

SOUTHERN COMFORT

Charleston, Savannah and the Carolina's by Train and Coastal Steamer Via the Intracoastal Waterway.

A Passage Through America and Time.

November 6 - 16, 2009 ♦ 11-Days From \$4,495 pp

From Baltimore to Charleston, this unique cruise offers you a chance to discover the fabled Intra coastal Waterway. Between these vibrant cities and the barrier islands you'll find living history unfolding before you. Trace the route along the Chesapeake Bay that John Smith explored in the summer of 1608, delight in Carolina's Low country with its antebellum charm and colonial heritage. Along the way small ports welcome your small ship with warm Southern hospitality. In Norfolk you'll find the galleries, museums and military history of a revitalized seaport as well as the attractive shops and sandy beaches of a relaxed resort. And, in Myrtle Beach with its fun-loving populace and carefree ambiance.

Our ship, the American Glory is a miniature ocean liner, tailor-made for experiencing the Intra coastal, compact enough to bring you up close to towns that are hidden treasures. Throughout the trip guest speakers will recount local lore and thrilling stories of pirates and patriots. Best of all, relaxation and good fellowship is assured as you settle into the leisurely pace of life along the Mid Atlantic. It's a journey that will refresh and restore you, a perfect passage into history. Better still, after an overnight stay in Charleston we disembark the ship and head south to what is often described as the most charming city in America, lovely Savannah, Georgia with its stately homes with wrought iron railings and formal courtyards, laid out along a grid of 21 squares. As always, we have included fine accommodations for a two-night stay in the heart of Old Town as well as grand dining and an exquisite 'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil' city sightseeing tour that captures the magic, mystery and other-worldliness of this captivating city.

With a fine ship, known for its casual and informal comfort (no dressing up for dinner required!), superb crew, delicious means and ability to dock in small towns combined with sightseeing, a leisure pace and personalized attention, there is only one thing missing, you. We invite you to join us but do not delay, with only twenty-five cabins, this voyage will sell out.

All Aboard!

FEATURES

- ♦ Complimentary train travel to Baltimore from any US city. Guests with less time may take advantage of our special \$149.00 airfare from over 189 gateway cities.
- ♦ Fully hosted by professional tour manager.
- ♦ Hotel stay in Baltimore before sailing at the opulent Peabody Court Hotel including breakfast.
- ♦ Special sailing day Bon Voyage luncheon & transfer.
- ♦ 7-night Coastal cruise aboard the ms American Glory, a coastal steamer with large cabins, offering an up-close view in a casual and informal setting. All meals, wines & spirits aboard are included. Cabins are outside with big windows and most offer scenic verandahs great for coastal views.
- ♦ 2-night stay in beautiful Savannah after the cruise in fine accommodations, grand dining & sightseeing including our special 'Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil' tour inspired by the novel .
- ♦ Special \$99.00 train fare home to any US city or air travel to over 189 gateway cities for \$149.pp. Many guests 'mix and match' utilizing the free train travel to Baltimore and then flying home after the tour ends. The Amtrak tickets we issue allow stopovers perfect for visiting family or friends.
- ♦ All hotel & train transfers while en route, special parties and events throughout and much more!



Day to Day Itinerary

Day To Day Itinerary:

Day 1 | Baltimore

Guests arrive in Baltimore today, we have included a classic hotel of great style, the elegant Peabody Court Hotel, obviating any worry about tight same-day connections. The evening at leisure.

Day 2 | Welcome Aboard B, D

We board the 'American Glory' and set sail, bound for Charleston and Savannah. Tonight is our welcome reception followed by dinner.

Day 3 - Norfolk, VA B, L & D

Located at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, Norfolk has enjoyed a dramatic history dating back to 1607 when British settlers first arrived to America's shores. Enjoy tours of historic districts, museums, restored homes and the Norfolk Navy Base.

Day 4 | Oriental, NC B, L & D

Known as the "Sailing Capital of North Carolina," you'll see why when you stroll along the harbor and see that there are more boats in the water than people in the village.

Day 5 | Morehead City, NC B, L & D

Morehead City is a popular port and is always bustling with boat activity and excitement. Or you can tour the meticulously restored town of Beaufort, just across the Newport River.

Day 6 | Wilmington, NC B, L & D

Founded in 1739, Wilmington prospered during its early years as a major port and ship-building center. Stroll through beautiful gardens and city streets lined with shopping venues and seafood eateries.

Day 7 | Myrtle Beach, SC B, L & D

Recognized as one of America's most spectacular beaches, Myrtle

Beach is an exciting city. A fascinating lakeside entertainment Mecca includes the Grand Strand with over 100 specialty shops, the Palace Theatre and Ripley's Aquarium.

