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DEAR CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Immerse yourself in glorious Southern culture and the compelling Civil War history that shaped our nation on this outstanding Mississippi River cruise. Board the luxury riverboat *American Queen*, and sail to charming river towns steeped in classic antebellum grandeur and momentous history. From cobbled downtown districts and opulent mansions to haunting battle sites—step back into the 19th century on this remarkable voyage.

Begin with a stay in dynamic Memphis, as much a bustling riverboat port today as it was in the early 1800s, and take in Civil War history at the famed Shiloh National Military Park. Then board the grand *American Queen*, the largest riverboat in the world, and sail to fascinating ports in Mississippi and Louisiana. Head ashore in Vicksburg, where you'll find a rich Southern heritage and the Vicksburg National Military Park, which commemorates the 47-day siege of the city in 1863. Continue to Natchez, a city of Southern charm and antebellum mansions, followed by the lovely town of St. Francisville, home to almost 150 historic buildings on the National Register. Stop in Louisiana's vibrant capital, Baton Rouge, a modern metropolis bursting with Old Southern flavor, and visit Houmas House Plantation, the "Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road," before concluding your journey in New Orleans.

Delve into Southern culture and the American Civil War, while gaining insight from a stellar team of guest speakers—authors, professors and experts on topics pertaining to the Southern experience, history and the Civil War. We share this departure with several co-sponsoring educational institutions including Dartmouth College, Vanderbilt University, the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina. We know that you will enjoy traveling with fellow Commonwealth Club members as well as new friends from around the country.

This voyage offers the unique opportunity to cruise the Mighty Mississippi while exploring one of the most pivotal times in America's history. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by October 30, 2013 to receive a two-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Memphis and a \$100 onboard credit per stateroom.

Sincerely,



Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director

P.S. Included for Commonwealth Club travelers is a very special private tour one day, as well as a private reception for our group.

SPACE ON THIS CRUISE IS LIMITED BOOK NOW!

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ADVANCE TRAVEL INFORMATION: U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. traveling exclusively inside U.S. borders do not need a passport or visa for travel. Homeland Security laws require

that all guests travel with government-issued photo identification (ID) (such as a driver's license) at all times. ID must be presented at the time of boarding. Guests without proper ID will be denied boarding. AQSC is required to provide all guests' ID information including ID number, expiration date, and place of issue to the Coast Guard and/or other government entities prior to the vessel's departure. Guests must provide this information to AQSC in advance. Travel documents will not be released until received. Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada entering the U.S. are required to bring their passport. For other nationalities, passports are required to enter the U.S. It is your responsibility to check with your local U.S. embassy/consulate to confirm visa requirements and to obtain the proper visa/U.S. alien card (green card).

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The rights and remedies relating to cancellations and major changes prior to departure, made available under this agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer any refunds under this agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by you waives all other remedies.

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INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

IF YOU CHANGE PLANS OR CANCEL, YOUR RIGHTS TO A REFUND ARE LIMITED: The following charges will be assessed for cancellations.

If you cancel or change plans more than 100 days prior to departure, a full refund, less a \$200 per person administrative fee plus any applicable pre- and/or post-cruise program cancellation fees, is provided. Any refunds are provided only in accordance with the following schedule. Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following fees will apply:

Cruise Program cancellations received 101 days or more prior to departure, \$200 per person; 100-61 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 60-31 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 30-0 days prior to departure, 100% of total fare.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

- I/We will make my/our own transportation arrangements.
 Please contact me/us to discuss independent air options.

Stateroom/Suite category requested: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bed request: Twin (2 beds) Queen

Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

Request: Triple

Dinner Seating Preference

Request: Early (5:15 p.m.) Main (7:45 p.m.)

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

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Home Phone Cell Phone

Roommate (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$600 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by February 4, 2014. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____. Deposits may also be made by credit card; however, **all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.**

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for \$ _____ to: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	
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A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

INCLUSIONS

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 grand *American Queen*, the largest riverboat in the world, and your antebellum mansion on the water. Open French doors to sweeping river views and enjoy easy conversation on the promenade. And at the end of the day, retreat to the Victorian charm of your fine accommodations.

Discover classic riverside America on a journey aboard the 432-passenger *American Queen*, newly restored in 2012. Experience the beauty, history and grand adventure unique to the riverboat tradition from the remarkable perspective of the river.

EXCLUSIVE TO COMMONWEALTH CLUB TRAVELERS:

Private Excursion and
Private Commonwealth Club Reception

- 7-night voyage, including all meals, aboard the grand *American Queen*
- Complimentary hop-on, hop-off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- The acclaimed cuisine of American chef Regina Charboneau
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly all-American 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, dancing nightly and calliope concerts

GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- **2-Night Pre-Cruise Program** includes a two-night stay at The Peabody Memphis hotel, an excursion to Shiloh National Military Park, breakfast, taxes, portage and transfers to the *American Queen*
- **Private Go Next reception** including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer and soft drinks
- **\$100 onboard credit** per stateroom
- **Complimentary bottle of wine** per stateroom
- **Services of an onboard Go Next program manager**
- **Exceptional value**



Houmas House Plantation

RIVER CRUISE

MAY 15 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Your journey begins with a two-night stay at The Peabody Memphis hotel. Located in the heart of the city, the hotel offers easy access to many attractions.

