

American Queen Steamboat Upper Mississippi Cruise

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Uniquely American River Cruises

Stevie Jay
TRAVEL

9 Days August 2-10, 2020
From \$3,362*

- Local departure • Includes extra features like taxes, crew tips and travel insurance • Shore excursions included at each port with optional premium excursions at extra cost
- Tour host to assure all goes well

MARK TWAIN'S MISSISSIPPI. Many would argue that Samuel Clemens, best known by his pen name Mark Twain, is quite simply one of America's greatest authors. On this magnificent journey along the Upper Mississippi River, you will discover the beauty of the region from the unique perspective of the river. Our included Hop-on Hop-off tours allow you to explore Twain's childhood hometown of Hannibal, Missouri; the town from where much of the inspiration for his beloved classics such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is derived. You will not want to miss this opportunity to share the Mississippi River with Mark Twain.

Itinerary

Day 1 Sunday: Champaign-Bloomington-Springfield-Decatur-Minneapolis

Join the Champaign County Farm Bureau's Lois Wood with Mary Beth Kurasek as they welcome you aboard and we head north to Minnesota.

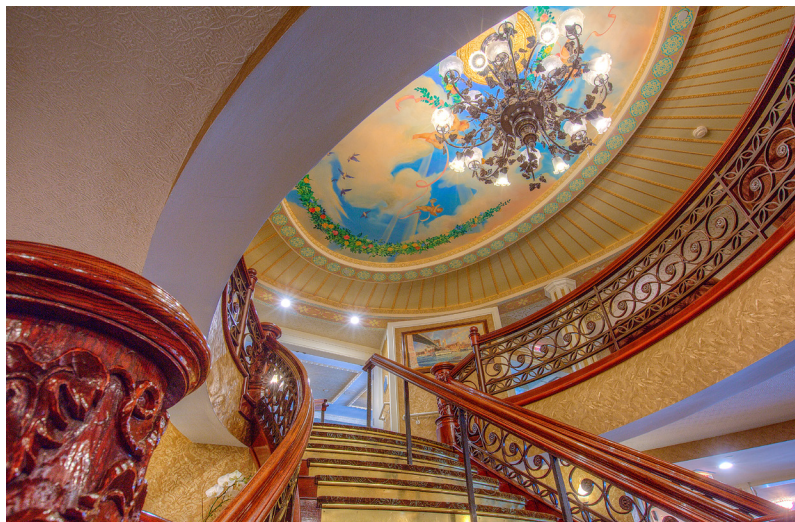
Enjoy your complimentary stay at Radisson Blu Mall of America. The evening is yours to get self-acquainted with the local attractions of Minneapolis. Our Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel for your convenience between 2:00-7:00 P.M. It is here that our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving Premium Shore Excursions. An American Queen Steamboat Company representative, as well as a local representative, will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment, and sight-seeing suggestions so that you may maximize your time in Minneapolis.



Day 2 Monday: Minneapolis-Red Wing

Explore nearby Minneapolis at your leisure or consider a Pre-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion with afternoon transfer to the American Queen. At Red Wing (above) we board the Riverboat! (B, D)

The Grand Staircase on the queen of American steamboats



Space going
fast!



Day 3 Tuesday: 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 on the river. Later in Red Wing's history the economy began to flourish with the 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. (B, L, D)



Day 4 Wednesday: La Crosse, WI

Named by explorer Zebulon Pike, who saw a group of people playing a game with sticks that looked like a cross, La Crosse is now a popular tourist stop featuring the Dahl Auto Museum (1939 Ford De Luxe Coupe above) 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-1800s until the decline of the forests throughout much of Wisconsin took its toll. But in the wake of the van-



ishing 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. (B, L, D)



Day 5 Thursday: Dubuque, IA

One of the few large cities in Iowa with hills, one of which is ascended by Fenelon Place Elevator, the shortest and steepest railroad in the world (above). Dubuque features unique architecture and a 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. (B, L, D)

