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Ohio University Alumni Association
Office of Alumni Relations
52 University Terrace
Athens, OH 45701

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Dear Ohio University Alumni and Friends,

From moss-draped oak trees and fragrant idyllic gardens to stately pillared mansions and storybook downtown districts, the American South conjures up an array of enchanting images. Celebrate the region’s intriguing history and architectural elegance on a Mississippi River cruise aboard the magnificent American Queen. From Memphis to New Orleans, let our nation’s most iconic waterway carry you to welcoming towns in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Your adventure begins with a stay in Memphis, home to Sun Studio and Elvis Presley’s Graceland. Then board the grand American Queen and sail to Greenville, a lovely town nestled on the banks of Lake Ferguson. Visit the delightful antique shops and museums of Vicksburg, or step back in time at the renowned Vicksburg National Military Park. Continue to the oldest settlement on the Mississippi, Natchez, graced with stunning gardens and palatial mansions. Admire Louisiana’s Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge, then stroll along St. Francisville’s Royal Street, the historic heart of the city. Before concluding your journey in New Orleans, explore the impressive halls of Nottoway, the largest plantation house in the South.

Discover captivating landscapes, picturesque towns, and the tranquility of river cruising aboard the American Queen. Your cruise includes beautifully appointed accommodations, fascinating lectures and shore excursions, and delicious Southern cuisine. Reserve your spot by December 28, 2017, to receive the one-night pre-cruise hotel stay as well as the $600 early booking savings per stateroom. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore treasured towns of the Old South with fellow alumni.

Sincerely,

Your Ohio University Alumni Travel Team

Available to Alumni, Their Families, and Friends.

Space on this Cruise is Limited
Book Now!

Call the Alumni Association at 740.593.4300
Or go next at 877.333.0449
We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the Ohio University Alumni Association with your confirmation letter.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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RESERVE YOUR SOUTHERN GRANDEUR CRUISE TODAY!

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OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (667-2)
MAY 6–14, 2018
CLASS
YEAR ____________________

CORRESPONDENCE PREFERENCE: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

RESERVATION SELECTION:
☒ CRUISE PROGRAM WITH 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY IN MEMPHIS
☒ CRUISE PROGRAM—DECLINE 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY IN MEMPHIS
☒ Please reserve ____________ space(s) for the Go Next New Orleans Post-Cruise Program, $399 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is $599 and subject to availability.

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.
☒ I will make my own transportation arrangements.
☒ Please contact me to discuss air options.

Stateroom/Suite Category Preference: 1st choice ____________ 2nd choice ____________

Bed Preference: ☐ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Queen ☐ Single

Dinner Seating Preference: ☐ Early (5:15 PM) ☐ Main (8:00 PM)

All guests must travel with a government-issued photo ID.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

First Middle Last Title
Preferred name on name badge ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

GUEST 2: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

First Middle Last Title
Preferred Name (for name badge) ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address
Mailing Address
City State ZIP
Main Phone ☐ Alternate Phone

Roomate’s Name (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

OPERATOR AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:
Signatures are required from each person traveling, including parent and guardian signatures for traveling minors.

I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

SIGN HERE X

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DEPOSITS: A deposit of $950 per person plus a $300 deposit per person for the optional post-cruise program, if applicable, is due with your reservation application. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. All major credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by check no later than January 5, 2018. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by full payment.

Please reserve ____________ space(s). Enclosed is a deposit for $ ____________________.

Charge my credit card for the deposit of $ ____________________.

☒ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Name on Credit Card ____________________

SIGN HERE X

Billing Address ____________________

☐ same as mailing address

Card Number ____________________ Security __________ Exp. ______ |_|_______

SIGN HERE X

Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.
There’s never been a better time to rediscover America, and there’s never been a better way to do it. From Memphis to New Orleans on the fabled waters of the mighty Mississippi, experience the grandeur of the American South.

Enjoy casual elegance aboard the magnificent American Queen, the largest riverboat in the world and your antebellum mansion on the water. Open French doors to sweeping river views and delight in easy conversation on the promenade. At the end of the day, retreat to the Victorian charm of your fine accommodations.

Discover America’s scenic riversides on a journey aboard the 421-passenger American Queen. Experience rich beauty, history, and adventure from the remarkable perspective of the river.

- 7-night voyage aboard the American Queen, with all meals included
- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- Exquisite regional dishes prepared by an award-winning culinary team
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly staff
- Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert
- Professional showboat-style entertainment, dances nightly, and calliope concerts

GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel or similar accommodations, with breakfast, coverage of taxes, porterage, and transfers to the American Queen
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
- Complimentary bottle of wine per stateroom
- Services of an onboard Go Next Program Manager
MAY 06 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Your journey begins with a one-night stay at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel. Located on the vintage Memphis Main Street Trolley line, this inviting hotel is just a short walk from Beale Street and the scenic Riverwalk.

MAY 07 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
Depart 5pm
Spend the morning at leisure. Embark on your river cruise aboard the graceful American Queen in the afternoon.

MAY 08 GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 12pm–Depart 5pm
The “Heart and Soul of the Mississippi Delta,” this pleasant town is characterized by its plentiful museums, gardens, and authors. Situated near Indianola, the birthplace of blues musician B.B. King, Greenville beckons with its own colorful attractions, including the new Trop Casino and E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center.
INCLUDED EXCURSION Visit the Greenville History Museum, the Hebrew Union Temple, the 1927 Flood Museum, the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center, the Washington County Courthouse, and Trop Casino.

