



Lower Mississippi River Cruise

April 3 - 11, 2026

Cost based on dates, cabin selection, airfare + options.

Call for pricing + cabin availability.

Join us for an unforgettable Lower Mississippi River cruise on American Cruise Lines. Enjoy a complimentary pre-night stay at the Intercontinental Hotel and explore the jazzy streets of New Orleans, then cruise north for seven nights aboard the 180-passenger *American Serenade*. Each day will feature shore excursions along with fine dining as we make our way towards the legendary music city of Memphis. You'll also explore magnificent antebellum mansions like the Houmas House, discover Civil War history in Vicksburg, and feel the rhythm of the Mississippi River blues all along the Delta. Your trip culminates with a fun visit to Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley, providing a truly immersive look into the rich musical heritage that shaped the region.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- All onboard meals and beverages
- Pre-night hotel in New Orleans on April 3
- Cruise embarks on April 4
- Ride home available \$350/per guest
- Lower Mississippi River, stretching from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee
- Intimate Modern Riverboat accommodating no more than 180 guests
- Onboard historian sharing Southern culture and history
- Local guides unveiling hidden gems during shore excursions
- Exploring Civil War history at Vicksburg
- Marvel at grand estates like Houmas House, Rosedown Plantation, and Oak Alley (featuring 300-year-old trees)
- Exploring the quaint charm of St. Francisville and Natchez

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Lower Mississippi River Cruise: Day by Day

Day 1 - New Orleans, LA - Prenight Hotel

Settle into your hotel and explore this magical city, renowned for its cuisine, music scene, and culture. Take a carriage ride through the French Quarter, hop aboard a streetcar to the Garden District, or visit the National World War II Museum.

Day 2 - Cruising the Lower Mississippi River

Step aboard the 180-passenger *American Serenade*! Begin with a welcome reception, a great way to connect with fellow travelers. As the ship cruises along the river, engage in the array of onboard entertainment. Each moment is designed to enhance your experience, promising a journey filled with delight.

Day 3 - Oak Alley / Houmas House, LA

Visit Oak Alley and Houmas House and enjoy immersive historical experiences. Oak Alley, a Greek Revival mansion famous for its oak-lined avenue, showcases the region's early 19th-century sugar industry history. Meanwhile, Houmas House and Gardens, known as the "Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road," allows visitors to witness the lifestyle of plantation owners through its architecture, luxurious interiors, and expansive gardens.

Day 4 - St. Francisville, LA

Embark on a Civil War history tour led by an expert historian, focusing on key Battle of Baton Rouge and Vicksburg locations, including visits to Fort Desperate and hands-on artifact experiences. The journey also includes exploring the architectural splendor of the 1796 Myrtles estate, known as one of America's most haunted homes. Guests get to learn about the cherished Louisiana culinary tradition of Cochon de Lait, featuring pork, boudin, and traditional sides.

Day 5 - Natchez, MS

Natchez was founded in 1716 with French origins evident in sites like Fort Rosalie. The town flourished during the antebellum era, leading to the construction of grand mansions such as Stanton Hall and Longwood. You can stroll down historic Main Street, explore the Natchez Trace Parkway, and delve into history at the Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture.

Day 6 - Vicksburg, MS

Vicksburg, known as "The Gibraltar of the West," holds historical significance, particularly during the Civil War due to its fortified link between the river and rail, a point President Lincoln called the key to closing the war. Explore this pivotal history at the National Military Park battlefield with a narrated tour, step onto an Army Corps of Engineers towboat, or admire the murals along the floodwall, making it a port city brimming with stories.

Day 7 - Cleveland, MS

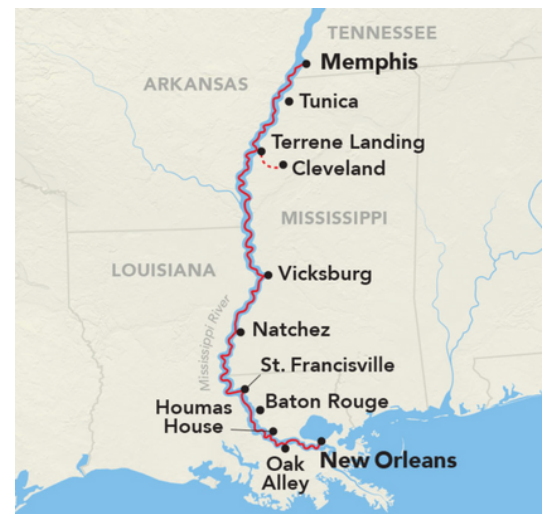
This "City of Hospitality," has a history tied to cotton farming and is a major part of the Mississippi Blues Trail, having influenced musicians like B.B. King and Muddy Waters. Its cultural significance is highlighted by the presence of the GRAMMY Museum Mississippi.

Day 8 - Memphis, TN

Get ready to feel the vibrant soul of Memphis! Feel the rhythm of the city through legendary Beale Street, alive with the sounds of blues and jazz.

Day 9 - Memphis, TN - Journey Home

Enjoy breakfast onboard the ship as you prepare for your journey home.



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