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Journey Through Music, Culture, and Nature on the Mississippi Tour

9 Days | 8 Nights

Memphis, TN

Tour Operates: April to October 2025

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This tour is not customizable.

Embark on a Mississippi Music Cities Cruise, a journey filled with adventure, music, and discovery. Start in Memphis, where the blues were born, and cruise down the Mississippi, enjoying live music and stunning views. Explore Paducah's art and history, visit the historic sites of Dover and Clarksville, and dive into Nashville's vibrant music scene. Experience the magic of the river, rich culture, and warm hospitality. Book your unforgettable cruise today!



Highlights

- Start in Memphis, where blues music was born, and indulge in live performances and mouthwatering barbecue.
- Sail along the Mississippi, taking in beautiful riverfront views and enjoying music from local artists.
- Unwind on the Ohio River, with plenty of opportunities for relaxation, activities, and cultural learning.
- Explore Paducah, a UNESCO Creative City, alive with art galleries, workshops, and historical charm.
- Journey through Lake Barkley, where scenic cliffs and serene coves meet vast wildlife habitats.
- End in Nashville, embracing the legends of country music and exploring historic attractions.

Don't miss out—reserve your spot now!

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Includes:

- ✓ 8-night's passage on the ship.
- ✓ A selection of shore excursions.
- ✓ Dining services, snacks, and complimentary cocktail parties.
- ✓ Onboard entertainment.
- ✓ Gratuities aboard the ship.
- ✓ Taxes.

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Day 1 – Arrive at Memphis, TN.

Begin your exploration in Memphis, Tennessee, a city that sings with the soul of music and the rich beats of history. As you walk down the legendary Beale Street, where the blues were born, the lively atmosphere of live music and bright lights will captivate you. This city, where icons like B.B. King and Elvis Presley began their incredible journeys, offers more than just music. Satisfy your cravings with Memphis’s renowned barbecue—perfectly smoky ribs and spicy pulled pork that will make your taste buds dance. Your time in Memphis will be a day filled with unforgettable sights, sounds, and flavors. Enjoy your trip!

Day 2 – Mississippi Melodies: Cruise with Live Music and Stunning Memphis Views.

Highlights

- Start at Beale Street Landing, a refreshing park brimming with art and nature.

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- Witness the Memphis skyline beautifully mirrored in the Mississippi River.
- Let local musicians' live performances set the mood for a joyful cruise.
- Enjoy every moment of scenic river views and vibrant experiences.

Feel the rhythm of the Mississippi River as the journey begins from Beale Street Landing, a vibrant place nestled in a freshly renewed park with bright greenery and modern art. As the cruise glides down the river, the stunning Memphis skyline unfolds, where historic buildings and modern architecture are beautifully mirrored on the water. Onboard, local musicians fill the air with lively tunes, making every moment a celebration of music, scenery, and joy along the iconic Mississippi.

Day 3 – From Sunrise to Sunset: Enjoy Scenic Cruising, Tasty Delights, and Fun Activities.

Highlights

- Begin the day at your own pace, relaxing in bed or enjoying morning views from your private veranda.
- Watch the ship sail through the impressive Ohio River lock and dam, completed in 2018.
- Witness the majestic meeting of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, a stunning natural display.
- Enjoy onboard activities, local lectures, and live music celebrating regional culture.

Make the most of a day at your own pace, relaxing in your cozy room or stepping onto the balcony to admire the morning views. Watch as the ship passes through the Ohio River's modern lock and dam, a marvel completed in 2018. The sight where the Ohio meets the mighty Mississippi is unforgettable, showcasing the river's beauty and strength. Delight in fresh local dishes, join fascinating talks about the region, and enjoy lively music performances, creating a day filled with excitement and discovery.

Day 4 – From Quilts to Blossoms: Experience Paducah's Art, History, and Spring Beauty.

Highlights

- Visit the famous National Quilt Museum, showcasing dazzling fabric art that fascinates guests of all ages.
- Walk through Paducah's lively downtown, filled with colorful murals, galleries, and creative workshops.
- Experience the town's history through its well-preserved 19th-century architecture and riverfront.
- See Paducah in spring as the streets bloom with dogwood flowers during the Dogwood Trail Celebration.

Step into the artistic world of Paducah, where the renowned National Quilt Museum showcases dazzling fabric masterpieces. Recognized as a UNESCO Creative City, Paducah's downtown is full of life, featuring art galleries, colorful murals, and creative workshops. The historic 19th-century buildings and scenic riverfront tell stories of its vibrant past. In the spring, the Dogwood Trail Celebration turns the city into a garden of blooming dogwood trees, offering an enchanting experience for every visitor.

Day 5 – Scenic River Cruising: Discover Lake Barkley, Limestone Cliffs, and Wildlife Wonders.

