



HUDSON RIVER DISCOVERY

Surrounded by the Catskill Mountains on the western shore and the Taconic and Berkshire Hills to the east, the Hudson River is rich in both history and beauty. The cities and towns along the river date back to Dutch and English rule, and feature some of the most magnificent architecture in America. Our expert guides will lead you through these grand and historic sites including the Vanderbilt Mansion, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the Clermont Estate, once home to Robert R. Livingston, negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase. At West Point Military Academy, you'll walk on the hallowed grounds traversed by some of the nation's greatest generals, and later visit the riverside town of Sleepy Hollow made famous by the great American writer Washington Irving. Please Note: Some departures are only 7 days long, please contact us for more details.



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Day 1 New York, NY

After boarding your ship in New York City, enjoy a delightful afternoon cruising from the metropolitan area to the Hudson



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River region.

Day 2 Troy / Albany, NY

The city of Albany was discovered by Henry Hudson in 1609 on a failed attempt to find an expedited passage to China for the Dutch East India Company. Today, the capital city of New York welcomes visitors with majestic architecture and grand views of the beautiful Hudson River Valley. Be sure to explore the New York State Museum and the newly renovated State Capitol building, originally built in the late 1800s.

Day 3 Kingston, NY

When the steamboat debuted in 1807, the Hudson River became a waterway of leisurely travel. Kingston preserves the heritage of the region at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. Kingston is also located in an area of the Hudson River often referred to as "Millionaires Row" - which is replete with palatial estates and grand mansions built by wealthy New York businessmen who bought the property for summer retreats.

Day 4 Hyde Park, NY

Due to Hyde Park's natural beauty and proximity to the city, families such as the Astors and Vanderbilts built weekend homes nearby. The area is most famously known as the birthplace of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His Springwood estate is now the site of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

Day 5 Catskill, NY

In Catskill, visit the Clermont State Historic Site, home to Robert Livingston Jr., the first minister of foreign affairs who negotiated the Louisiana Purchase and helped draft the Declaration of Independence. You will also have the chance to visit Olana,

home of artist Frederick Church.

Day 6 West Point, NY

The United States Military Academy at West Point offers visitors the opportunity to walk on the hallowed grounds once traversed by some of the nation's greatest generals. Founded in 1802 by an act of Congress, the Academy has been of significant military importance to America. Tour the West Point Museum and Cadet Chapel, while viewing magnificent vistas of the Hudson Valley from atop the campus grounds.

Day 7 Sleepy Hollow, NY

The riverside town of Sleepy Hollow is forever immortalized in the works of one of the country's first great writers, Washington Irving. The author found inspiration in the Hudson Valley, creating legendary stories like Rip Van Winkle. Today, Irving's country home, Sunnyside, is a National Historic Landmark and welcomes visitors with tales of the man himself.

Day 8 New York, NY

Cap off your trip with a day in the Big Apple. Once you have docked in Manhattan, enjoy all of the offerings that New York City embodies. Take in cultural events at the Metropolitan Opera House, exhibits at the Museum of Modern Art or simply go sightseeing throughout this metropolitan wonderland.

Please Note:

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VESSEL TYPE:	Coastal Cruise Ship
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	100
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2010

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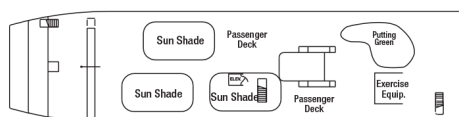


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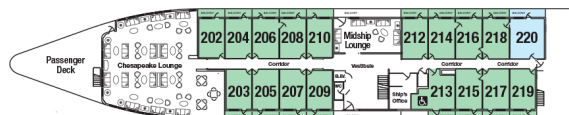
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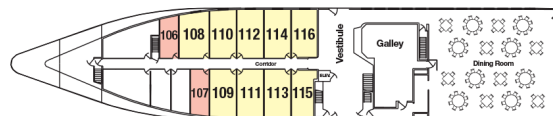
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