



American Duchess

Life on the Mississippi

Experience America's storied southern heritage aboard a modern-day paddle wheeler

11 DAYS FROM \$7,690

1. Arrive New Orleans

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans.

A transfer is included from Louis Armstrong International Airport to The Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans, ideally located in the heart of the city overlooking the Mississippi River. This evening, join us for a welcome reception and dinner at famed New Orleans restaurant, serving up Creole cuisine and Dixieland jazz since the early 1900s. **Meals D**

2. Make history in New Orleans

This morning you'll embark on a walking tour of the Garden District with a local guide, seeing ancient live oaks, stately mansions centuries old and manicured parks. Have lunch as you please, then join us for an informative visit to the

acclaimed National World War II Museum that includes viewing the "4D" film, *Beyond All Boundaries*, narrated by Tom Hanks. The remainder of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Tour the French Quarter and embarkation

A discovery-filled day in this amazing city starts with a locally guided tour of the French Quarter, resplendent in lacey wrought iron balconies, pastel hued homes and French, Spanish and American architectural influences. Continue to the New Orleans School of Cooking for a private cooking demonstration and lunch, followed by a private jazz performance at the famed Preservation Hall. Embark the *American Duchess* this afternoon for your 7-night cruise on the Mississippi River; your bags will already be aboard! **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a private cooking demonstration and lunch at the New Orleans School of Cooking, along with a private jazz performance in New Orleans' Preservation Hall
- Join a national park guide for interpreted exploration of the Vicksburg National Battlefield with a visit to a special exhibit of the Civil War gunboat "Cairo"
- Discover the inspiration behind the Blues in Memphis during guided sightseeing with a professional musician; enjoy a traditional barbecue lunch and visit the National Civil Rights Museum
- Enjoy a boat ride into the Louisiana bayous with an expert naturalist who shares tales about swamp life



Tap your feet to the beat of N'awlins jazz during a private musical performance in historic Preservation Hall in New Orleans.

4. ■ Life in the Bayou & Sugarcane

Dock near Nottoway and disembark for a tour of the mansion – a former sugarcane plantation, it is one of the South's largest historic homes, layered with grand balconies, white columns and a three-story rotunda that overlooks sweeping, oak-draped lawns. Then we drive out to the eerily beautiful Manchac Swamp for a boat ride into the bayous with a wetlands expert. Learn about life in the Louisiana Wetlands, and the inhabitants of the swamp, including the American Alligator. Hear stories about the unique history of the Cajun town of Frenier, a ghost town with haunted tales to tell. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Stroll back in time in St. Francisville

Dock in St. Francisville, a hidden gem of Louisiana towns with pre-Civil War mansions and historic homes with diverse architectural styles. Explore with a local guide who shares anecdotes about the people who lived here,

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days Aboard *American Duchess*

Memphis to New Orleans

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Memphis <i>The Peabody Memphis / Guest House at Graceland</i>
2	Embark Memphis
3	Helena
4	Vicksburg
5	Natchez
6	St. Francisville
7	Baton Rouge
8	Nottoway
9	Disembark New Orleans <i>Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans</i>
10	New Orleans
11	Depart New Orleans

New Orleans to Memphis

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1	Arrive New Orleans <i>Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans</i>
2	New Orleans
3	Embark New Orleans
4	Nottoway
5	St. Francisville
6	Natchez
7	Vicksburg
8	Greenville
9	Steamboatin'
10	Disembark Memphis <i>The Peabody Memphis / Guest House at Graceland</i>
11	Depart Memphis



American Duchess

Spacious luxury and premier amenities are signature hallmarks aboard the boutique-style *American Duchess*, where 83 staterooms and suites, ranging from 180 to 550 sq. ft., including unique 2-story Loft Suites. Guests enjoy a choice of dining venues and lounges, a fitness center and an expansive sun deck where picturesque scenery enriches leisurely cruises aboard this modern-day paddle wheeler.



Spacious Suites

From its two-story loft suites on American rivers, 550 sq. ft. big with a first floor sitting area and a second floor with a full bath and queen sized bed, to its 200 sq. feet veranda suites, each with private balconies and premier amenities, your shipboard accommodations cater to your comfort.



Delightful dining venues

Dramatic and drenched in natural light, the Grand Dining Room boasts two story floor-to-ceiling windows for fine dining with ever-changing views of the Mississippi River. The River Club & Terrace is a more intimate venue, perfect for casual dining, morning and midday, indoors and out.



