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MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE & THE PANAMA CANAL

30 Day Fly, Cruise & Stay

for **\$11,199** per person twin share, Inside Cabin
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This price covers all of the following:

- Economy Class air fares with Delta and Virgin Australia from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into New Orleans & out of Los Angeles, plus a flight from Memphis to Fort Lauderdale.
- A 7 day Lower Mississippi River cruise from New Orleans to Memphis, aboard the luxurious American Queen.
- One night's deluxe accommodation in New Orleans and two night's deluxe accommodation in Memphis including entrance to Graceland.
- Three nights pre cruise accommodation at the Ramada Hotel Fort Lauderdale.
- A scenic 15 night cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Los Angeles, transiting the Panama Canal aboard the Pacific Princess. The cruise visits Aruba, Costa Rica and Mexico and travels from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.
- Transfers in New Orleans, Memphis, Fort Lauderdale and Los Angeles.
- Port charges, government taxes and onboard meals.



The Pacific Princess was refurbished in June 2017 can accommodate 670 passengers. There's a certain romance to sailing on a small ship such as this, which offers a refined elegance yet with many of the wonderful amenities found on larger ships. Upgrade prices are listed below:

Open Verandah for river cruise / Oceanview Cabin for ocean cruise From \$14,299
Private Verandah for river cruise / Balcony Cabin for ocean cruise From \$14,999



Flights depart Australia
14th April and returns
14th May 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Mississippi River Cruise & The Panama Canal

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

14.04.19 Australia – Los Angeles – New Orleans

Depart Brisbane at 11.05am on flight DL 6795, arriving in Los Angeles at 7.10am the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

Depart Sydney at 11.00am on flight DL 40, arriving in Los Angeles at 7.45am the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

Depart Melbourne at 11.35am on flight DL 6793, arriving in Los Angeles at 9.00am the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

Then depart Los Angeles at 12.00pm on flight DL 311, arriving in New Orleans at 5.40pm.

Upon arrival you are transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Hilton New Orleans Riverside

15.04.19 (D) Today assemble in the lobby of the hotel for your included transfer to board the elegant American Queen.

Welcome to your home onboard the elegant American Queen, the largest and most opulent river boat in the world. Your seven night cruise allows you to relax in a warm, inviting atmosphere of Antebellum charm without sacrificing modern conveniences. Fine linens and plush bedding will ensure you are well rested to fully enjoy every included shore tour, historical lecture and toe-tapping musical performance. From cosy staterooms to opulent suites, the American Queen has accommodation for a variety of lifestyles and budgets. The cruise is a themed voyage set to take in the golden era of paddle steamers. The food, décor and events have a 60's touch. Your deluxe river cruise includes:

- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner.
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, bottled water and soft drinks throughout the voyage.
- J.M. White Dining Room and the Grand Saloon with soaring 20 foot ceilings.
- Gracious service from friendly, all American staff.
- Country club casual ambience, no formal wear required.
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history and culture expert.
- Acclaimed entertainment worthy of Broadway, cabaret, jazz, blues and a six piece orchestra.
- Dedicated fleet of deluxe motorcoaches.
- The Front Porch Café with forward facing river views and The River Grill & Bar, with its own unique musical calliope.

This evening enjoy the first of your nightly five-course dinners onboard the ship, in the elegant J.M. White Dining Room. Inspired by the American heartland and the Southern heritage, each offering is a celebration of flavour. Perhaps start with a sweet, golden brown beignet topped with a savoury mushroom cream sauce, and perfectly seasoned crawfish tails, followed by a tender baby spinach salad, tossed with lightly sweetened sour cream-shallot dressing.

16.04.19 Nottoway, Louisiana

(B/L/D) Nottoway is the South's largest, most glorious remaining Antebellum mansion with a rich history dating back to 1859. In a fabulous location along the great River Road overlooking the grand Mississippi River, this 'White Castle' of the South transports

visitors back to an era of glory and grandeur. Set amongst a natural backdrop of vibrant gardens and two hundred year old oak trees, Nottoway Plantation captivates all with a brilliant blend of true southern hospitality, history and mystery.

