

**Note: Start date changed to Apr 6.
Start from Memphis.**

March 2013

Dear Classmates,

We are planning a 57th Reunion for the Class of '57 at the end of May/beginning of June in 2014. The reunion will be a Mississippi River cruise from New Orleans to Memphis, with a return to New Orleans on Amtrak for those who want to fly in/out from the same city. It will also be possible (optional) to spend some time in New Orleans or Memphis either before or after the cruise. We picked this venue since it's in the middle of the country, has a great reputation for fun and pleasure, and is a chance to see some of the beauty of the Mississippi shores/cities, with several optional excursions offered to special places of interest you may want to add to your personal itinerary.

The cruise we selected is the "New Orleans Memphis Gardens of the River" and the ports visited will be Oak Alley, St. Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg, Helena. The tentative dates are 24 May to 1 June. The attachments provide information based on the 2013 sailings.

Please send your response to me if you want to go, with the number of cabins, by type, you want. This is a great way to also have a family gathering in conjunction with getting to see your classmates.

Sam Morthland has volunteered to be our travel agent for making the arrangements and has provided the following information based on 2013 information.

The American Queen is a much larger ship than the Avalon river cruise ships we used in 2010- 432 passengers/crew of 175, twice as wide, and six decks high! It features many first class amenities: accompanying large buses at each stop; free bicycles and binoculars. Cabin prices are based on both size and deck location as shown in the brochure. It is not limited to seniors, family members are welcome. Please take a look at the attached videos and brochure and join us on this nostalgic American experience.

Final costs, based on a 9 day cruise, will be determined after we know how many participants we have.

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There is a seven part video at:

www.Americanqueensteamboatcompany.com