MAY 16 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Perched on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, Memphis has been welcoming steamboats since before the Civil War. Today the city abounds with Americana, from legendary Beale Street to Elvis Presley's Graceland.

GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE EXCURSION Visit the renowned Shiloh National Military Park.

MAY 17 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Enjoy a lecture given by acclaimed Civil War historian Gary W. Gallagher at The Peabody Memphis hotel. Embark on your river cruise aboard the grand *American Queen* in the afternoon.

MAY 18 RIVER CRUISING

MAY 19 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Billed as the "Red Carpet City of the South," Vicksburg is a unique blend of old and new and displays its antebellum heritage with tremendous pride. The site of a dramatic siege that was a major turning point in the Civil War, Vicksburg is now a center of Southern hospitality with a vibrant downtown area.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Vicksburg tour makes stops at The Church of the Holy Trinity; Pemberton's Headquarters, Confederate headquarters during the Siege of Vicksburg; the Old Court House Museum, which showcases artifacts from pre-Columbian times to Civil War implements; and the Washington Street shopping area, home to the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum.

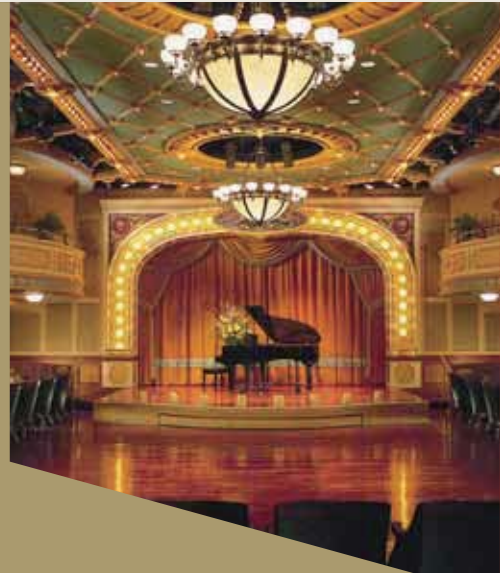
MAY 20 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Step into the plantation lifestyle of the antebellum South in Natchez, one of the oldest European settlements in the lower Mississippi River Valley and the original capital of Mississippi. With a history shaped by Native Americans and those of French, African, British and Spanish descent, Natchez is a charming and authentic Southern town with a rich heritage.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Take in some historic Natchez mansions on a motor coach tour, which includes stops at the Natchez Visitors Center, Magnolia Hall, Rosalie Mansion, and the William Johnson House as well as a narrated tour of Stanton Hall, considered the grandest of the Natchez mansions.

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.





Jackson Square, New Orleans

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MAY 21 ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

With over 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register, 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. Follow in the footsteps of the guests who stayed here, including Andrew Jackson and John James Audubon.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The hop-on, hop-off motor coach tour takes you to both historic and modern sites, including the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum, the Grace Episcopal Church and the Old Market Hall, where you can browse through art, jewelry and handmade items.

MAY 22 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Boasting a storied past and vibrant present, the capital city lives up to its motto, “Authentic Louisiana at every turn.” Baton Rouge is home to Magnolia Mound, one of the few surviving homes featuring French and West Indies architecture of early Louisiana.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Your city tour includes the USS Kidd and adjoining Veterans Memorial Museum, the historic Old Governor’s Mansion, the Capital Park Museum, the Old Arsenal Museum, the LSU Museum of Art in the new Shaw Center for the Arts, and St. Joseph’s Cathedral.

MAY 23 HOUMAS HOUSE, LOUISIANA

Beneath the shadows of ancient oak trees and among 38 acres of southern splendor is the Crown Jewel of Louisiana’s River Road, once the largest sugar plantation in America.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Take a walking tour of the magnificent Houmas House Plantation and its outstanding gardens.

MAY 24 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the *American Queen*.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of New Orleans, your return flight should be scheduled to depart after 2:00 p.m.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge. Itinerary 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, award-winning chef Regina Charboneau lends her expertise and Southern hospitality to the unique dining experience on the *American Queen*. Grab a simple snack at the River Grill, 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 Charboneau’s delectable creations, from Pork Loin stuffed with Andouille Sausage to Corn Fritters and Bourbon Pecan Pie.



THE GREATEST VALUE

PRICING

LUXURY SUITES WITH DECK

Promenade & Texas Decks Spacious, well-appointed suite, sitting area with sofa bed, French doors that open onto a deck, queen bed, and bathroom with tub and shower.