17.04.19 St. Francisville, Louisiana

(B/L/D) Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes. Below where St. Francisville is located currently, was a settlement called Bayou Sara in the 1790's. When this settlement was destroyed by flooding and fires, many of the structures and artifacts were hauled up the bluff into St. Francisville, where they are still standing. The town is referred to as 'two miles long and two yards wide', but that definitely doesn't mean they have nothing offer. Stop in at one of the unique shops, historical homes, beautiful churches or breathtaking parks. Spanish moss trees grow throughout the town, lending a beautiful southern comfort to the atmosphere.

18.04.19 Natchez, Mississippi

(B/L/D) This charming river town was first inhabited by Natchez Indians and French explorers who shared the land. It was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi. The city is known for its elegance, hospitality and impressive preservation of history found on every street corner throughout Natchez. Guests will enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums and historical houses located in Natchez, as they explore the beautiful downtown areas.

19.04.19 Vicksburg, Mississippi

(B/L/D) Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. Described as the 'Key to the South' by Abraham Lincoln, this southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Vicksburg was founded in 1811 and grew as a vital river port city. It was a major component to the Civil War and carries much of the history within the town. Today, Vicksburg is a popular spot for tourists to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, visit the many museums and pick out the perfect souvenir.

20.04.19 Greenville, Mississippi

(B/L/D) Greenville is at the very heart and soul of Mississippi Delta. Located on the banks of Lake Fergusson, Greenville is a short drive to Indianola, the birthplace of B.B. King and many other blues singers, so naturally Greenville has its fair share of Blues integrated into its culture. Many authors and writers were born or reside in the small town of Greenville. Local legend says that the Greenville water grows writers. The author of the Muppets actually got started here along with a long list of other impressive, renowned writers. The town is also known for its gardening and was recognised for growing the largest carpet plant in the nation, and museums of which the town has one for practically everything. This beautiful town is sure to win your heart with its southern charm and soul.

21.04.19 River Cruising

(B/L/D) Relax on deck with a copy of Huckleberry Finn or another imaginative selection borrowed from our revered Mark Twain Gallery, enjoy some quiet time in the Ladies' Tea Parlor, or recruit your fellow guests for an exciting board game in our Gentlemen's Card Room. For a remarkable one of a kind experience, take a guided tour of the American Queen's Engine Room to explore the inner workings of our classic, steam-

powered vessel. There is always plenty to do between dawn and dusk on the river.

22.04.19 Memphis, Tennessee

(B) This morning we arrive in Tennessee and disembark the ship at 8am. Continue the theme of your Mississippi river journey with a king's treatment as you depart the American Queen and set off through the streets of Memphis, towards its heart and soul, Beale Street. Enjoy a walking tour led by a spirited local musician. Following your special Beale Street tour we continue on to the home of 'The King', Graceland Mansion. Included is a Graceland Platinum Ticket which gives you access to all of the most sought after exhibits, including a self-guided iPad tour through Graceland Mansion. Following this you are transferred to the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel for a two night stay with daily breakfast. The hotel is located a short trolley ride from Beale street.

23.04.19 Memphis

(B) During your time in Memphis there is an included visit to the Rock 'N' Roll Museum and also the legendary Sun Studio. Also visit the Historic Peabody Hotel to see the world famous Peabody Duck Parade and the National Civil Rights Museum.

24.04.19 Memphis – Fort Lauderdale

(B) Today you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Fort Lauderdale, via Atlanta. Upon arrival in Fort Lauderdale, take the free shuttle to the Ramada Hotel Fort Lauderdale for a three night stay.

25.04.19 Today is at leisure to relax or explore Fort Lauderdale. Your hotel comprises 144 rooms, a restaurant, dining area, bar and wireless internet access in public areas. There are sports, leisure and relaxation activities available, including an outdoor pool.