Highlights

- Enjoy a cruise on Lake Barkley, with views of endless shorelines and hidden coves along the Cumberland River.
- Relax as you watch dramatic limestone cliffs drift by, creating a stunning backdrop to your day.
- Explore the Land Between the Lakes, a huge recreation area brimming with natural beauty and wildlife.
- Observe elk and bison wandering free in this 170,000-acre sanctuary, a true haven for nature enthusiasts.

Enjoy a captivating day cruising along Lake Barkley on the Cumberland River, a beautiful waterway shaped by the Barkley Lock and Dam. With over 1,000 miles of winding shoreline and tranquil coves, every moment promises breathtaking views. Guests can relax in their rooms or step onto private balconies to watch the dramatic limestone cliffs drift by. The journey also offers a glimpse of the Land Between the Lakes, a vast 170,000-acre oasis where forests, wetlands, and open fields provide a home to elk and bison.

Day 6 – Step Back in Time: Explore Dover's Rich History and Scenic River Views.

Highlights

- Explore Dover, a charming town filled with rich American history and stories from the past.
- Visit Fort Donelson National Battlefield, where a key Civil War victory took place in 1862.
- Enjoy interactive tours that bring history to life and offer stunning views of the Cumberland River.
- Step back in time and learn about pivotal moments that shaped the nation's history.

Discover a delightful town filled with the spirit of American history. Known for the 1862 Battle of Fort Donelson, where Ulysses S. Grant's victory became legendary, this town offers a captivating glimpse into the past. At the Fort Donelson National Battlefield, interactive tours let visitors feel the history in a whole new way. With the stunning Cumberland River in view, each moment is enriched by the beauty and significance of this remarkable place.

Day 7 – Step into History: Journey Through Clarksville's Vibrant Past and Scenic Riverfront.

Highlights

- Dock at Clarksville, a lively town with deep historical roots along the Cumberland River.
- Follow the waterfront path, uncovering Clarksville's journey from frontier days to a bustling modern town.
- Admire the grand architecture of the 1898 U.S. Post Office and Customs House.
- Enjoy stories from local guides about Clarksville's significant role as a tobacco hub in the 19th century.

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Arriving at Clarksville's enchanting riverfront park, guests find themselves along the peaceful bends of the Cumberland River. This town, named after the brave General George Rogers Clark, invites visitors to uncover its rich history. A walk along the waterfront trail reveals Clarksville's transformation from a bustling tobacco hub to a lively modern centre. Marvel at the 1898 U.S. Post Office and Customs House, while local guides share captivating tales of the town's colorful past and its role in American history.

Day 8 – Experience Nashville: From Music Legends to Hidden Gems and Culinary Delights.

Highlights

- Discover Nashville's music scene at the Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame.
- Wander lively streets with colorful art, local crafts, and tasty hot chicken around every corner.
- Feel the city's charm with live music pouring out from pubs and small venues.
- Finish with a night at the Grand Ole Opry, the ultimate stage for country music stars.

In the heart of Nashville, guests will explore the famous Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame, both celebrating the city's deep roots in music. As they wander through vibrant streets buzzing with life, they will find unique art, lively venues, and the city's signature hot chicken. The day concludes with an enchanting evening at the Grand Ole Opry, where the essence of country music shines in a dazzling display of performances by both legends and rising stars.

Day 9 – Explore More of Nashville: Music Icons, Historic Estates, and Capitol Wonders Await.

Returning to the vibrant city of Nashville, the fun doesn't have to stop. Visitors can explore the roots of country music at the Country Music Hall of Fame, experience the charm of the Patsy Cline Museum, or walk in the footsteps of Johnny Cash. Beyond music, there are more adventures, including a tour of Andrew Jackson's fascinating Hermitage estate or a visit to the stunning Tennessee State Capitol, making for a day packed with culture, history, and endless exploration.

End of your Music City Cruise.

Sailing Dates

2025
April 22
June 10, June 17, June 24
July 01, July 22

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August 05, August 12
September 02, September 23, September 30
October 07, October 14, October 21, October 28

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals outside of the cruise
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. Stars & Maple Holidays sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for Guides (expected).
- × Fares do not include all shore excursions.

American Riverboat: Experience luxury like never before aboard the American Riverboat.

Each spacious stateroom offers all the comforts of a modern hotel, featuring full-size bathrooms, private balconies, and expansive picture windows for breathtaking views. With interior entrances and floor-to-ceiling glass doors, guests can enjoy uninterrupted panoramas from the privacy of their rooms.

The riverboat's stunning four-story glass atrium and diverse dining options, both indoors and outdoors, promise memorable culinary experiences. Stay active in the state-of-the-art fitness center or unwind in one of the multiple lounges. The crowning jewel is our top deck Skywalk, providing an unmatched vantage point for soaking in the majestic river vistas.

