



I rose early that particular morning, right about sunrise. As I stepped out on deck, I could hear little more than the gentle movements of the river. The morning sunlight dappled the water. There was a low-hanging mist that made me feel as though I had just stepped into a watercolor painting. As I leaned forward on the rail, my hands brushed aside the early morning dew that had collected there. At that moment, a sharp cry pierced the tranquility of the scene. There, soaring high above the mist, just above the starboard bow, was an American eagle. It was as though he had greeted me by name. Quite unexpectedly, I felt a surge of pride and wonder swell in my chest. Even with the river shrouded in early morning mist, I have never seen America more clearly.

Some vacations define a year. Others define a life. Get ready for the latter—a Steamboatin® adventure on the legendary DELTA QUEEN®, the magnificent MISSISSIPPI QUEEN® and the grand AMERICAN QUEEN®. Come rejuvenate your soul, indulge your sense of discovery and celebrate this great land we call home.

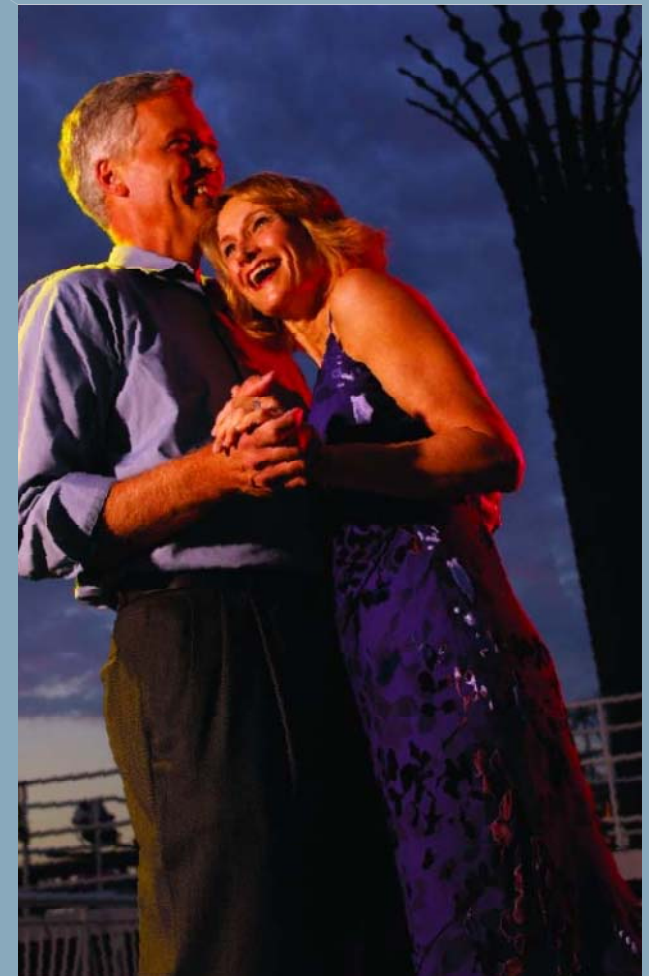
On these remarkable journeys to the heart of this great country, you'll enjoy grand staterooms, exceptional cuisine, Broadway-quality entertainment, fascinating shore experiences, and breathtaking views. This is our America. Come on. We'll take you there.

Step Into A World As Much Alive Today As It Was **A CENTURY AGO.**

From the moment I crossed the steamboat landing stage, I was overcome by a palpable sense of the history of it all. I felt as if I had stepped back into another time altogether. A time of stately elegance. An era of unhurried grace and charm. At any moment, I truly expected Mark Twain to turn the corner and greet me heartily. I knew I was in for the experience of a lifetime.

A certain thrill has always been a part of steamboat travel, ever since the gallant New Orleans undertook her 1811 steamboat excursion, traversing the Ohio and lower Mississippi from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. By the mid 1800s, thousands of graceful, ornamented floating palaces serviced the nation's river communities. At the peak of the Great Steamboat Era, scores of steamboats arrived and departed every hour in Cincinnati alone. America's steamboats helped unite a young nation. They were forerunners of our mobile society, the original American vacation experience. Today river travel with the Delta Queen Steamboat Company on our great natural "highways" is every bit as romantic and thrilling as it was in its heyday, and every bit the most luxurious and intimate way to explore the very heart and soul of this great land.

RIGHT: The dining room on the grand AMERICAN QUEEN® was inspired by the main cabin of the J.M. White.
BELOW: There's a new adventure to be found in every port and around every bend of the river.



