEW)**



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



Unlimited WiFi



Locally Sourced & regionally Inspired Cuisine from land and sea



Live, Daily Onboard Entertainment & Enrichment



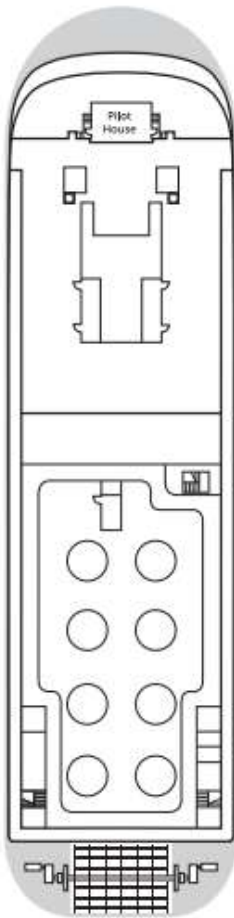
Gourmet Selections of freshly prepared choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner



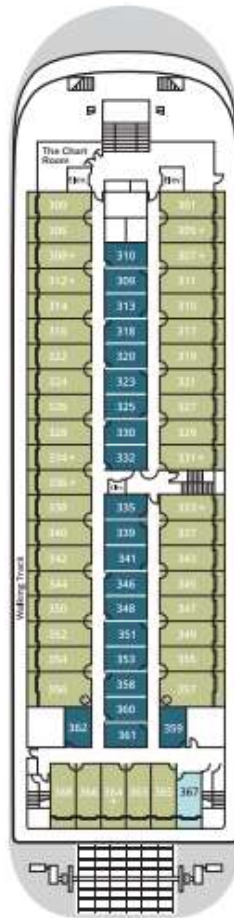
Bicycles* and Hiking Sticks

AMERICAN COUNTESS™

The newest jewel in America's premier riverboat fleet, this bold paddlewheeler boasts a sleek, contemporary design effortlessly hosting up to 245 guests. Amidst ample open spaces are ideal for gatherings while large forward-facing windows and a portside bar with an 80-foot-high window-wall afford incredible views.



**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
Purser & Excursions Desk

+ Triple Occupancy

The “Best Pricing” and “The Best Tour” with Stefan’s “Join the Fun”

Don't wait to long and lock in your Group Package Rate.

See below and compare why the Group Package will save you Money

Current Rate at Opryland Resort, just for the Hotel Room \$676.00 per night with Taxes

The American Countess December 12, 2023 Sailing is \$3,619 Per Guest Double or \$7,328 Cruise Only

Review Reservation Details



Guest room, 2 Queen(s), Interior Atrium view

ROOM DETAILS

Check in: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Check out: Monday, December 11, 2023

Room(s): 1

Guest(s) per room: 1

EDIT

Choose Room Features

Room Accessibility & Bed Type

Summary of Charges

559.00 USD Avg. night + 466.24 USD Taxes and fees = 2,702.24 USD Subtotal



E - Inside Stateroom

153 SQ FT | Deck 2 & 3

All-Inclusive Fare Per Guest

\$3,619

Includes Port Tax, Gratuities and Taxes



Call Stefan at Join the Fun Tours -386-235-3443
Luxury Group Tour Package December 5-19, 2023

Total Price – December 5-19, 2023

Double \$6,499 or \$9,266 SOLO

\$5,509pp Quad (2 beds) 1 room (ARK Encounter, Creation Museum,
Opryland Resort) and 2 Interior Staterooms CAT E (American Countess)

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*Upgrade to an Open Veranda on American Countess \$1,650pp

1st Payment \$1000pp Non – Refundable Deposit

2nd Payment \$1000 June 1, 2023

Final September 1, 2023

Travel Insurance Recommended. We offer individual policy and an
Annual Policy – call for Pricing.

Stefan's "Join the Fun"



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Canaveral - Indialantic - Merritt Island - Palm Bay - Daytona Beach- New Smyrna
Beach - Ormond Beach - Port Orange - Deland- North Beach -South Beach-
Satellite Beach- Indian Harbor

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