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Deposit & Payment Policy

On trips of 9 nights or less - A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation

On trips of 10 nights or more - A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to confirm any reservation

Final payment is due 90 days prior to the sailing date.

Any reservation made within 90 days of the departure date must be accompanied by full payment and is subject to Cancellation Terms.

Change & Cancellation Policy

Up to 91 days – 100% refundable

90 – 46 days – 50% refundable

45 – sailing date – Nil refund

Cancellation Administrative Charge of \$500.00 per person will be applied to all refunds in the table above.

You may request changing your cruise itinerary or departure date up to 91 days before the scheduled sailing. Cruises may not be changed within 90 days of sailing. All changes will incur a \$250 per person administrative fee and will be subject to fare increases - if applicable.

In the case of Non-performance of Cruises: If the Cruise Lines, cancels your cruise, or delays your cruise for more than 3 calendar days, and you do not accept an alternative cruise or choose not to travel on a delayed cruise, you are entitled to a refund of cruise fare and charges for accommodations, services and facilities (including port fees, taxes and other ancillary charges paid to the carrier relation to your cruise) for the cancelled or delayed cruise.

FAQ

- **How many guests does the cruise ship accommodate?** The Cruise Lines' ships are small and intimate and only carry between 90 and 180 guests.
- **Is your cruise all-inclusive?** It includes all shipboard meals, entertainment, tips and gratuities, alcohol, and other port charges and fees in the price of the cruise. Many shore excursions are also included in the cost of the cruise.
- **Are all meals included?** Your cruise is all-inclusive including all meals and snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from soft drinks and water to coffee and tea.

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- **Are excursions included in the cruise fare?** The cruise has three categories of excursions: Featured, Premium, and Signature. Featured excursions are included in your cruise fare and there is at least one included in each port of call on cruises on the Mississippi River, Columbia & Snake Rivers, and in Alaska. Premium excursions typically cost between \$10 and \$99 per person, and Signature excursions are exclusive experiences for only very small groups of guests. These can be fishing charters, flight-seeing tours, and kayaking excursions, or farm-to-table culinary experiences, and are \$100 or more.
- **What should I pack for my cruise?** It is recommended that you wear casual sportswear during the day including comfortable walking shoes, windbreaker, hat, sunscreen, rainwear and umbrella, and a jacket or sweater for cool evenings. Casual country club attire is recommended in the evenings and for dinner. Staterooms are 110-volt household current and offer USB ports. Please remember to bring your own phone charger and photo identification.
- **Is there a dress code requirement?** Casual resort attire is recommended both on the ship and ashore. For dinner, men's clothing might include a sports shirt and slacks, with a sports coat or sweater. Women can wear dress, or a top and slacks. We ask that you dress appropriately as if you were going out for a nice dinner.
- **Is there a luggage limit?** There is no restriction placed on luggage. However, it is recommended that you bring as few bags as necessary. Suitcases less than 10 inches high may be stowed under your bed.
- **When should I plan to arrive for boarding?** Cruises depart at 2:00 p.m. or earlier if all guests have arrived. Guests may board between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Guests are recommended to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Crew members will carry your luggage to your stateroom.
- **How early can I disembark the ship?** On most cruises, the ship arrives at the port of disembarkation the evening before the last day of the cruise. The morning of disembarkation, breakfast is provided, and guests may stay on board until 8:30 a.m.
- **What amenities are available in the staterooms?** Your cruise staterooms, most at more than 300 square feet, are by far the largest in their class. The majority of staterooms have spacious private balconies and feature a roomy private hotel-like bath and a large, opening picture window, allowing you spectacular up-close views of landscape, ports, river and sea. Each stateroom is tastefully designed with your comfort and convenience in mind and includes the following amenities: Twin or King-sized bed, twice-daily stateroom service, individual climate control system, spacious closet and four-drawer dresser, dual night tables, alarm clock, writing desk & stationery, remote-controlled satellite TV, USB ports and mini-refrigerator, in-room single serve coffee brewer (with coffee and tea pods), shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap and hair dryer (with grab rails in every bathroom).

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- **Is there cellular service on board?** Cell phones can be utilized on board, but service is not always available and can be spotty depending on weather and location and can also vary depending on your service provider.
- **Is there TV and Internet on board?** All ships are equipped with satellite TV. TV service can be intermittent, particularly in remote areas. Internet Wi-Fi service on all ships is powered by Star link.
- **Are the ships accessible for those with disabilities?** The cruise company is committed to providing guests with a safe, secure, and comfortable cruising experience. Please see Vessel Accessibility under General Information for more information.
- **Is there an elevator on board?** The ships are also equipped with an elevator for ease of movement between passenger decks.
- **Can you smoke aboard the ship?** Smoking is only allowed in designated areas on the ships. Please note that smoking is strictly prohibited in staterooms and on private balconies.
- **What is dining like aboard the ships?** Your cruise offers open seating at every meal in the spacious dining room, a great time to share your experiences with companions and build new friendships. Carefully selected fresh seafood, meats, and produce are often purchased in the regions we visit, allowing your chef to highlight the cuisine with local flavor.

