

MUSIC CITIES CRUISE - EXPLORE UNITED STATES FROM MEMPHIS TO NASHVILLE

Embark on a remarkable journey from Memphis to Nashville, where the mighty currents of the Mississippi River, the commanding Ohio River, and the tranquil waters of the Cumberland River guide you through breathtaking landscapes. Along the way, witness the dramatic interplay of rolling hills and towering cliffs while spotting majestic bald eagles and stately blue herons in their natural habitat. Explore charming river towns and historic ports, including Paducah's celebrated arts district, Clarksville's deep heritage and scenic riverfront, and Dover's connection to pivotal Civil War sites, each offering a distinctive glimpse into America's heartland. Immerse yourself in the region's rich musical traditions, born along these storied waterways, from the soulful roots of Delta Blues in Memphis to the timeless sounds of country music in Nashville. Nightly performances aboard celebrate this enduring legacy, culminating in an unforgettable evening at Nashville's legendary Grand Ole Opry. Each day brings a new sense of discovery as cultural landmarks and riverside communities reveal the spirit of a nostalgic past. Gain deeper insight into the origins of blues, rock, and country music from knowledgeable onboard experts and local guides, who share the untold stories of the pioneers who helped shape the soundtrack of America.



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Day 1 - Memphis, TN



Welcome to Memphis, a historic city which rises picturesquely up the hillside from the river, adorned with grand oak trees, lush parks, and historic sites that commemorate everything from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement. Immerse yourself in its rich musical legacy as you stroll along legendary Beale Street, where music flows from every doorway, and savor the rich flavors and aromas of the city's famous BBQ. After a day of exploration, return to the comfort of The Guest House.

Day 2 - Cruising the Mississippi River

The comfort of your ship awaits at the nearby Beale Street Landing, docked along an impressive, recently renovated city park. Be entertained on board by local musicians as you enjoy the afternoon rolling on the mighty Mississippi.

Day 3 - Cruising the Ohio River

Design a day just the way you want it. Sleep in. Or greet the morning from your stateroom's private veranda to read, enjoy the scenery, or watch the ship transit through the Ohio River's newest lock and dam, completed in 2018 after 23 years of construction.

View the awe-inspiring confluence of the Ohio River emptying into the mighty Mississippi. Make new friends as you savor the chef's scrumptious creations. Enjoy festive onboard activities, captivating lectures to illuminate the region's history, plus live entertainment highlighting the region's diverse musical styles.

Day 4 - Paducah, KY

Just upriver of your ship's dock, the beautiful Tennessee River empties into the Ohio River. Also nearby are confluences with the Cumberland River and the Mississippi. The convergence of these four major rivers crossroads makes Paducah an important port centralized at the axis.

Wander along the landing to admire more than 50 murals which highlight the region's rich history. Learn the importance of the town as headquarters for Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant as he embarked to secure Union control of the rivers. Only a block away, the excellent River Discovery Center illuminates for you the importance of the rivers to this historic port. View a treasure trove of incredible works of art created with fabric, needle, and thread at the National Quilt Museum.

Day 5 - Cruising Lake Barkley and the Cumberland River

Cruising the Cumberland River's Lake Barkley is a special day that you will cherish. The 1966 completion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 57-foot Barkley Lock and Dam pooled the Cumberland River back for 134 miles and created a curving, stunning collection of coves totaling more than 1,000 miles of shoreline.

From large windows and private balconies, enjoy the picturesque, everchanging panorama of grand, sweeping views of craggy, limestone bluffs. Between Lake Barkley and the Tennessee River's Kentucky Lake paralleling to the west, the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area includes



more than 170,000 acres of forests, wetlands, and open spaces with roaming herds of elk and bison. Relax and be pampered by our enthusiastic all-American crew, enjoy culinary delights, historical tales from your onboard guest speaker, interactive activities, and visiting with fellow travelers.

