



8-DAY ALL-INCLUSIVE RIVER CRUISE

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

St. Louis to St. Paul/Minneapolis

Alton, IL – Hannibal, MO – Clinton, IA – Dubuque, IA
LaCrosse, WI – Red Wing, MN – St. Paul, MN

Aug 30 – Sept 6

Including Air

\$2,699

Cat E Inside Stateroom – 170 sq ft

\$4,199

Cat B Open Verandah – 220 sq ft

\$4,399

Cat A Private Verandah – 255 sq ft

SAVE \$900-\$1200 PER PERSON

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- 7-Night Mississippi River cruise aboard American Countess – the newest addition to American Queen’s collection of paddlewheelers in its inaugural season. Only 240 guests
- **FREE AIR** from Fresno, Sacramento and Bakersfield. Other gateway cities upon request.
- All meals aboard the ship, and 24-hr complimentary room service.
- Professional showboat-style entertainment & dancing nightly.
- Complimentary Shore excursions included at every port.
- Services of a Professional Tour Director.

ADDITIONAL

- Port Charges of \$199 and gratuities of \$19.50 daily paid aboard American Countess.

OPTIONAL

- Trip Protection Insurance priced from \$196 – \$283 per person.
- Ask about Pre-cruise St. Louis city stay (includes hotel, transfers and city tour)

DEPOSIT

- \$500 per person of which \$250 is non-refundable.

BONUS

- All-inclusive beverage package - your favorite spirits, beer and wine by the glass. (Some restrictions apply.) Valued at \$399 per stateroom!

FALL IN LOVE WITH THE HEARTLAND – There’s no better place to begin a journey through America’s Heartland than lively St. Louis. The upper reaches of the Mississippi River from dynamic St. Louis to beautiful St. Paul are rich with frontier tales of fur traders and pioneers set among picturesque geography and abundant wildlife. Hidden gems around each bend of the river fuel your sense of discovery as the very best of Mark Twain’s America unfolds before you.

QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

- 1 Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-625-5139 Ext 106
- 2 Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to Jen@cruiseexperts.com

THE FINE PRINT: Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Additional Stateroom categories available upon request. \$250 of the required \$500 deposit is nonrefundable. Deposit and trip insurance may be paid with any credit card. Tour rates reflect a cash discount. Balance of tour cost is payable by check or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, and some optional tours. Stateroom categories are limited in availability and are subject to rapid sell out. Airline flights, carrier, and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Subject to all terms and conditions found in American Queen Steamboat Co 2020 brochure. Final payment is due on or before April 30, 2020. CST#204742

REGISTRATION FORM (Miss River)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Trip Protection Insurance: Accept Decline

Cat E Inside \$196 Cat B Open Veranda \$283

Cat A Private Veranda \$283

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration date: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Cruise Experts
(Deposit of \$500 per person)

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Mississippi River

The River That Defines a Nation

The Upper Mississippi River pulses through the heart of America offering hidden gems around each bend of the river to fuel your sense of discovery. Perhaps no person defined the world's view of America's greatest river more than the legendary Mark Twain and his beloved literary characters; Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher are still alive and well in Hannibal, Missouri, Samuel Clemens' boyhood hometown. Cruising along the Upper Mississippi aboard our classic, steam-powered vessel carries you past peaceful fields of gold and soaring bluffs to storybook American towns and vibrant, bustling cities. Whether you are a fan of nature's raw beauty and wildlife or an enthusiast of history and culture, the upper reaches of the Mississippi from dynamic St. Louis to the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul will surely pique your interest and capture your heart.

Early explorers and native tribes left their legacy behind in town names here: Joliet. Red Wing. Dubuque. Rolling farmland stretches out to the horizon; barges are measured in acres; man-made lakes and locks channel the river's flow. What to do on a river day? Grab your binoculars and study a pair of American bald eagles. Wave to the motorboat captains locking through the dam beside you. Study red in ten different shades of fall foliage. Tap into the sense of wonder that caused early pioneers to call the heartland home.

River cruise destinations handpicked to pique the interest of nature lovers, history buffs and culture enthusiasts let you delve into beauty and adventure on an epic scale. After all, this is America's Heartland, envisioned by Washington and Jefferson, celebrated by Mark Twain and stitched into the very fabric of a nation. From Chippewa country in the north to the confluence of the Missouri near St. Louis and Ohio Rivers at Cairo, the Upper Mississippi flows through the pages of U.S. history.