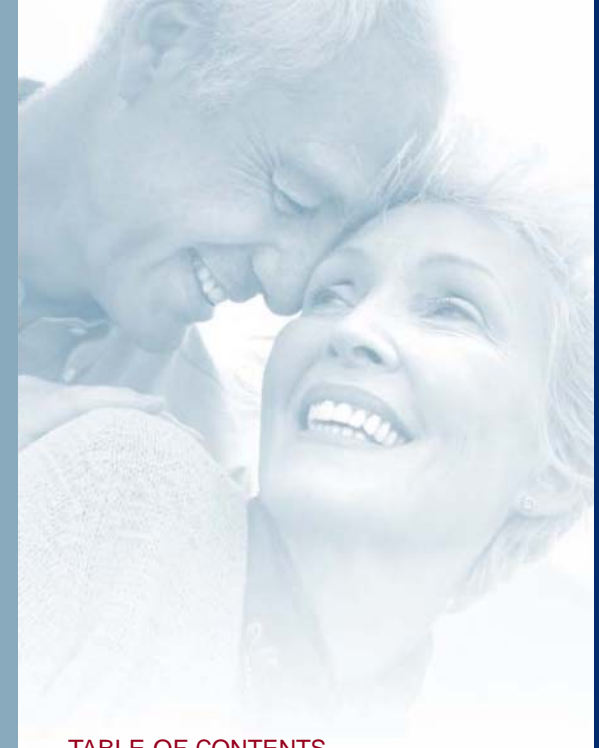


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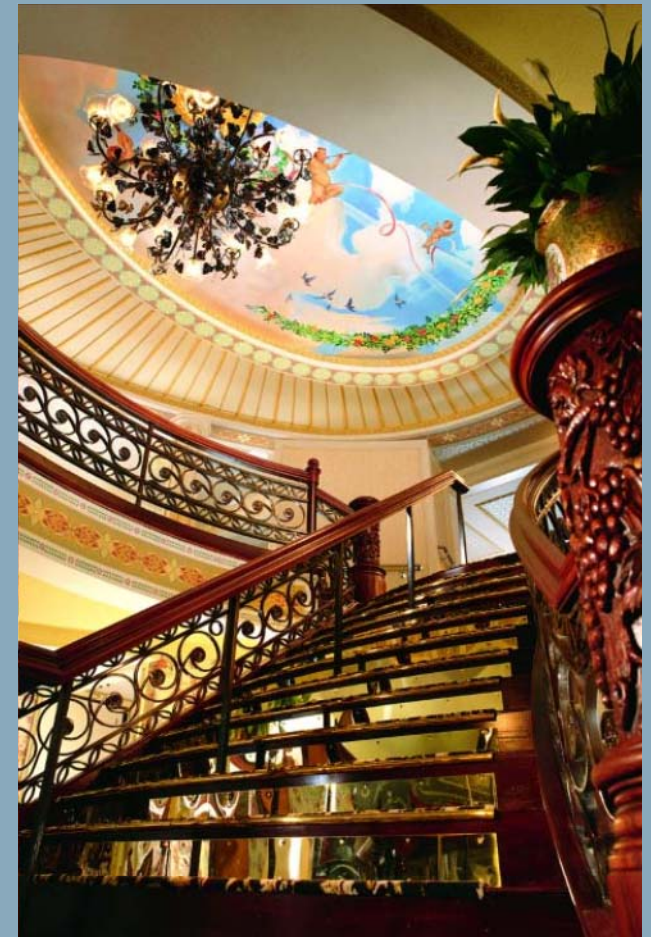
No Wonder They Called Them FLOATING PALACES.

After boarding the American Queen®, I sat for a few peaceful moments in the lush comfort of the Mark Twain Gallery. The room slowly drew me into its seductive embrace, cradling me in warm rich paneling and plush antiques, and gently caressing me with the soft glow of its Tiffany-style lamps. It was a scene worthy of royalty. A mere wave of my hand, and my every wish would surely be fulfilled!

At one time, more than 10,000 steamboats plied the great rivers of America. It was an era of grandeur. The Great Steamboat Era. The luxury and excitement of river travel is legendary. At the Delta Queen Steamboat Company, we consider it our sacred duty to keep that legend alive.

The legendary DELTA QUEEN® is listed as one of our country's National Historic

Landmarks along with the Statue of Liberty and Mount Vernon. From the moment you step aboard, you'll feel like the guest of honor in a fine old home. One glimpse of her sister steamboat, the magnificent MISSISSIPPI QUEEN®, and you'll know why riverboats were called floating palaces. And rising almost ninety feet above the waterline, the AMERICAN QUEEN® offers her guests a level of luxury unmatched since the Golden Age of Steamboats.



