



## MISSISSIPPI RIVER GATEWAY CRUISE

Cruise the Mississippi River from the banks of the Bayou to the shores of St. Louis. Your journey starts in the French Quarter, the oldest neighborhood in the vibrant city of New Orleans, brimming with art, music and culture. Continue to Baton Rouge and Natchez, where you will experience the best in Southern hospitality while touring historic homes and grand plantations. Enjoy a captivating lecture from our onboard Civil War historian on your visit to the Vicksburg National Military Park. While in Memphis, enjoy an authentic BBQ and take an exclusive tour of the famous Sun Studios, known as the birth place of rock n' roll. Visit Paducah also known as "Quilt City," and peruse its many museums and art galleries, before docking at St. Louis, home of The Gateway Arch, our nation's tallest man-made monument.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 New Orleans, LA

Explore the French Quarter, with its architectural blend of Spanish, French, Creole, and American styles. Also known as the Vieux Carré, it is the oldest neighborhood in the city of New



## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

[www.small-cruise-ships.com](http://www.small-cruise-ships.com)

[small-cruise-ships.com](http://small-cruise-ships.com)

[info@small-cruise-ships.com](mailto:info@small-cruise-ships.com)

Orleans. The distinctive and romantic character of the area has long inspired writers and artists since the time of Mark Twain, Lafcadio Hern and John James Audubon.

### Day 2 Baton Rouge, LA

Experience the wonder of Baton Rouge, Louisiana's capital. Known as the Red Stick, Baton Rouge is home to legendary Louisiana Cajun cuisine, fascinating plantation tours, and a variety of attractions. 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. Enjoy a grand tour of one of the most historic and unforgettable cities in the South.

### Day 3 Natchez, MS

Perched on a bluff above the Mississippi River, Natchez is a city 300 years in the making. Over 1,000 of its historic structures are listed on 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 arts, music, culture, and commerce.

### Day 4 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 5 Day of River Cruising

As we make our way from historic New Orleans to St. Louis, revel in the sights and sounds of the spectacular Mississippi River.

Spend time chatting with other passengers in the lounges or enjoy a cocktail on your private balcony.

### Day 6 Memphis, TN

The largest city in Tennessee offers plenty of attractions. Visit Graceland, and then tour the W.C. Handy Museum; Shelby Farms, the largest urban park in the country; or the "twisted" Ornamental Metal Museum. In the heart of "Blues City," you'll find the Peabody Memphis, one of the city's most popular attractions.

### Day 7 New Madrid, MO

Originally founded in 1776 by Spanish Governor Esteban Rodriguez, early settlers of New Madrid were required to become citizens of Spain in order to reside here. Today, New Madrid is a living monument to early American history with sites including the Kochtitsky Home, the Trail of Tears, and Veterans Park.

### Day 8 Paducah, KY

From quilting and shopping to learning about Civil War history, there is plenty to do in Paducah. Tour the American Quilt Museum and search for fabrics in the Lowertown Arts District and visit one of Paducah's many art galleries. You may also take tours retracing the town's tumultuous Civil War history.

### Day 9 Day of River Cruising

Sit back and enjoy the gentle sounds of the paddlewheel as it churns through the placid waters of the Ohio River. One of the highlights of this cruise is the chance to watch the ever-changing scenery pass by and experience the river as early explorers did centuries ago.

### Day 10 St. Louis, MO





St. Louis, known as the “Gateway to the West,” is sure to win you over. Take in the Gateway Arch Riverfront, highlighted by the majestic Gateway Arch, the largest manmade monument in the U.S. Enjoy St. Louis’ many world-class, attractions, including the Art Museum, Science Center, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and the Missouri History Museum.

**Day 11 St. Louis, MO**

Departure day. End your day by relaxing at the Missouri Botanical Garden, one of the world’s most popular public gardens.

**Please Note:**

We do not guarantee departure point, termination point or any intermediate stop. Itineraries, schedules, routes, ships, and staterooms are always subject to change at any time without notice due to weather conditions, availability of docks, shoaling, river conditions, operation of locks, mechanicals, or any other reason. The times and dates of departure and arrival are also subject to change.

## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

[www.small-cruise-ships.com](http://www.small-cruise-ships.com)

[small-cruise-ships.com](http://small-cruise-ships.com)

[info@small-cruise-ships.com](mailto:info@small-cruise-ships.com)

### YOUR SHIP: AMERICA

**YOUR SHIP:**

**America**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

America is American Cruise Lines' eighth ship and its second brand-new vessel launched in 2016. America is the finest Mississippi paddlewheeler ever built, introducing features never before seen on a Mississippi riverboat. The America embodies a casual ambiance and relaxed atmosphere, while providing panoramic views of the passing scenery. With only 185 guests, fellow passengers will quickly become new friends. Finely Appointed Staterooms America's staterooms are the most spacious in small ship cruising - all over 200 square feet in size, and each with large opening picture windows and a private bathroom. Each spacious stateroom is a comfortable haven and the perfect place to relax and unwind. Passangers can enjoy the ever-changing scenery from large, opening picture windows or from private balconies. America Amenities and Features: Complimentary wi-fi, Elevator access to all decks of the ship, Many lounges offer an atmosphere for every mood, Grand dining room accommodates all guests together, Open-air exercise area with views of passing scenery, Satellite tv and dvd player in all staterooms, Spacious staterooms are the largest on any crusie ship, Hotel-size private bathrooms with a full set of amenities, Private balconies, Sliding glass balcony doors offer panoramic

views, Twice daily stateroom service, Mark Twain library and chart room, Putting green on the top deck, Laundry facilities, Individual climate control, Afternoon tea service in the sky lounge, Jazz and evening musical entertainment, Brand new ship, Breakfast room service, Built in the USA, All american crew, Complimentary cocktail hour each evening, Onboard historians and naturalists, Culinary program featuring locally sourced ingredients, Personalized service, Open



picture window



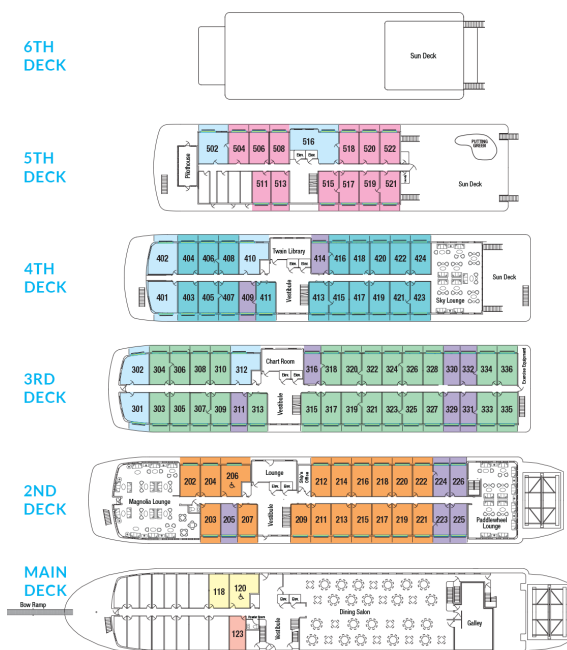
# The Small Cruise Ship Collection

[www.small-cruise-ships.com](http://www.small-cruise-ships.com)

[small-cruise-ships.com](http://small-cruise-ships.com)

[info@small-cruise-ships.com](mailto:info@small-cruise-ships.com)

## INSIDE YOUR SHIP





The Small Cruise  
Ship Collection

[www.small-cruise-ships.com](http://www.small-cruise-ships.com)



[small-cruise-ships.com](http://small-cruise-ships.com)

[info@small-cruise-ships.com](mailto:info@small-cruise-ships.com)

## PRICING

---

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port Charges. From 330 USD pp



The Small Cruise  
Ship Collection

[www.small-cruise-ships.com](http://www.small-cruise-ships.com)

**01432 507 280** (within UK)

[info@small-cruise-ships.com](mailto:info@small-cruise-ships.com) | [small-cruise-ships.com](http://small-cruise-ships.com)