A VOYAGE ALONG THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

New Orleans to Memphis
aboard the paddle-wheeled American Splendor
March 5–13, 2024

Featuring special guest lecturer Doris Kearns Goodwin
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Dartmouth,

Join us for a deep dive into U.S. history and culture aboard the 185-berth American Splendor, a riverboat built in 2016 in the classic paddle-wheeler style, on a voyage up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis.

Begin in New Orleans, exploring the distinctive architecture of the French Quarter, the gorgeous homes of the Garden District, and the renowned National WWII Museum. Then cruise upriver on the American Splendor, visiting the sugar plantations, Creole cottages, and lush landscapes of Bayou country; the city of Natchez, Mississippi, whose architectural grandeur reflects the prosperous Steamboat Era of the early 1800s; and Vicksburg, where a 47-day Civil War battle raged before control of the Mississippi River was taken by the North. Conclude in Memphis, exploring historic Beale Street to the rhythm of the Blues.

The American Splendor offers modern amenities among surroundings of 19th-century riverboat opulence, including lovely cabins--most featuring private balconies--in the style of a bygone era, fine cuisine, and lively performances by onboard musicians.

What makes this Mississippi River experience stand apart is the incredibly rich educational program, beginning with a keynote address in New Orleans by Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin. She will discuss her Lincoln Prize-winning book Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln. Throughout the trip, travelers will also enjoy panel discussions and opportunities for direct engagement with an outstanding lineup of lecturers.

This unique journey along one of North America’s great waterways is expected to sell out. I encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting us at res@criteriontravel.com or (888) 328-2089.

With regards from Hanover,

Robin K. Albing, TU’81

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Doris Kearns Goodwin is a world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times #1 best-selling author. Since 2020 she has served as executive producer for the History Channel’s miniseries events Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt, with more to come!

Goodwin is the author of seven critically acclaimed and New York Times best-selling books, including her most recent, Leadership in Turbulent Times, which incorporates her five decades of scholarship studying Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Baines Johnson. Goodwin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history for No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II.

Goodwin graduated magna cum laude from Colby College. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Government from Harvard University, where she taught Government, including a course on the American Presidency.

Ed Baptist, Professor of U.S. History at Cornell

Philip Deloria, Professor of Native American History at Harvard University

Andy Flory, Professor of Music at Carleton College

John Meffert, consultant on heritage conservation
Itinerary

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
New Orleans, Louisiana
Arrive in New Orleans and check into the centrally-located InterContinental New Orleans, just blocks away from the French Quarter and the bustling Riverwalk. This evening, meet fellow travelers at a festive welcome reception and dinner featuring a keynote address by Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author, Doris Kearns Goodwin.

INTERCONTINENTAL NEW ORLEANS (R,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
New Orleans
After a morning lecture, spend the day exploring New Orleans, including the distinctive architecture of the famous French Quarter and the extravagantly styled and landscaped homes of the Garden District, plus the highly acclaimed National World War II Museum. Board the American Splendor in the afternoon to begin the journey up the mighty Mississippi River.

AMERICAN SPLENDOR (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
Oak Alley, Laura, and Whitney Plantations
Explore historic Oak Alley, a grand Greek Revival plantation home famous for its namesake double row of 18th-century canopy oak trees lining the approaching path. Nearby Laura Plantation, a restored Creole plantation, is a fascinating contrast to Oak Alley, offering further insight into the stories and culture of this area’s inhabitants and boasting twelve buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including slave quarters. The Whitney Plantation, the only plantation museum in Louisiana with a focus on slavery, features historic buildings, museum exhibits, modern memorials, and first-person slave narratives that give a voice to enslaved people who worked and lived in Louisiana.

AMERICAN SPLENDOR (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Baton Rouge
Arrive in Baton Rouge, a busy port town and Louisiana’s state capital. Take walking tours of the character-filled neighborhoods near the city center, marveling at the rich art and architecture along the route, including the Old State Capitol and its unexpected stained glass. For those that feel adventurous, board a small boat for a guided tour through the ecologically rich Louisiana Bayou for a chance to glimpse the local waterfowl and other Bayou residents.