You are also provided with complimentary wine and beer during lunch and dinner service. A complimentary cocktail hour with full bar is hosted each evening before dinner. Soft drinks, coffee/tea, water, and snacks are available 24 hours a day.

- **Can you accommodate special dietary requests?** The cruise company will work to cater to any special dietary needs you may have. Submit your special dietary requirements within the Guest Information Form found in your personalized online cruise portal. Refrigeration is available to store insulin or other medications requiring protection.
- **What common spaces are on board?** Your cruise features various oversized lounges aboard each of its ships, including internet stations and a well-stocked library. Many decks are available to guests, including a lounge deck and observation deck. Binoculars, guides, and additional reading materials are available throughout the ships.
- **Is there fitness equipment on board?** Yes, your cruise features new state-of-the-art fitness equipment in a designated exercise area aboard every ship. For exact details on the equipment available on your ship, please call your Cruise Specialist.
- **What onshore excursions are offered and how do I sign up?** Each of our small ships provides a genuine and customized exploration of areas inaccessible to large ships and crowds, allowing us to explore small towns in the most meaningful way possible. There are typically two to four excursion options at each cruise port that cater to a range of different interests and activity levels. Excursions range from educational experiences in partnership with local museums to active adventures that include ATV rides and kayaking. Every excursion is led by a local guide and accompanied by an A professional team member who is always available to assist.

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We have taken steps to make the sign-up process as simple as possible. Guests receive a link to a personalized online cruise portal 90 days prior to embarkation date. There, guests can access valuable documents and information about their cruise. 60 days prior to embarkation, guests may pre-reserve their shore excursions in their personalized online cruise portal.

- **What entertainment options are on board?** To further enhance your cruising experience, your cruise has various forms of entertainment from onboard entertainers to local experts and historians with knowledge of American history, ecology, and the local culture. There are activities, lectures, presentations, and discussions that bring each region to life. Depending on the itinerary, onboard activities include Art Classes, App-titude Classes (Tech Made Easy), Cooking Demonstrations, Fitness, Trivia and more.
- **If a medical emergency or incident happens, how quickly can we get ER care and to a local medical facility?** The cruise company has relationships with law enforcement agencies, local transportation companies, and medical service providers that put emergency services within close reach of our ships, whether underway or in port. Our health and safety protocols combined with our state and local partnerships enable us to provide safe travel experiences in more than 35 states across America. Our fleet of domestic ships travel U.S. waterways and only visit U.S. ports with ready access to medical and emergency services. We do not leave sight of land and do not clear customs or immigrate into the U.S. to dock our ships.
- **What medical care does the Cruise Line have on board?** Each ship carries a first responder and has defibrillators and oxygen. These individuals can identify and stabilize a situation for transport ashore. If medical treatment beyond the capability of the crew is required, shipboard personnel will arrange transportation and remain in contact with the patient.
- **Is there a ship cleaning policy?** The cruise company cleans staterooms daily and has regular sanitation schedules for all common spaces, with particular emphasis on high-touch areas. Hand sanitizer is available in multiple areas throughout the ship and at the gangway. Cleaning and sanitation policies are designed to limit the spread of germs. Masks and gloves are available to guests and crew upon request.
- **Is there Vessel Accessibility?** The Cruise Lines small vessels are designed to accommodate all guests while meeting United States Coast Guard construction standards. We strongly encourage guests to inform their Cruise Specialist of specific travel requirements and if they may require an accessible stateroom or other accommodation. Specific accessibility requests must be made at time of booking. Guests may inform their Cruise Specialist at the time of booking if they are traveling with any mobility equipment to ensure we can provide a stateroom that best accommodates their specific need. Advance notification allows for the crew to prepare for guests' arrival.

All vessels in the Cruise Lines fleet have designated accessible staterooms available. These rooms are based on need and are booked on a "first come, first served" basis. American Riverboats, Patriot Class, Coastal Cats,

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and Constellation Class vessels are equipped with two modern elevators that can accommodate mobility devices. The Cruise Lines vessels are designed to operate on shallow waters and dock at small facilities. The crew is trained in the use of boarding transfer chairs and guests are transferred from the dock to the vessel in the transfer chair.

Passengers must bring and be solely responsible for any necessary items related to all medical conditions or mobility challenges. Guests who are unable to care for their basic needs (e.g. dressing, eating, moving from wheelchair to seating and/or from seating to wheelchair or standing and attending safety drills) must have a capable traveling companion.

- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – Stars & Maple Holidays, our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. Stars & Maple Holidays is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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