26.04.19 Today is at leisure.

27.04.19 Today take the free shuttle bus from the hotel to the cruise terminal to embark on the Pacific Princess. Ship departs at 4pm.
(D)

28.04.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

29.04.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

30.04.19 Arrive in Aruba at 9am, departing at 6pm.
(B/L/D)

01.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

02.05.19 Transit the Panama Canal (Scenic Cruising) between 5am and 4.30pm.

(B/L/D)

03.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

04.05.19 Arrive Puerto Quepos, Costa Rica at 7am, departing at 7pm.
(B/L/D)

05.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

06.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

07.05.19 Arrive Huatulco, Mexico at 7am, departing at 4pm.
(B/L/D)

08.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

09.05.19 Arrive Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at 8am, departing at 4pm.
(B/L/D)

10.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

11.05.19 At sea.
(B/L/D)

12.05.19 Arrive Los Angeles at 7am and disembark the cruise ship. At 9am you are collected from the cruise terminal and transferred to downtown Los Angeles for a 15 minute stop at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Continue to Walk Disney Concert Hall, a distinctive stainless steel building designed by Frank Gehry that is home to the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Head to Olvera Street, the oldest area of downtown Los Angeles. Then head up Mt. Lee to the iconic Hollywood Sign perched high above Los Angeles. Next go down into Hollywood itself where you'll have 40 minutes to explore. Find tributes to your favourite stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and see the Dolby Theatre. After some time for lunch at your own expense, experience the laid back atmosphere of Santa Monica and see the carnival of amusements on Venice Beach. Your guide will tell you about the spots locals love and show you places like Gold's Gym, where Arnold Schwarzenegger got his start. At the conclusion of the tour you are dropped off at Los Angeles International Airport for your flights home.
Melbourne passengers depart Los Angeles at 9.00pm on flight DL 6792, arriving in Melbourne at 5.45am two days later (14.05.19 – you recross the International Date Line). Brisbane passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.30pm on flight DL 6794, arriving in

Brisbane at 5.30am two days later (14.05.19 – you recross the International Date Line).
Sydney passengers depart Los Angeles at 11.45pm on flight DL 6798, arriving in Sydney
at 7.30am two days later (14.05.19 – you recross the International Date Line).

Conditions for Mississippi River Cruise & The Panama Canal Fly, Cruise & Stay

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$3,700 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable by the 15th January 2019. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the package may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Some Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. A visa waver is required for travel to the United States of America for all Australian passport holders. The cost of the visa waiver is USD \$14 per person. Please note that this price is subject to change.

Please note that Australians who have travelled to Iran, Iraq, Syria or Sudan since the 1st March 2011 or Australians who are dual citizens of these countries will no longer be eligible to apply for US visa waiver and will instead need to apply for a non-immigrant visa at a US Embassy or Consulate. No other visas are required if you are travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes: Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Gratuities: Gratuities are no included for this package. The cruise company charge USD \$16.50 per person per day for gratuities for the Lower Mississippi River Cruise. Additional amounts will also apply for the Pacific Princess cruise.

Booking through other Agents: As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Health and Fitness: Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Cruise Tour: _____ Departure Date _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date _____ Expiry Date _____ Nationality _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of cruise/tour completion)

Please circle your preferences.....Single Cabin / Twin Cabin / Double Cabin

Inside Cabin / Obstructed View Outside Cabin / Outside Cabin / Balcony Cabin / Suite

Dinner.....Early Sitting / Late Sitting / Anytime (if available) Table Size 2 / 4/ 6/ 8

Departure Airport.....SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / ADELAIDE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____ Special Dietary Requests _____

Are you a past passenger with this cruise line? If yes, please supply your past passenger number.

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO

For All Cruises except P&O Australia Credit Card Number for On-Board Account:

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| _____ | _____ | Name on Card: _____ | _____ | Exp: _____ |
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In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship to you _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$..... per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of your passport is required to verify the spelling of your name. If this is not provided & the information we have for the supplier is incorrect, the supplier will charge a reissue fee.