MAY 09 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
Billed as the “Red Carpet City of the South,” Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its heritage with tremendous pride. The site of a dramatic siege in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.
INCLUDED EXCURSION The coach tour stops at the Church of the Holy Trinity; Anchuca mansion; the Old Warren County Court House Museum, which showcases Civil War artifacts; the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum; the Lower Mississippi River Museum; and the Old Depot Museum that highlights the Siege of Vicksburg.

MAY 10 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
One of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and former capital of the state, Natchez is an authentic Southern town with a rich heritage shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British, and Spanish descent.
INCLUDED EXCURSION Take in historic sites on a tour with stops at the Natchez Visitor Center, the Museum of African-American History and Culture, Magnolia Hall, Rosalie Mansion, the William Johnson House, and Stanton Hall.

LIFE ON THE WATER
Life on the American Queen is as unique and enriching as the riverboat tradition itself. Night after night, music fills the majestic two-deck-tall Grand Saloon, a stunning replica of the famed Ford’s Theatre. Showboat-style cabaret acts and old-fashioned radio shows add variety and charm to the evening lineup. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and river lore. The Ladies’ Parlor and Gentlemen’s Card Room are meeting points for new friends. And the calliope, a steam-powered organ, beckons anyone inclined to play.
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MAY 11 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
Baton Rouge lives up to its motto, “Authentic Louisiana at Every Turn.” The capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the gracefully furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing Old State Capitol.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Your tour includes the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial Museum; the beautiful St. Joseph Cathedral; Capitol Park Museum; the Louisiana State Capitol, renowned as the nation’s tallest state capitol building; the Old Arsenal Museum; the LSU Museum of Art; and Louisiana’s Old State Capitol.

MAY 12 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
With more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places, this quaint town is a window to history. Here are the legacies of the Butlers, the Forts, the Barrows, and the Turnbulls—families who helped build the South.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Hop-On Hop-Off coach tour takes you to historic and modern attractions, including the Republic of West Florida site; Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry, and handmade items; the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum; and the Grace Episcopal Church.

MAY 13 NOTTOWAY, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
Between Baton Rouge and New Orleans lies one of the South’s most magnificent plantation homes, Nottoway. Showcasing three floors, sixty-four bedrooms, twelve hand-carved Italian marble fireplaces, and twenty-two soaring exterior columns, this extravagant mansion was constructed with 365 doors and windows—an opening for each day of the year.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Walk through the halls of this Greek-Revival and Italianate-style mansion on a guided tour, and explore the lush grounds and gardens.

MAY 14 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Arrive 8am
Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Queen.

Note: Return flights should be scheduled to depart after 10:30am. If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of New Orleans, your return flight should be scheduled to depart after 2pm. 
Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in many ports of call for an additional charge.
All port times are approximate. Itinerary, hotel, and shore excursions are subject to change.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY
Creating plates inspired by culinary classics of America’s South and utilizing the best of the season’s offerings from stops along the way, an award-winning culinary team lends its expertise to the unique dining experience on the American Queen. Indulge in the elegance of the J.M. White Dining Room, or satisfy your appetite any hour of the day at the Front Porch Café as you sample delectable creations, from pork loin stuffed with andouille sausage to corn fritters and bourbon pecan pie.
**THE GREATEST VALUE**

**OWNER’S SUITES • EXCLUSIVE VERANDA**
Promenade Deck 348 sq. ft. with 690 sq. ft. of exclusive veranda
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Observation Deck 345 sq. feet
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**SUITES • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Promenade Deck 230 sq. ft.
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**SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Promenade & Observation Decks 210 sq. ft.
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Texas Deck 190 sq. ft. with 40 sq. ft. of private veranda
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**OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • OPEN ONTO VERANDA**
Observation, Texas & Cabin Decks 140-190 sq. ft.
SO $5,999* $5,699
B $4,499 $4,199
C $4,199 $3,899

**OUTSIDE STATEROOMS • BAY WINDOW**
Cabin Deck 190 sq. ft.
D $3,899 $3,599

**INSIDE STATEROOMS**
Observation & Texas Decks 80 sq. ft. (SI) 132 sq. ft. (E)
SI $2,999* $2,699
E $1,999 $1,699

†Fares are per person, double occupancy, with the exception of SI and SO (single categories), and reflect the $300 early booking savings per person ($600 per stateroom) if booked by December 28, 2017. Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Port charges of $179 per person and gratuities are additional.

*Single occupancy

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**OPULENT COMFORT**

Welcome to the grand *American Queen*, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the *American Queen* feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Sip sweet lemonade and partake in the convivial atmosphere of open verandas and the promenade, or enjoy a quiet respite in your elegant suite or deluxe stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard the *American Queen* flows like a gentle river—at your pace and according to your taste.
NEW ORLEANS

POST-CRUISE PROGRAM
MAY 14–15

$399 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY; $599, SINGLE

- 1 night at the 4-star Hotel Monteleone or similar accommodations, with breakfast
- Half-day Big Easy Tour of New Orleans

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS:
- Take in the historic French Quarter’s famous landmarks: St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square
- Admire the stately mansions of St. Charles Avenue and follow the country’s oldest streetcar line
- Get an insider’s look at the magic of Mardi Gras at Mardi Gras World

Program includes accommodations, sightseeing, transfers between the riverboat and hotel, an exclusive Go Next program manager/hospitality desk, and a professional tour guide.

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