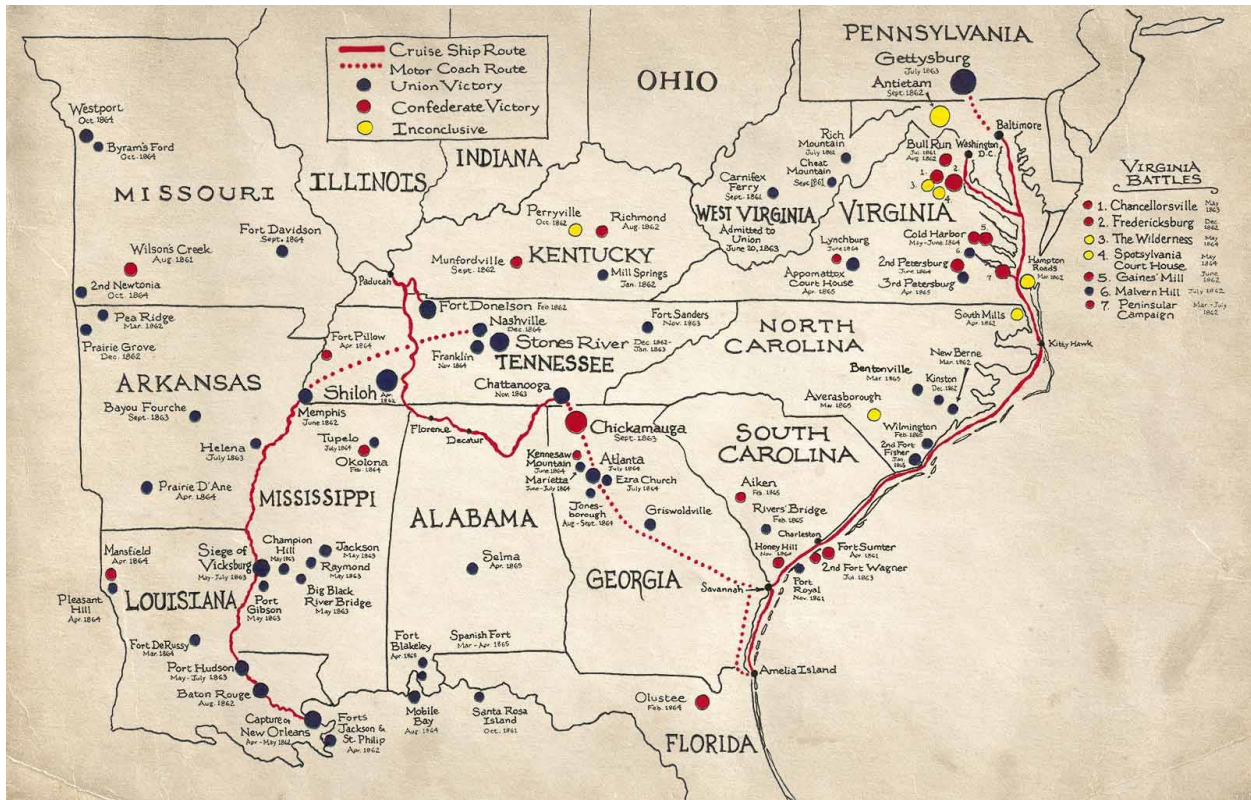




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American Cruise Lines Introduces an Epic New U.S. River Cruise A 35-Day *Civil War Battlefields Cruise*



Guilford, CT—May 22, 2023—American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce a new cruise that visits nearly every major battlefield of the Civil War. The all-new *Civil War Battlefields Cruise* departs May 4th, 2024, from New Orleans, LA, and concludes on June 6th in Gettysburg, PA. Along the way, this 35-Day itinerary spans 13 states and all three major theaters of the war. Each day will highlight battlefields and events from Fort Sumter and Shiloh to Vicksburg and Antietam.

The onboard experience will be curated to bring context to each day’s exploration and provide a larger understanding of the War as a whole. Dedicated onboard Civil War experts will join guests for the entirety of the experience to discuss the motives, strategies, and personalities that drove each side of the War.