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Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



Day 6 Friday: Bettendorf, IA

Bettendorf, Iowa, is the starting point of historic exploration where you will set off to uncover the intriguing evolution of five individual, yet unified, communities known as the Quad Cities. During the Civil War, the nearby river towns of Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, thoughtful planning and strong leaders helped them to flourish while other settlements began to fail. It was during this same time period that the three towns began to refer to themselves as the "Tri-Cities." Today, despite the name "Quad Cities," the area is comprised of five towns in total with the addition of East Moline, Illinois, and Bettendorf, Iowa. Enjoy the diverse culture of this "melting-pot" city and uncover the stories of Quad Cities' past in the many museums, boutiques (like company memorializing Isabel Bloom's statues, *above*), and eateries! (B, L, D)



Day 7 Saturday: Burlington, IA

Explored in 1673 by Pere Jaques Marquette and Louis Joliet, the land that is now Des Moines County changed hands from France to Spain, back to France and finally to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase. After Lt. Zebulon Pike's expedition landed at what is now Crapo Park in 1805, it was part of several territories – Louisiana, Indiana, Missouri, and Michigan. In 1834, residents named the land "Burlington" after trader John Gray's Vermont hometown. When Iowa was named a territory in 1838, Burlington remained the capital. Today, visitors enjoy the sights and attractions of the town like the Garrett-Phelps House (*above*) as the hills and valleys, prairies,



Enjoy a performance of the Steamboat Syncopators Ensemble

and the Mississippi River create the perfect scenic backdrop. (B, L, D)



Day 8 Sunday: 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 River. 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 worldwide as Mark Twain (*his home is pictured below*). Many of the popular characters featured in Twain's novels were based on people Clemens 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. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Monday: Alton-Springfield-Decatur-Champaign-Bloomington

Arrival 8:00 A.M. Thank you for cruising with us! We hope that you had a memorable experience and look forward to welcoming you aboard in the future. Our private motor coach will pick you and return you to Central Illinois cities above with wonderful memories of *Steamboatin' Down the River!* (B)

The J.M. White Dining Room



Prices, per-person total*

Type & Category	Deck	Sq. Ft.	Price Per Person	
			Double	Single
Inside Stateroom		no window		
E	Texas	132'	\$3,362	5,612
SI SOLD OUT	Observ.	80'	N/A	4,434
SD	Observ.	188'	N/A	6,150
Outside		has a bay window		
D	Cabin	190'	5,078	**
Veranda		open to the deck or private if †		
C	Ob/Tx/Ca	140'	5,399	**
B *	Observ.	190'	5,721	**
A†	Texas	190'	5,935	**
Suite		open to the deck or private if †		
JS	Prom/Ob	210'	5,935	**
DS	Promen.	230'	6,471	**
LS† *	Prom/Tx	353'	9,258	**
OS†	Promen.	348'	10,974	**

What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Champaign & Bloomington to Minneapolis & return from

Alton with drivers' tips • Wine and beer with dinner • Free Internet • 24 hour room service • Hop-on hop-off shore excursions • Port charges • Crew gratuities • Baggage handling • Travel insurance from AIG Travel Guard's deluxe group program • 21 Meals: 8 Breakfasts 6 Lunches 7 Dinners • \$199 current total taxes & fees, subject to change • Choice of cruise stateroom • Led by Mary Beth Kurasek

Accommodations: (8) total number of nights Minneapolis (1) Radisson Blu Mall of America Cruising (7) *American Queen*

What's Not Included: • Premium shore excursions (instead of the included excursion) at any port • Bar drinks (but beer and wine are included at dinner)

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, call for triple & quad rates. **Call for single rate for double staterooms. • Document required is government-issued photo ID like drivers license. • Insurance coverage included is Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard and for coverage details see steviejaytravel.com/insurance covering cancellation charges; other terms at steviejaytravel.com/terms which are incorporated by reference. • All entertainment, events, tours and prices are subject to change without notice. Springfield & Decatur pick-ups cost \$50/person extra. \$1500pp deposit for categories LS/OS. Acct#200802s 24Apr19 14:33

