

# Dancing with Donna aboard the American Queen – Mississippi River Cruise

**March 5 - 13, 2017**

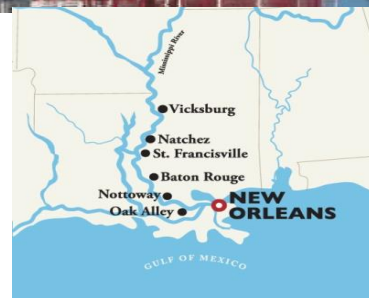
**9 Days & 8 Nights**

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Airfare New Orleans
- Transfer to hotel and ship dock to airport
- 1 Night – New Orleans – Hilton Riverside Hotel
- 8 Day Cruise on the American Queen Steamboat (Cruise New Orleans to New Orleans)
- City Tour of New Orleans
- Shore Excursions in each port of call –Hop on Hop off (Cruise Theme is **BIG BAND SWING**)
- Wine & Beer at Dinner
- Meals & Entertainment on board cruise



**Line & Swing  
Dance Lessons  
Included**



<b>Price Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy:</b> Early Booking Discount \$200 per person until 9/1/16!	<b>PP, Double Occupancy</b>
<b>Inside Cabin</b> Deck 3, 4 Forward/Aft 132-140 sq. ft.	<b>\$3,499.00</b>
<b>Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda</b> French Doors to the deck Deck 2,3,4, Forward/Aft 140-180 sq. ft	<b>\$4,499.00</b>
<b>Outside Stateroom with Open Veranda</b> Deck 4 Middle/Forward 190 sq. ft.	<b>\$4,699.00</b>
<b>Outside Staterooms with Private Veranda</b> Deck 3, Aft 190 sq. ft. + 40 sq. ft. veranda	<b>\$4,999.00</b>
Call Friendly Excursions for single supplement. All cabins based on availability at time of booking.	

**Itinerary**  
Hotel Stay: 3/5 New Orleans  
Hilton Riverside Hotel

**American Queen Cruise  
Ports of Call**  
3/6 Cruise Departs New Orleans  
3/7 Oak Alley, LA  
3/8 St. Francisville, LA  
3/9 Natchez, MS  
3/10 Vicksburg, MS  
3/11 Baton Rouge  
3/12 Nottoway

**Itinerary**

**Day 1: (March 5) New Orleans, LA –** Fly to New Orleans and transfer to Hotel Check in. Your journey begins with a deluxe hotel stay in New Orleans.

**Day 2: (March 6) New Orleans, LA -** City Tour of New Orleans. Take a comprehensive city tour, stroll through an above ground cemetery, and see City Park, Lake Pontchartrain, elegant St. Charles Avenue and more. Transfer to the American Queen.

**Day 3: (March 7) Oak Alley, LA –** Located in Saint James Parish, Oak Alley is a much-photographed plantation that combines architectural splendor and the natural wonder of its 300-year-old oak trees. Spend time strolling beneath the canopy of these trees, and learn about the rich history and culture of this southern estate.

**Day 4: (March 8) St. Francisville –** This quaint southern town is filled with simple pleasures and unique treasures. Located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, St. Francisville has been called “one of the 200 most beautiful small

towns in America.” During your New Orleans river cruise stop in St. Francisville, taking a stroll through its historic center awakens an awareness of history with two centuries of architecture and lifestyles. Nearby plantations beckon you back to a time when coquettish southern belles and their chivalrous suitors sipped mint juleps on the shady porches of these grand estates.

**Day 5: (March 9) Natchez, MS** – Sitting high on the bluff above the mighty Mississippi River rests Natchez, a city 300 years in the making. At first glance, Natchez appears to be frozen in time, with perfectly preserved homes and buildings that remind us of days gone by. In fact, over 1,000 of its historic structures are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Upon closer inspection, you will soon discover that Natchez, while indeed a reflection of the past, is also alive in the present – filled with art, music, culture, events, commerce and natural beauty.

**Day 6: (March 10) Vicksburg, MS** – In Vicksburg, you’ll find Southern hospitality in its most authentic form. It’s a city bursting at the seams with history at some of its most poignant turns, art at its most creative angles, food at its finest flavors, and outdoor adventure at its most thrilling. With sweeping views of the Mississippi River, Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage along with hallowed stories of Civil War battles.

**Day 7: (March 11) Baton Rouge, LA** – Experience the wonder of Baton Rouge, Louisiana's capital city, one that is rich in culture and heritage. Known affectionately as the Red Stick, Baton Rouge is home to legendary Louisiana Cajun cuisine, fascinating plantation tours, and a variety of attractions and events. There is everything you would expect to find in a state capital, but with a down-home flavor that is part of its seductive charm. Baton Rouge is a destination with true Southern hospitality. Let us give you the grand tour of one of the most historic, vibrant and unforgettable cities in the South.

**Day 8: (March 12) Nottoway, LA** – Nottoway is the South’s largest, most glorious remaining Antebellum mansion with a rich history dating back to 1859. In a fabulous location along the great River Road overlooking the grand Mississippi River, this “White Castle” of the South transports visitors back to an era of glory and grandeur. Set amongst a natural backdrop of vibrant gardens and two hundred-year-old oak trees, Nottoway Plantation captivates all with a brilliant blend of true Southern hospitality, history and mystery.

**Day 9: (March 13) New Orleans, LA** - Transferred to New Orleans Airport for your flight home.



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY - Friendly Excursions, authorized agents, or tour leaders for groups act solely as agents of the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, or any tour related services and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay to person or property due to an act of default of any hotel, carrier, or company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond the control of Friendly Excursions. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing, or acts of government. Friendly Excursions cannot be held responsible for baggage damage, loss of personal property, possessions, or money. The right is reserved to refuse to retain any member of the group should circumstances so demand, and if such action is for benefit of the tour. The airlines or transportation companies involved are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passenger’s contract in use by the carrier concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the passenger. Tour members are held responsible for being in sufficient good health to undertake the tour. The American Queen cruise terms and conditions apply to this tour.

There will be dancing to the big band onboard the cruise. Separate arrangements for Donna's dancing sessions will be offered onboard the American Queen. Times and location are based on availability and approval by the cruise company.

**AN INSURANCE PACKAGE** is available for Trip Cancellation, Accident, Life, and Luggage coverage during the tour, and is **strongly recommended**. Contact Donna Frankel or Friendly Excursions for an application for this coverage program.

**DEPOSIT: \$600.00 (\$300.00 non-refundable) due now to hold your place.**

**\$200 Early Booking Discount per person-if booked by September 1, 2016!**

**Final payment is due November 28, 2016. Price subject to change until final payment is made.**

**CANCELLATION: After November 28, 2016 no refund will be given.**



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