The Lincoln Library

A great place to relax and refresh, the Lincoln Library invites intimate conversations among friends and fellow shipmates with a private bar and a grand piano perfect for entertaining.

including the artist John James Audubon. Audubon worked as a tutor at the Oakley Plantation and spent his free time combing the woods for bird specimens. The abundance of bird life inspired one of Audubon's most successful artistic periods with many of his watercolor illustrations appearing in his book, *The Birds of America*. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll its charming streets before returning to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon and evening cruising. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ A day in historic Natchez

This morning, disembark for a full-day excursion to explore Natchez. Located at the terminus of a foot highway, the Natchez Trace, used by Native Americans, the city grew exponentially as ship traffic increased on the Mississippi River. Flatboats unloaded their cargo here before their crew returned home by foot up the Trace. This process was revolutionized by the invention of the steamship, a development that led to the establishment and growth of the cotton industry, and the darker side of that boom – slavery. Walk through the centuries in this town where American history converges. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Vicksburg, remembering the Civil War

Disembark for a locally guided tour of Vicksburg. In talking about its significance in the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln said: "Vicksburg is the key. The war can never be brought to a close until the key is in our pocket." At Vicksburg National Military Park, step back 150 years to the 47-day siege that ended on July 4, 1863, giving the Union control of the Mississippi. Explore the park with a National Park Service guide; see the *U.S.S. Cairo*, raised from the bottom of the Yazoo River. This afternoon, explore 19th-century Vicksburg on a guided tour of the city's oldest neighborhood; go inside Christ Episcopal Church, built in 1846, and the Duff Green Mansion, which was converted to a war-time hospital for soldiers on both sides. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Discover the Delta Blues

Dock in Greenville, Mississippi. Nearby Indianola is the birthplace of blues legend B.B. King. Learn about the history of development of the musical style at the museum that bears his name. Experience this rich musical tradition before charting a course towards Tennessee. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Steamboatin'

Spend the entire day enjoying a trip back in time to the genteel era of steamboat travel. Relax onboard as your riverboat navigates the mighty Mississippi past towns and scenic vistas once frequented by author Mark Twain who



Visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis at the Lorraine Motel, immortalizing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

wrote about river in many of his works. Learn what makes a steam paddle wheeler work on a tour with a crew member and enjoy a Steamboatin' party this evening. **Meals BLD**

10. Disembark in Memphis

Disembark ship in Memphis this morning. Learn about its musical legacy on a city tour with a local musician that includes Sun Studio, Beale Street, Stax Studio, Cotton Row, Overton Park, Historic Central Gardens, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Pass by the homes where music legends like Elvis, B. B. King, and Johnny Cash lived. After a local barbecue lunch, head to Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated while a guest at the motel, site of the National Civil Rights Museum. Join us for a farewell dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: 9:00 AM at The Peabody Memphis. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Peabody Memphis or the Guest House at Graceland to Memphis International Airport. Allow two hours for flight check-in. **Meals BLD**

2022 DATES

Northbound - New Orleans to Memphis

Mar 18 Apr 1, 15, 29 Oct 7 Dec 2

Southbound - Memphis to New Orleans

Mar 26 Apr 9, 23 Nov 26

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$1,000 on the Veranda Suite price.

2022 PRICE PER PERSON

March – April 15

Veranda Suite - Deck 2, Deck 3	Double \$ 8,390	Single \$12,990	Triple \$ 7,860
Deluxe Suite - Deck 3	Double \$10,790	Single \$17,670	Triple \$ 9,577
Loft Suite - Deck 2	Double \$11,490	Single \$19,090	Triple \$10,058
Owner's Suite - Deck 3	Double \$12,890	Single \$22,390	Triple \$10,884

April 16 – October

Veranda Suite - Deck 2, Deck 3	Double \$ 8,790	Single \$13,390	Triple \$ 8,260
Deluxe Suite - Deck 3	Double \$11,190	Single \$18,070	Triple \$ 9,977
Loft Suite - Deck 2	Double \$11,890	Single \$19,490	Triple \$10,458
Owner's Suite - Deck 3	Double \$13,290	Single \$22,790	Triple \$11,284

November – December

Veranda Suite - Deck 2, Deck 3	Double \$ 7,690	Single \$12,290	Triple \$7,160
Deluxe Suite - Deck 3	Double \$10,090	Single \$16,970	Triple \$ 8,877
Loft Suite - Deck 2	Double \$10,790	Single \$18,390	Triple \$ 9,358
Owner's Suite - Deck 3	Double \$12,190	Single \$21,690	Triple \$10,184

2022 PRICE INCLUSIONS

27 meals (10 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners), transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides and drivers, admission fees, taxes and portorage.

2022 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-2*	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL	New Orleans, Louisiana
	NEW ORLEANS	
Night 3-9	AMERICAN DUCHESS	Mississippi River
Night 10**	THE PEABODY MEMPHIS	Memphis, Tennessee

*Tour departing Apr 29 will stay at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans

**Tours departing Mar 26, Apr 1, 9, 15 and 23 will stay at the Guest House at Graceland

Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2