The *Civil War Battlefields Cruise* will be led by Bertram Hayes-Davis, the great great grandson of Jefferson Davis, an American politician who represented Mississippi in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and served as the president of the Confederate States from 1861-1865. Bertram Hayes-Davis is a unique scholar of Civil War history, able to offer both his extensive knowledge and rare personal perspective on the events and battles that divided our country, but ultimately helped forge a more perfect Union.

“This cruise is one of the most wholistic views of the Civil War ever offered. Guests will experience the people, places, and events of the war, as they visit the battlefields and stand where history was made,” said Bertram Hayes-Davis. “This is a unique opportunity to see the entire scope of the battles of the Civil War and put them in context to each other and the entire conflict.”

The cruise takes place on three ships and sails the Mississippi River, the Tennessee River, the Potomac River, the East Coast Intracoastal Waterway, and the Chesapeake Bay. Please see the Day-by-Day itinerary overview below.

<i>Anaconda / Vicksburg Campaign</i>		<i>Western Theater</i>		<i>Union Advantage / Naval Power</i>	
<i>American Melody</i>	DAY 1 Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in New Orleans	<i>American Symphony</i>	DAY 12 Paducah, KY	<i>American Eagle</i>	DAY 24 Charleston, SC
	DAY 2 Capture of New Orleans New Orleans, LA		DAY 13 Battle of Shiloh Savannah, TN		DAY 25 Beaufort, NC
	DAY 3 Houmas House, LA		DAY 14 Florence, AL		DAY 26 Kitty Hawk, NC
	DAY 4 Baton Rouge, LA		DAY 15 The Battles for Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN	<i>Eastern Theater</i>	
	DAY 5 Siege of Port Hudson St. Francisville, LA		<i>General Sherman’s March</i>		DAY 27 Battle of the “Monitor” and the “Merrimac” Norfolk, VA
	DAY 6 Battle of Port Gibson Natchez, MS	DAY 16 Battle of Chickamauga Atlanta, GA	<i>American Eagle</i>	DAY 28 The Peninsular Campaign Yorktown, VA	
	DAY 7 Siege of Vicksburg Vicksburg, MS	DAY 17 Sherman’s March to the Sea Atlanta to Jacksonville		DAY 29 Battle of Fredericksburg Washington, D.C.	
	DAY 8 The Anaconda Plan Day of River Cruising	<i>Union Advantage / Naval Power</i>		DAY 30 Alexandria, VA	
	DAY 9 Memphis Naval Battle Memphis, TN	<i>American Eagle</i>	DAY 18 Battle of Olustee Jacksonville, FL	DAY 31 St. Michaels, MD	
<i>Western Theater</i>			DAY 19 Brunswick, GA	DAY 32 First Blood of the Civil War Baltimore, MD	
DAY 10 Battle of Stones River Nashville, TN	DAY 20 Savannah, GA		<i>Battle of Gettysburg</i>		
DAY 11 Battle of Fort Donelson Clarksville, TN	DAY 21 Hilton Head, SC		DAY 33 Antietam Sharpsburg, MD		
	DAY 22 Beaufort, SC		DAY 34 Battle of Gettysburg Gettysburg, PA		
	DAY 23 Day of Cruising	DAY 35 Transfer to Airport			



This epic journey includes: *Complimentary Pre-Cruise Stay* in New Orleans, daily excursions & entertainment, all meals and beverages including beer & wine with lunch and dinner, and a daily cocktail hour. Complimentary WIFI, hotels and transportation between cruise segments, as well as *Tips, Gratuities & Port Charges* are all included in the cruise fare.

The price per person begins at \$24,700 (depending on stateroom selection). Deposit of \$5,000 per person is due upon reservation. **Reservations for this unparalleled exploration of the U.S.A. are open to book now.**

For more details and information about this itinerary, and other new longer U.S. cruises from American Cruise Lines, please visit: [American Cruise Lines Extended Cruises](#).

About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines offers river cruising and small ship cruising in the U.S.A. American continues to launch the newest U.S. built ships for *Cruising Close to Home*®. On all American's cruises, guests discover the history, spirit, and culture of the United States aboard a sophisticated fleet of American riverboats and small cruise ships. In 2023, American will operate 17 ships, each accommodating just 90-180 passengers, which cruise more than 50 domestic itineraries in 35 states. **American offers domestic *Flat-Rate Airfare* for all its U.S. cruises and *Complimentary Pre-Cruise Hotel Stays* in cities across the country.**

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