

*Novi Older Adult Services presents...*

# American Queen

Pittsburgh to Louisville 9 Days August 7-15, 2022

*Uncover America's heartland as you travel the tranquil waters of the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Louisville, the iconic city where names like Carnegie and Bessemer created the steel-making capital of the world. Step onboard the American Queen, and experience America in style as you take a journey that you will never forget.*

## **Tour Highlights:**

- **One Night Pre-Cruise Lodging w/breakfast**
- **Transfer to the Boat**
- **Seven Night Cruise aboard the American Queen**
- **Ports of Calls**
  - **Wheeling, WV, Marietta, OH, Huntington, WV,**
  - **Augusta, KY, Cincinnati, OH, Madison, IN**
- **All Onboard Meals with Multiple Dining Venues**
- **24 Hours Room Service**
- **Unlimited Beverages**
- **Broadway Style Entertainment Each Evening**
- **Daily Lectures by the Riverlorian**
- **Unlimited WiFi**
- **Signature Hop-on Hop-off Shore Excursions**
- **Port Charges and Onboard Gratuities**
- **Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation**

## **Per Person Prices, Double Occupancy:**

**Category E, Inside \$4,264**

**Category C, Veranda \$5,664**

**Category B, Veranda \$5,964**

**\$500 per person deposit due with reservation  
(\$250 is non-refundable)**

**Final Payment due by March 21, 2022**

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**Day 1 - Pittsburgh PA** - Today, arrive in Pittsburgh, PA via deluxe motorcoach and check into your hotel located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. The evening is yours to enjoy Pittsburgh at your leisure.

**Day 2 - Board the American Queen** - Today is the day you have been waiting for! Board the American Queen for a seven night river cruise to Louisville. Once you are transferred to the American Queen, you can relax in a comfortable atmosphere with modern amenities. Premium linens and plush bedding will ensure that you are well-rested to fully enjoy all included shore excursions, historical lectures, and nightly entertainment.

**Day 3 - Wheeling, WV** - Founded by Colonel Ebenezer Zane in 1769, Wheeling was established as a town in 1795 and became a popular frontier town by the early 1880s, largely due to trade along the Ohio River in conjunction with the B&O Railroad and National Road – the nation's first roadway and a most important avenue of commerce. In the late nineteenth century, the town served as a prime industrial center for the state with thriving factory business in iron, steel, glass and tobacco. Through its bustling industrial economy and steady working population, Wheeling developed an area of fine housing around Wheeling Island on the Ohio River called Victorian Old Town.

First-time visitors to the Friendly City will find plenty of history to explore in the area. Walk across the 150-year-old Wheeling Suspension Bridge and gaze at the graceful waters of the Ohio River or better yet take a walk through Victorian Old Town and visit breathtaking homes from the stylish Victorian Era.

**Day 4 - Marietta, OH** - Marietta's location on two major navigable rivers made it ripe for industry and commerce in the 19th century, with boat building emerging as one of its earliest – a history that is shared at the Ohio River Museum. Oil booms in 1875 and 1910 made investors rich, leading to the construction of lavish houses, many of which still stand.

In 1939, the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, America's Riverboat Historical Society, was established in Marietta to celebrate the region's substantial river history. Marietta is also home to the Great Mound or Conus, built by the Mound Builders. The mound was preserved by the original pioneers and is contained within the Mound Cemetery, which is also home to the largest number of Revolutionary War officers buried in one location.

**Day 5 - Huntington, WV** - Huntington is a vibrant, energetic city that has managed to keep their heritage alive, while still keeping up with the progressions of modern culture. The city is part of the largest inland port in the United States, where West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky meet.

Steamboats have always been a huge aspect of Huntington's history, as a major port for lumber, coal, and fuel during the railroad extension. Today, Huntington welcomes all visitors with open arms and wide smiles, and invites all to explore their unique shops, restaurants, museums, and historical buildings!

**Day 6 - Augusta, KY** - Augusta, Kentucky is located in Bracken County at the confluence of the Ohio River and Bracken Creek. The city offers an incredible long range view of the picturesque river valley, known to be one of the most stunning views of the valley in the state of Kentucky. Augusta was regarded as one of the most popular shipping ports during the agricultural growth era. Tobacco, hemp, livestock, and wine were frequently exported from Augusta to surrounding areas. Today, the city continues to grow and welcomes visitors of all ages!

**Day 7 - Cincinnati, OH** - Amidst the gently rolling hills along the Ohio River, Cincinnati spreads from the southwestern corner of Ohio into Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana. The city is located about mid-point on the shoreline of the 981-mile long Ohio River. John Filson, one of the first settlers in the Ohio Valley community, named it Losantiville, meaning "town opposite the mouth" of the Licking River. The community was the location of Fort Washington, which provided military protection for the surrounding territories. In 1790, General Arthur St. Clair, Commander of Fort Washington, renamed it Cincinnati in honor of the society of Cincinnati, an organization of Revolutionary War officers.

**Day 8 - Madison, IN** - This quaint river town is sure to win your heart. Madison's culture and heritage is weaved into nearly every stop, ensuring you a glimpse of the beauty and history of antique machinery at the Schroeder House, or an example of fine craftsmanship at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, where the stunning Greek Revival architecture is sure to impress each of its visitors!

**Day 9 - Louisville, KY- Depart for Home** - After breakfast on the boat, disembark with memories that will last a lifetime. Board your deluxe motorcoach and depart for home.

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