DAY 1: Alton, IL (St. Louis, MO) (Departure 5:00 PM)

Your journey begins with your flight to St. Louis, and an afternoon transfer to the American Countess.

DAY 2: Hannibal, MO

Hannibal, Missouri has a rich history, diverse industrial economy, and truly remarkable arts. The city was founded in 1819 by Moses D. Bates and became a popular stop along the river for many steamboats traveling up the Mississippi. Hannibal offers more parks per citizens than most towns in the Midwest and was included in the famous "50 Miles of Art." Today, the most popular draw of this quirky town is Hannibal's very own, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, recognized world-wide as Mark Twain. Many of the popular characters featured in Twain's novels were based on people Sam had known while growing up in Hannibal. Many of the characters and influences of this American icon are weaved into the streets, shops, restaurants, and museums of Hannibal waiting to be uncovered.

DAY 3: Scenic River Cruising

There is always plenty to do between dawn and dusk on the river and today is the perfect day to enjoy the many public spaces and activities that are available to you onboard. Gaze at the beautiful landscapes and small river towns as you mingle with fellow guests and discuss the unique aspects of river life. If you fancy a moment for yourself, retreat to The Library adorned with bookcases stocked with an imaginative selection. Take hold of a literary classic, curl up on a plush chair in a cozy corner and relish every moment of serenity. Our fitness facility, Card Room and Grand Lobby offer a more stimulating day on the river for those who wish to indulge in more energy-infused activity. However you wish to spend your day, make it your own and revel in every moment.

DAY 4: Clinton, IA

The city of Clinton has much to offer, all with the beautiful backdrop of the Mississippi River. Situated at the crossroads of the Lincoln Highway and the Great River Road, Clinton is the Eastern-most point in the state of Iowa. At the height of its local economy during the late 19th Century, Clinton was regarded as the lumber capital of the nation; a history that is reflected as visitors pass many old sawmills. Today, agriculture plays a big part in Clinton's economy, which is visible in the beautiful rolling fields filled with luscious, fresh harvest crops. Explore the history of this fascinating river town and discover a lifestyle that will stand out from today's norm.

DAY 5: Dubuque, IA

One of the few large cities in Iowa with hills, Dubuque is an extremely popular tourist destination, featuring unique architecture and desirable river location. From the America's River Project in the Port of Dubuque that transformed the riverfront, to the revitalization of the historic Main Street, the ongoing evolution of the Historic Millwork District downtown, and the impressive and expansive westward growth, Dubuque remains a remarkable city along the Mississippi. Intelligent Community Forum named Dubuque as one of just five U.S. cities as a "Smart21 Community" in 2015 and the National Civic League has named Dubuque as a top All-American City three times in just six years! Guests will surely enjoy exploring this beautiful and unique city as they uncover the history and advancements held within.

DAY 6: La Crosse, WI

La Crosse, named by explorer Zebulon Pike who saw a group of people playing a game with sticks that looked like a cross, is a popular destination for tourists. Filled with statues, architecture, and an exquisite view of the river, this river city is an artist's dream. Like much of Wisconsin, La Crosse became heavily involved with the lumber industry in the mid-1800's until the decline of the forests throughout much of Wisconsin took its toll. But in the wake of the vanishing lumber era, La Crosse became a city renowned for its beer making, with around five breweries operating in La Crosse near the turn of the century. Today, make note of lingering pieces of history along the streets of the city, inside local breweries, and within the floorboards of historic homes and businesses.

DAY 7: Red Wing, MN

Red Wing, Minnesota was included on National Geographic Traveler's list of most historic places in the world. Discovered in the early 1850's, the lands were used mostly for harvesting wheat that would be transported up the river. Later in Red Wing's history the economy began to flourish due to the thriving pottery industry, which became a main source of income between 1877 and 1967. Today, the city offers endless opportunities to travel back in time and learn about settlers and travelers that occupied the land before today, or to admire the craftsmanship and creativity of local artisans of both the present and the past.

DAY 8: Red Wing, MN (Arrival 8:00 AM)

Join the transfer to Minneapolis for your flight home.



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