



# GREAT AMERICAN STEAMBOAT COMPANY

Gladstone Parks & Recreation presents...

## VOYAGE ABOARD THE GRAND AMERICAN QUEEN

**OLD FASHIONED HOLIDAYS  
ST. LOUIS TO NEW ORLEANS  
NOVEMBER 12-20, 2012**

The largest steamboat ever built, the grand American Queen is a gracious and elegant triumph of American ingenuity. Although filled with today's modern amenities, her rooms and accommodations display all the opulence of the American Victorian era. Glistening woodwork, fresh flowers and antiques adorn her interior spaces. And nowhere can you embrace this special time of year than aboard an elegant steamboat, decked out from stem to stern in Victorian holiday finery. You will view grand Southern plantation homes and townhouses in their traditional holiday dress. Spectacular bonfires along the levees light the way for Papa Noel in the time-honored Cajun tradition.

### **EXPERIENCE A VACATION FILLED WITH HERITAGE, HISTORY, ELEGANCE AND ADVENTURE**

The acclaimed cuisine of famed American chef Regina Charboneau

The only steamboat with multiple, specialty-dining options,  
all at no additional charge

Luxurious stateroom with lush bedding, the finest linens  
and a wealth of amenities.

Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage

Complimentary wines and beers at dinner

All staterooms feature gourmet coffee brewers and Starbucks coffee

Gracious, friendly service from an all-American staff

Elegant-casual attire throughout your voyage; no formal wear required

Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard river historian

Professional showboat-style entertainment nightly

Included shore excursions providing an in-depth immersion into the  
history and culture of America's heartland

### **November 12**

Board the motorcoach at Happy Rock Park and head to St. Louis to board the American Queen. As the boat leaves St. Louis, gaze up at the Gateway Arch and envision the adventures that lie ahead. The Welcome Aboard Dinner gets your journey off to a festive start. (D)

### **November 13 – Cape Girardeau**

You will visit several different homes and museums that cover much of Cape Girardeau's history including the Glenn House, Cape River Heritage Museum Red House Interpretive Center, and St. Vincent's Church. (B,L,D)

### **November 14 – New Madrid, Missouri**

As you board your Hop On-Hop Off deluxe motorcoach, stroll the 120-foot observation deck and view the 20-mile-long Bessie Bend at the New Madrid Observation Deck. Shopping is next in downtown New Madrid. Then, see how culture is reflected in this ever-changing river town from the Mississippian Indian period at the New Madrid Historical Museum. (B,L,D)

### **November 15 – Memphis, Tennessee**

Enjoy the day in Memphis, America's third largest inland port, famous for blues, barbeque and Elvis' Graceland. (B,L,D)

### **November 16 – Steamboating**

Settle into a rocking chair and just let the scenery glide by. Or join in the fun of the numerous onboard activities. Your full day of leisurely steamboating on the Mississippi River sets the tone for an unforgettable vacation. (B,L,D)

### **November 17 – Vicksburg, Mississippi**

With sweeping views of the Mississippi River, Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. Stops along the way include the Old Court House Museum, which showcases thousands of artifacts from pre-Columbian times to Civil War implements, bringing exciting pieces of history to life. It also contains a unique gift shop with authentic Civil War relics. The Duff Green Mansion and Levee Street Depot Museum are also part of the history Vicksburg has to offer. (B,L,D)

### **November 18 – St. Francisville, Louisiana**

This quaint town located on the banks of the Mississippi River is your window to the past. With over 140 buildings on the National Register, beautiful plantation homes nestled in the rolling countryside, and beautiful main street shops, you'll find plenty to keep you on the go in St. Francisville. (B,L,D)

### **November 19 – New Orleans, Louisiana**

The American Queen arrives in New Orleans near historic Jackson Square where you will say farewell to your ship. Upon arrival you will be met by a local guide and begin a comprehensive sightseeing excursion that will include many of the highlights of the city. At the conclusion of the tour you will check into either the Westin New Orleans Canal Place or the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. After time to freshen up, you will enjoy dinner at The Court of Two Sisters. (B,D)

### **November 20**

Fly from New Orleans to Kansas City. Motorcoach transportation to Happy Rock Park is included. (B)

#### **Per person price based on double occupancy:**

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| <b>\$3665.00</b> | <b>Cabin Category G (Inside cabin)</b>          |
| <b>\$4507.00</b> | <b>Cabin Category D (Outside cabin, window)</b> |
| <b>\$4735.00</b> | <b>Cabin Category C (Opens to deck)</b>         |

Price includes: 7-night cruise on American Queen, air transportation from New Orleans to Kansas City, motorcoach transportation to St. Louis and from KCI to Gladstone, 22 meals, shore excursions, hotel accommodations in New Orleans, cancellation insurance. Single supplement on inside cabin - add \$2591.00

A deposit of \$350.00 is required to hold space as soon as possible. Cabin space is limited. Final payment is due on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you have paid a deposit to hold space and have to cancel the trip before final payment has been made, \$100.00 of the deposit will be retained. After final payment has been made, the cancellation waiver (included in tour price) guarantees refund on all payments, except the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation up to the time & date of departure due to personal illness (medical documentation required) or death of a member of the immediate family. A \$5.00 processing fee will be assessed for refund checks.

Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan - Category G - \$209 per person (INCLUDED)  
Category D - \$229 per person (INCLUDED)  
Category C - \$249 per person (INCLUDED)

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