LS **\$7,599**

SUITES WITH DECK

Promenade Deck Elegantly furnished suite, cozy sitting area with sofa bed and cocktail table, French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower.

AAA **\$6,899**

SUPERIOR OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH PRIVATE DECK*

Texas & Promenade Decks French doors that open onto a private deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower. **Staterooms on the Promenade Deck offer additional square footage in lieu of private decks.*

AA **\$6,599**

DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH DECK

Promenade, Observation, Texas & Cabin Decks Windowed French doors that open onto a deck, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and/or shower.

A **\$6,399**

B **\$4,999**

C **\$4,499**

D **\$4,399**

DELUXE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS

Cabin Deck Large bay window, inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with tub and shower.

E **\$4,299**

INSIDE CABINS

Observation, Promenade & Texas Decks Inside entrance to stateroom, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

F **\$3,749**

G **\$3,349**

H **\$3,249**

I **\$2,849**

SINGLE INSIDE CABINS

Observation Deck Single bed and bathroom with shower.

SI **\$4,099** *single occupancy

SINGLE OUTSIDE STATEROOMS

Texas Deck French doors that open onto a deck, queen bed, and bathroom with shower.

SO **\$5,699** *single occupancy

Fares are per person, double occupancy, except where noted*. Onboard meals, refreshments & entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation options to Memphis and/or New Orleans. Port charges of \$109 per person and gratuities are additional.

OPULENT COMFORT

Welcome to the grand *American Queen*, a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and antebellum 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.



GUEST LECTURERS



GARY W. GALLAGHER

Gary W. Gallagher is the John L. Nau III Professor in the History of the American Civil War at U.Va. A nationally recognized expert on the Civil War and beloved undergraduate teacher, Gallagher graduated from Adams State College of Colorado and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from The University of Texas-Austin. He was previously a professor at Penn State University. Active in historic preservation, Professor Gallagher has worked with the Civil War Trust and was founder and first president of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He has acclaimed courses

widely available through The Teaching Company and is the author of several books including *The Confederate War* and *Lee and His Generals in War and Memory*.

Professor Gallagher, one of the leading historians of the Civil War, will give a presentation at The Peabody Memphis hotel on May 17, 2014. Professor Gallagher will not be lecturing on board the American Queen.



DAVID L. CARLTON

David L. Carlton, Associate Professor, has been at Vanderbilt since 1983. A specialist in the history of the southern economy, he is the author of *Mill and Town in South Carolina, 1880-1920* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1982). *Mill and Town* finds the indigenous roots of industrialization in the economic revolution in the South resulting from the Civil War and Emancipation and the resulting expansion of a dynamic, town-dwelling middle class, and explores the tense relationship between these “town people” and the white working class recruited to work in the new mills. He has also

co-authored, with Peter A. Coclanis, *The South, the Nation, and the World: Essays in Southern Economic Development* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1984) and *Confronting Southern Poverty and the Great Depression* (Boston: Bedford/St., Martins, 1996). At Vanderbilt, he teaches the U.S. History survey (and has edited a documentary reader for the survey), the History of the American South, the History of American Enterprise, and the History of Appalachia.



WILLIAM R. FERRIS

William R. Ferris is the Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History and the Sr. Assoc. Director of UNC's Center for the Study of the American South. Ferris is an internationally recognized leader in Southern studies, African American music, and folklore who has written or edited 10 books and created 15 documentary films, including the monumental *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Other titles include *My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues* and, most recently, *The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists*. Ferris' many prestigious

honors include the Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities, the American Library Association's Dartmouth Medal, the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Lifetime Achievement Award, and the W.C. Handy Blues Award.



ANTONIO D. TILLIS

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, with roots in the Mississippi Delta and Gulf Coast areas, Professor Antonio Tillis is Associate Professor and Chair of the African and African American Studies Program at Dartmouth College. He is a specialist in Latin American, Afro-Latin American and African Diaspora literatures. His subspecialties include Black transnational migration in the Americas and in the Caribbean basin from slavery to contemporary times and U.S. Afro-Latino studies. His research and teaching interests include Latin American literature, U.S. Latino literature, comparative

African-American and Afro-Latin American culture, Black Diaspora studies, film studies and contemporary theory. Professor Tillis' current project focuses on the literary treatment of U.S. Afro-Latino populations.



ELIZABETH R. VARON

Elizabeth R. Varon is Langbourne M. Williams Professor of American History at U.Va. A Virginia native and specialist in the Civil War era and 19th-century South, she received her M.A. from Swarthmore College and Ph.D. from Yale University and has taught at Wellesley College and Temple University. Her books include *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy: The True Story of Elizabeth Van Lew, A Union Agent in the Heart of the Confederacy*; *Disunion!: The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859*; and *Appomattox: Victory, Defeat and Freedom at the End of the Civil War*. Varon's public

presentations include book talks at the Lincoln Bicentennial in Springfield; on C-Span's Book TV; at Gettysburg's Civil War Institute and a featured speaker in the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lectureship program.