ABOVE: Come experience the timeless majesty of the AMERICAN QUEEN®, "the greatest steamboat the world has ever known." RIGHT: Behold the Queens of the River! The legendary DELTA QUEEN®, the magnificent MISSISSIPPI QUEEN® and the grand AMERICAN QUEEN®.



PAMPERED.

We Give New Meaning To The Word

My husband and I enjoy working crossword puzzles. Every day we'd sit on deck with our morning coffee and work our puzzles as America drifted lazily by. When we first got on board we realized that we had forgotten to bring pencils. We mentioned it once in passing to our cabin attendant. Every morning after that, there were two freshly sharpened pencils in our stateroom. Amazing!

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t the very heart of the Delta Queen experience is the extraordinary level of personal service that we offer to our guests. Our staff doesn't simply respond to your requests. They strive to anticipate your every need. Many of our staff and crew members have spent their entire adult lives—some 25 years or more—perfecting the fine

art of pampering. They draw great satisfaction from ensuring that your journey is a pleasurable one. No detail escapes their notice. Many of our former guests have told us that our staff is one of the principal reasons why they return again and again. On board a Delta Queen steamboat, you are more than an honored guest. You are family.

RIGHT: On a Delta Queen steamboat vacation, you will quickly become accustomed to the luxury and elegance of river travel. BELOW: The Delta Queen staff has a well-deserved reputation for pampering and for meeting your every need with a smile.



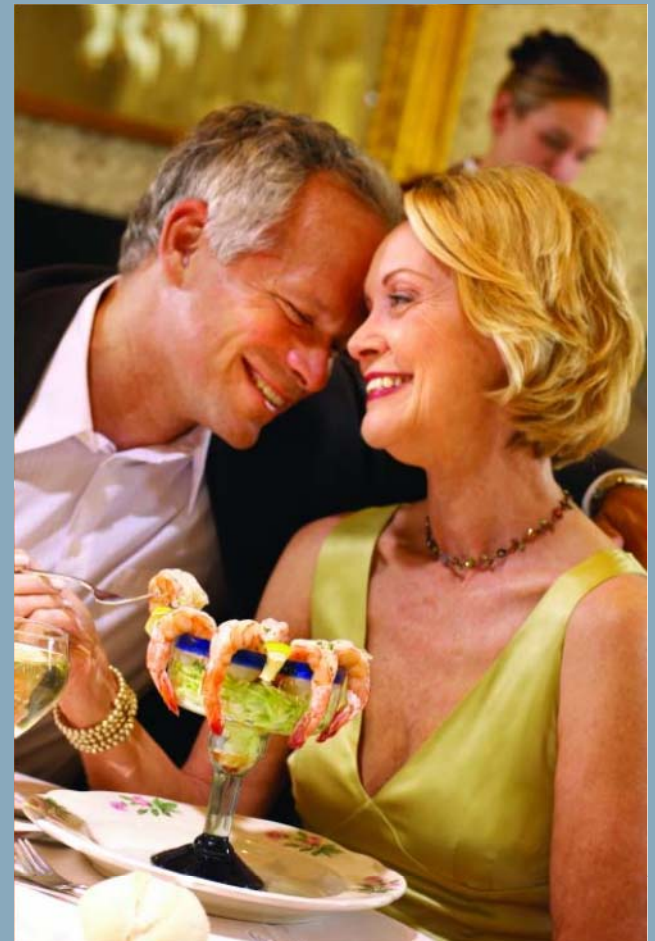


Your Life On THE MISSISSIPPI

With Steamboatin'®, the transportation is as much a destination as the ports of call. The idea of traveling on an authentic paddlewheel steamboat was one of the things that first attracted us to a Delta Queen vacation. And what an experience it was! The fun began from the moment we stepped on board. The food. The entertainment. It was all truly wonderful!

Steamboats were always much more than a simple mode of transportation. They were a symbol of a luxurious life—the embodiment of the best that life had to offer. Every meal in the steamboat dining room is a culinary adventure, complete with breathtaking views of the river. And, after dinner, your steamboat becomes a floating theater, as talented performers offer you entertainment worthy of the Great White Way.

A day aboard the steamboat is filled with your choice of fun activities. You might be invited to a wine tasting, learn how to jitterbug, join in a Mardi Gras parade, take in a lecture on General Benjamin “The Beast” Butler, or be a fourth in bridge. You might even play the calliope. Our onboard experts will share stories and trivia about the rivers. And, of course, a day can't go by without a little time spent in a rocker on deck with Mother Nature and a good book.



ABOVE: Every day our talented chefs will present you with a menu as varied as America itself.

RIGHT: A wide variety of crowd-pleasing music awaits you on board—everything from Broadway to Ragtime to the sounds of the Big Band era. Enjoy a new and exciting show every night.