Day 6 - Dover, TN

At Dover, your ship nestles in at the town's lovely waterfront park. Locals often welcome the vessel and set up booths of crafts and tasty treats. The adjacent bluff is the site of the historic Fort Donelson National Park, a site that played a pivotal role in the Civil War. It was there that Union forces led by Ulysses S. Grant won their first surrender during this pivotal early victory in the struggle to gain control of the rivers. Learn about the importance of river transportation during the war and the story of this February 1862 battle which led quickly to the Union's capture of their first Confederate state capital at Nashville.

Within Dover is the Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, an over 8,000-acre habitat of waterfowl and plant life, as well as the Land Between Lakes National Recreation Area.

Day 7 - Clarksville, TN

On this narrow and gorgeous stretch of the Cumberland River, your ship docks at the beautiful riverfront park at Clarksville. The town is named for General George Rogers Clark, a frontier fighter, Revolutionary War hero, and brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Ramble the waterfront trail along miles of picturesque exploration. View architectural treasures such as the remarkable 1898 U.S. Post Office and Customs House as local guides share the historical importance of the city as a major tobacco port during the 1800s.

Day 8 - Nashville, TN

From the legendary Ryman Auditorium to the Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville hosts an array of museums and performance venues that pay tribute to its heritage as the home of Country Music. The lively streets are lined with art galleries and unique shops that welcome you at every turn and the sounds of talented performers hoping for stardom echo from every pub.

Enjoy transportation and tickets to the renowned live show at the Grand Ole Opry featuring longtime Opry performers in addition to rising stars!

Day 9 - Nashville, TN

Nashville is well worth a pre- or post-cruise stay to further explore attractions such as the incredible Country Music Hall of Fame, the Patsy Cline Museum, and the Johnny Cash Museum. Walk in the footsteps of country music history with a VIP guided backstage tour of the legendary 1880 Ryman Auditorium. Visit President Andrew Jackson's fascinating Hermitage home, the Tennessee State Capitol, a full-size replica of the Parthenon, or the opulent Gaylord Opryland Hotel's nine acres of indoor



gardens, rivers, and waterfalls. Throughout your stay, savor the town's warm welcome, the extensive options for delicious southern cuisine, and a plethora of musical entertainment venues.

Please note:

Itineraries are subjuect to change.



YOUR SHIP: AMERICAN CONSTELLATION

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Coastal Cruise Ship**
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**163**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2017**

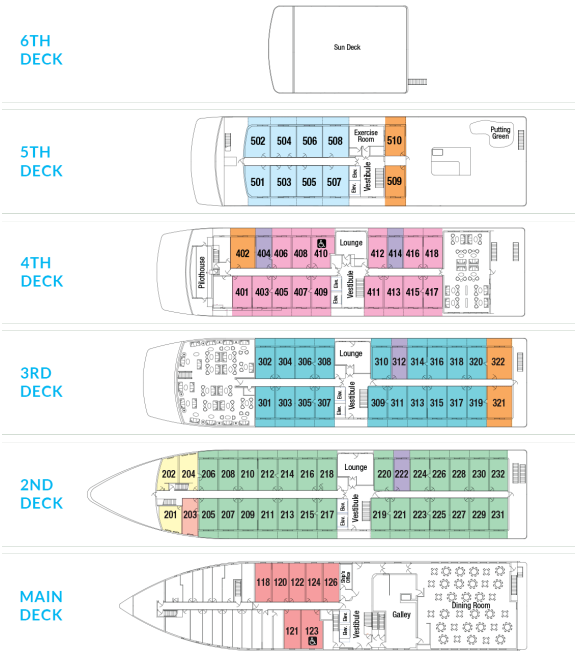
American Constellation is uniquely designed to navigate the inland waterways of the East Coast, American Constellation brings guests to beautiful ports the larger ships can't access. In the intimate atmosphere onboard, guests will find the largest staterooms in the industry, spacious lounges and observation decks and private balconies that offer spectacular views of the passing landscapes. Finely Appointed Staterooms American Constellation'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. American Constellation 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, Exercise room with the latest equipment, 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, Putting green on the top deck, Laundry facilities, Individual climate control, Evening entertainment focuses on music and history, 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



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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Balcony Cabin





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08-Oct-2027 to 16-Oct-2027

Deluxe Balcony Cabin	**£5085 GBP pp**