Day 8 | Charleston, SC B, L & D

The scene of major Revolutionary War naval battles, legendary pirate tales, and Civil War sieges. Charleston is brimming with history and culture. Docking in the heart of this "living museum" along the banks of the tranquil Ashley River, you will have the opportunity to truly appreciate Southern antebellum culture. Visit historic Fort Sumter National Monument. Warm southern breezes, gas lit lamps and cobblestone streets welcome you to the city that is best known as the site where the Civil War began. In a rare bonus, we stay overnight in old town Charleston aboard the American Glory, using the ship as our hotel, allowing plenty of time to take in this marvelous town.

Day 9 | Savannah, GA B, L & D

After breakfast onboard, a short drive south brings to Savannah, one of the most enchanting cities in America. Best of all, we have two-nights in this remarkably pretty city. As always, we have superb accommodations in the heart of old town and we have left all afternoon and evening at leisure for you to enjoy. Overnight at the Sheraton.

Day 10 | Savannah, GA B, L & D

Today is our acclaimed 'Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil' tour of Savannah, inspired by the best-seller of the same name with special southern luncheon is included today along with free time this afternoon to explore the antique stores. Later tonight, our special Farewell dinner.

Day 11 | Homeward Bound B

Guests depart for their home city by train or air today.

Complete Fares & Accommodations

Category A A C	Large outside with private balcony	\$5,695 pp
Category A A L	Large outside with private balcony	\$5,395 pp
Category A A	Large outside with picture window	\$4,895 pp
Category A	Large outside with picture window	\$4,495 pp

Single outside cabins begin at \$6,195. Port and handling fees are \$270 pp

Sample Cabin



RESERVATION CANCELLATION INFORMATION: A 35% deposit of the Total Fare is required to confirm reservations aboard this program. Final Payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date and no later than 90 days prior to tour departure. Payment by American Express, VISA, MASTERCARD, Discover Card, or check is accepted. Cancellation penalties do apply and for this reason trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Trip insurance is available at a modest cost and additional information may be obtained from your travel professional or the insurance carrier of your choice. The following cancellation penalties apply should you have to cancel for any reason, including medical, once deposit has been made: Cancellations after deposit has been made but prior to final payment are subject to a \$750.00 per person penalty: Cancellations 75 - 60 days prior to sailing are subject to a 40% penalty of the Total Fare: Cancellations 30-59 days prior to sailing are subject to a 80% penalty of the Total Fare: cancellations 29-15 days prior to sailing are subject to 90% penalty of the Total Fare: cancellations 14 days or less are subject to a 100% penalty of the Total Fare. Trip cancellation insurance is available and is strongly and urgently recommended. Given that the resale of cancelled space will likely result in a lost opportunity to sell other space, these fees are due regardless of resale. Name changes and departure date changes are considered cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees.

TICKETS & DOCUMENTS: Tickets and documents will be sent via UPS promptly upon receipt from the railway, airline, or cruise company but only after final payment. This is customarily 14 days prior to sailing. Documents include: ship tickets, a complete itinerary, baggage tags, helpful hints, train or air tickets (when applicable) and shore excursion tickets (when applicable). All guests purchasing any tour or program less than 30 days prior to sailing will receive their ship tickets at the pier upon embarkation.

TRIP INSURANCE INFORMATION: Cancellation insurance is available at modest cost from various insurance providers and is strongly & urgently recommended. Policies can be obtained that provide protection in the event of trip cancellation, pre-existing medical conditions, trip interruption, personal injury or damage to property. American River Vacations does not endorse any particular type of policy or company but does encourage all guests to consider the purchase of travel insurance.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Changing your itinerary after reservations have been made can result in loss of advantages gained by early planning. In addition, the results of last minute changes may be disappointing. All changes to travel itinerary once deposit has been made are subject to a \$75.00 per person, per change administrative and handling fee. This includes, but is not limited to, date and itinerary changes on airline and rail tickets, name changes on documents, reissue and refund of rail or air tickets, et. al. Changes are not assessed for stateroom upgrades or for the addition of services, unless air reservations are altered and/or travel documents must be reissued.

PAYMENT OF YOUR DEPOSIT INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS.

American
RIVER VACATIONS

THE FINANCIAL CENTER BUILDING
405 - 14th St., Ste. 211 • Oakland, CA 94612
Toll Free 1.877.625.1003
www.americanrivervacations.com

CST: 2082870-40