

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE ABOARD THE QUEEN OF THE MISSISSIPPI November 10 – 14, 2018

(As of 4/5/18)

*Join Best-Day Adventures aboard the Queen of Mississippi and sail to some of Louisiana's famed river towns. Visit the Houmas House in Darrow, the capital city of Baton Rouge and the famous Oak Alley Plantation in tiny Vacherie. Enjoy cocktail hours, locally inspired entertainment and delicious cuisine as each day becomes your BEST day yet.*



### Day 1: Friday, November 9, 2018: WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS!

- Welcome to **New Orleans**, the vibrant city, also known as the “Big Easy”.
- Upon arrival, transfer on own to the beautiful InterContinental Hotel to check in.
- Spend the afternoon discovering New Orleans on own.
- We'll join together this evening for introductions, a group welcome orientation and a Shabbat kiddush, followed by the option to “follow the leader” for dinner at a lively local establishment.

### Overnight in New Orleans

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### Day 2: Saturday, November 10, 2018: ALL ABOARD!

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We hop on the bus to transfer to the pier to board the **Queen of Mississippi**, our home for the next 5 days.
- Get settled in your beautiful stateroom and then join your Best-Day Adventures friends for **lunch** as we set sail from New Orleans on our 5-day/4-night adventure.
- Spend the afternoon setting sail down the Mississippi while getting acquainted with our boat, the crew and your fellow sailors.
- This evening, we say cheers to our voyage at a **private cocktail reception**, followed by a **gourmet dinner** together in the dining room.

### Overnight aboard the Queen of the Mississippi

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### Day 3: Sunday, November 11, 2018: DARROW, LA

- This morning, we arrive in **Darrow, LA** in the Ascension Parish between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. This city is home to several historic plantations that have made the area famous.
- After breakfast, we disembark and set out to explore the **Houmas House** and its history as you stroll along the gardens, ponds, and the majestic live oak alley that adorn the grounds. Discover the southern splendor of "The Sugar Palace," with its 16 rooms filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork.
- Return to the boat for **lunch** and on-board activities or stay in town and discover what Darrow has to offer.
- This evening, as we set sail, we join together for the nightly **cocktail hour**.
- In the dining room, we sit down to another delicious **dinner** of regionally inspired cuisine.
- Enjoy on board entertainment throughout the evening or find a quiet corner to chat with new friends.

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### Day 4: Monday, November 12, 2018: BATON ROUGE, LA

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- We arrive in **Baton Rouge**, the capital of Louisiana. This city features all the history you would expect in a state capital, but with an added downhome flavor that makes it truly unique. Led by our private guide, enjoy a tour of the cities' most famous attractions, including the interactive **Louisiana State Museum** and the **USS Kidd**, a Fletcher-class destroyer and a memorial to the men and women that served in the American armed forces. Step back in time on this amazing tour as you witness original artifacts and aircraft from World War II.
- Return to the boat for **lunch** and on-board activities or explore Baton Rouge's antebellum landmarks, the Old Louisiana State Capital or LSU's Rural Life Museum illustrating 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century life.
- Tonight, as we sail the Mississippi, we join together for our nightly cocktail hour, followed by **dinner** and special evening entertainment.

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### Day 5: Tuesday, November 13, 2018: VACHERIE, LA

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- Today, we visit **Vacherie, LA**, where we tour the famous **Oak Alley Plantation**. Once serving as an antebellum sugar cane homestead, Oak Alley is named after its most distinguishing feature, a row of 300-year-old oak trees. This leafy canopy forms a quarter-mile path leading to the Mississippi River. Restored to its 19th-century grandeur, this classic Greek Revival-style antebellum mansion is breathtaking.
- After our tour, sit on the west lawn and sip **mint juleps** before a visit to the popular gift shop known for its world-famous pralines.



- Return to the boat for **lunch** and on-board activities or visit Laura Plantation to learn about Creole culture and slave life or the St. Joseph Plantation and Evergreen with 37 historic buildings.
- Tonight, we say farewell to our wonderful Mississippi River cruise. After cocktails and dinner, we'll gather to reminisce about our journey together with some classic onboard entertainment and time with new friends.

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**Day 6: Wednesday, November 14, 2018: NEW ORLEANS, LA**

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- Welcome back to New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz, and where art and culture abound around every corner of this unique city.
- We disembark and say goodbye to our friends new and old.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight home or stay in town on your own to continue discovering all that this amazing city has to offer.

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**THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!**

*\*itinerary subject to change*