### **Mississippi River Cruise**

The dates: 31 March 2023 arrival in New Orleans, 1 April embark and depart New Orleans. 5 April 2023 return to New Orleans, disembark and return home. This is a 5 day/4 night cruise, conducted by American Cruise Lines on the paddle wheeler "America."

#### **Schedule of Events:**

Day prior to departure: Complimentary hotel stay in New Orleans and breakfast.

Day 1: Complimentary transfer from hotel to pier. Depart New Orleans.

Day 2: Stop at Houmas House, LA (Houmas House Plantation and Gardens).

Day 3: Stop at Baton Rouge, LA (Visit historic areas in Baton Rouge, visit the Capital building, Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, and USS Kidd (DD-661) Veterans Memorial and Museum.

Day 4: Stop at Oak Alley, LA (Visit Oak Alley Plantation).

Day 5: Debark in New Orleans around 8:00 AM. Complimentary shuttle to airport or parking garage.

<u>Travel</u>: For those who come by air, New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is served by several airlines: Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American and several other carriers. Transportation from airport to hotel is on your own. For those who drive, a parking garage close to the pier is available. Daily fee is \$20 to \$25 per day.

<u>Cruise reservations</u>: The bookings for our cruise are being handled by Lulu Pincu of the TSI USA agency, who can be reached at 972-331-4226. In addition, our classmate Don Sanders, who will be traveling on the cruise with us and providing general oversight, will also be available for general questions at (303) 589-0147.

It is important that all bookings be done through our travel agent and <u>not</u> directly with the cruise line. To maximize our opportunity for getting everyone booked on this same cruise, please try to reserve your cabin by March 1st, 2022. However, the sooner your reservation is secured by a deposit, the better. The ship only has 98 cabins; and, of course, the general public is free to book cabins at any time.

<u>Cruise details</u>: For pictorial information about the cruise and a good view of the ship deck plan, you can use this web address: <u>https://www.americancruiselines.com</u>

Starting from the website, the following search path will provide (1) highlights of the cruise and on-board accommodations. Select the following filters:

Mississippi River Destination (Mississippi River) Duration (5 days) Departing Dates (March 2023) Select a Ship: America Costs: List prices for cabins are per person and are shown on page 3.

Significantly, there are a number of costs subsumed in this pricing, such as all gratuities, complementary shore excursions, and complementary beer, wine, and cocktails.

Because we are sailing as a group, we will also receive a \$600 price reduction per cabin (\$300 pp). This reduction is shown on the price sheet on page 3.

To hold a cabin, a deposit of \$500 per person is required, of which \$250 is refundable, if cancelling before the final payment date, which is 120 days (Dec.1, 2022) prior to the sailing (Mar. 31, 2023).

To determine your specific cost, we suggest you speak with our booking agent, Lulu (972-331-4226).

<u>Insurance:</u> Insurance to cover trip cancellation is optional, but highly recommended, especially at our tender age. The extra cost varies according to your state, age, and cruise cost, but an average for an 85 year old purchasing the highest cost cabin is \$ 374 pp. If this insurance is purchased within 14 days of the deposit date, any pre-existing medical conditions are covered. The cost of the trip is covered, but the plan also covers medical emergencies, baggage delay, emergency evacuation and other things. The Travel Solutions USA travel agent can help you purchase the plan that is best for you.

<u>Just remember</u> when reading the web info and it says, "contact a travel specialist," <u>do not</u> call their number, but use our travel agent's (Lulu) number at 972-331-4226.

## **Comments**:

(1) "America" has a capacity of 185 guests. It is highly desirable that Class of '60 members/guests procure reservations as early as possible. Waiting until later risks space being taken by early "walk-ons" (individuals not our Class or guest). It is recommended that Classmates and guests register soon if they desire to take the Mississippi River cruise.

(2) See notes above describing "Insurance" (cancellation of travel) and refund of reservation deposits.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES	BROCHURE RATE	GROUP DISCOUNT	PORT CHARGES & FEES	PER PERSON CRUISE FARE (Double Occupancy)
<b>Owner Suite's</b> (Private Balcony)	\$3,745.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$3,595.00
AAM (Private Balcony)	\$3,095.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,945.00
AAC (Private Balcony)	\$2,850.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,700.00
AAL (Private Balcony)	\$2,720.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,570.00
AAR (Private Balcony)	\$2,500.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,350.00
A (Non-Balcony)	\$2,215.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,065.00
<b>Single</b> (Private Balcony)	\$3,140.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,690.00
Single (Non-Balcony	\$2,840.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,390.00

# **REGISTRATION FORM**

# GUEST ONE - Name as it appears on your Driver's License - Please Print Clearly

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- Category AAC w/Balcony \$2,700.00
- Single w/Balcony \$2,690.00
- Single Non-Balcony \$2,390.00

• Category A - \$2,065.00 Non-Balcony

### **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Deposit of \$1,000.00 per cabin is necessary to reserve your cabin. Major credit cards are accepted by the cruise line. Please call Lulu Pincu at 972-331-4226 with your credit card information.

Full Payment is due December 1, 2022

### CANCELLATION TERMS

All cancellations must be sent in writing. Refund amounts are based on cancellation date: Up to 120 Days prior to day of sailing 100%

119 – 90 Days 50%

89 – 0 Days 0%

\*All refunds will incur an additional \$250 per person cancellation charge.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

By booking a cruise with American Cruise Lines, Inc, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of Passage, which can be found at <u>www.americancruiselines.com/terms</u> Please read these Terms and Conditions of Passage Carefully as they LIMIT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE -** We are offering ALLIANZ TRAVEL INSURANCE – Please telephone Lulu Pincu for information at 972-331-4226

**AMERICAN CRUISE LINES** offer a pre-night accommodation in New Orleans for Thursday, March 30,2023 Please advise Lulu Pincu if you are arriving by car or need airline reservations.

- o By car
- By air, please call Lulu Pincu for flight information if needed

Please email your registration form to Lulu Pincu <a>lpincu@tsiusa.com</a>