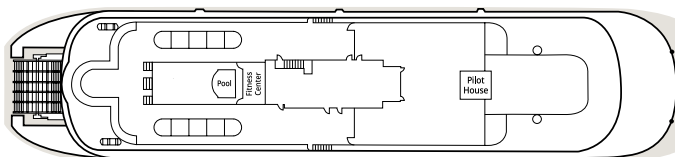
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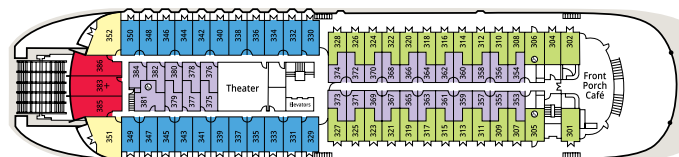
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- LS** LUXURY SUITES WITH PRIVATE OR OPEN VERANDA
- DS** DELUXE SUITES WITH OPEN VERANDA
- JS** JUNIOR SUITES WITH OPEN VERANDA
- PS** PADDLEWHEEL STATEROOMS
- A** DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH PRIVATE VERANDA
- B** OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH OPEN VERANDA
- C** OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH OPEN VERANDA
- D** DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH BAY WINDOW
- E** INSIDE STATEROOMS
- SD** SINGLE DELUXE STATEROOMS
- SI** SINGLE INSIDE STATEROOMS

***STARRED CATEGORIES ABOVE NEARING SELL OUT.**

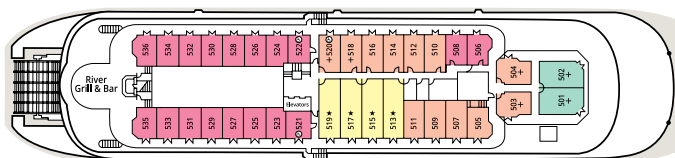
Need a roommate? Let us know & we may have one!



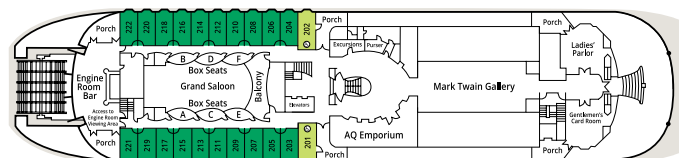
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DECK 3 - TEXAS DECK



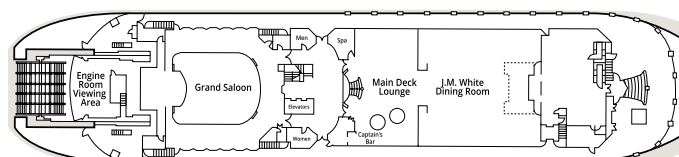
DECK 5 - PROMENADE DECK



DECK 2 - CABIN DECK



DECK 4 - OBSERVATION DECK



DECK 1 - MAIN DECK

- ✦ TRIPLE OCCUPANCY
- ★ QUADRUPLE OCCUPANCY
- ♿ ACCESSIBLE SUITES AND STATEROOMS

Dinner Times Book early enough to get your preference of evening dining times in the JM White Dining Room: • 5:15 P.M. • 7:45 P.M. The other two meals at JM White are "open seating". Breakfast between 7:00-9:00 A.M. for & Lunch 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Casual dining in the Front Porch Cafe daily: Breakfast 6:30-9:30 A.M., Lunch 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. and Dinner 5:30-8:15 P.M.

SPECIFICATIONS

Year Built1995
Refurbished2017
Length418 feet
Passenger Decks6
Suites and Staterooms218
Guests/Crew417/172

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Includes Local Departure, Beer & Wine with Dinner, Shore Excursions, Taxes, Crew Tips and Travel Insurance!