AMERICAN SPLENDOR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
St. Francisville
Spend the day in the once-thriving cotton port of St. Francisville to learn about the town’s rich legacy. Explore the magnificent mansions and plantation homes of the Historic District, including the Rosedown
Estate and Garden, one of the few privately maintained formal gardens of the 19th century; Myrtles Plantation, reputed to be one of the most haunted homes in America; and the Oakley Plantation, the home of John James Audubon.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**Natchez, Mississippi**

Natchez suffered little destruction during the Civil War and as a result, is home to one of the largest concentrations of restored pre-Civil War properties in the United States. Visit three of these historic homes: Longwood, with a unique octagonal design; Rosalie, which served as Union headquarters during the Civil War; and Stanton Hall, constructed in 1851 and regarded as one of the most opulent mansions of its day. Then learn about the African American experience in Natchez with visits to the Forks in the Road historic site and the Natchez Museum of African American Culture. Also enjoy free time to explore central Natchez, including the option to have lunch ashore.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

**Cruising the Mississippi**

During a full day of cruising, relax on deck and enjoy the passing scenery and the varied river traffic along with the continued lecture program.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

**Memphis, Tennessee / Home**

Upon arrival in Memphis, disembark for tours touching on the city’s diverse heritage, including the Stax Museum of American Soul Music or a discussion about the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis with Rhodes College professor Dr. Charles McKinney. After lunch on iconic Beale Street, transfer to the airport for afternoon flights home.
**General Information**

**Program Rates (per person)**

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

We consider this to be a moderately active program, with considerable walking at some destinations. Daily activities can involve up to two miles of walking, on unaided, over varied terrain (e.g., uneven walkways, steep and sandy trails, dirt streets and paths in some locations). Participants must be physically fit, in good health, and capable of undertaking this level of activity without assistance from tour staff. In March, the weather is generally mild and comfortable, with high temperatures usually in the mid-70s, and rain is always a possibility. The American Splendor has been chartered for this departure.

**A NOTE ABOUT RATES**

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details will be advised prior to departure.

*American Splendor* allows guests to experience the nostalgia of classic paddlewheeler travel while enjoying modern comfort and amenities. Recently renovated, *American Splendor* features serene color palettes, luxurious textiles and linens, new furniture and carpets, and updated artwork and flourishes. From the staterooms and suites to the lounges and dining rooms, the new décor pays homage to the legendary Mississippi River. On board, guests can relax in a casual ambiance while admiring panoramic views of the passing scenery. Each spacious stateroom is outward-facing, allowing commanding views of the riverside landscape, and includes all of the amenities you expect from a fine hotel. These staterooms also offer a sitting area, desk, and full-size bathrooms, and most feature floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with a private balcony. With only 180 guests, fellow travelers will quickly become new friends.
LONGWOOD
SPANISH MOSS IN THE LOUISIANA Bayou

Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

PROGRAM RATES
DO NOT INCLUDE
Airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, and COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Airport transfers upon arrival • Private airport transfers upon departure • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

GROUP SIZE
This program can accommodate 92 participants, including travelers from Carleton College, the Commonwealth Club of California, Cornell’s Adult University, Harvard Alumni Travel, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is November 6, 2023. For those who register after November 6, 2023, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of the $1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (November 6, 2023). Cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither Dartmouth Alumni Travel nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for $_______ ($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve___ place(s) on A Voyage Along the Lower Mississippi River.

Charge my deposit to:

VISA  MC  AMEX  Discover

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed):

— King/Queen  — Twins

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations.

I will share accommodations with:

— I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed).

I am a  — Smoker  /  — Non-smoker. I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of November 6, 2023, I will pay the single rate.

I / We have read the General Information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE DATE
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I understand that the detailed statement of limitations and exclusions of liability will be sent to me for signature after registration, and is available for review prior, upon request.
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