



CITY OF MUSCATINE | 215 Sycamore Street | MUSCATINE, IA 52761 | (563) 264-1550

PRESS RELEASE

For more information contact:

Kevin Jenison
Communication Manager
Public Information Officer
Muscatine City Hall
(563) 264-1550
kjenison@muscataineiowa.gov

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 26, 2022**

AMERICAN DUCHESS TO MAKE STOP IN MUSCATINE TONIGHT

MUSCATINE, Iowa – An unusual event will occur this evening on the Muscatine riverfront but it could be a preview of what is to come as the American Duchess will make a trial port stop in Muscatine. The cruise ship will be stopping for the port trial in front of the Pearl City Station in Riverside Park between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.



The exact time will be determined by the traffic on the river and the river itself.

“We encourage everyone to come out and welcome the American Duchess to Muscatine,” Brad Bark, Mayor of Muscatine, said. “This is something that we have worked a long time for and we are confident that the test will be successful and Muscatine will be added to the list of stops for these river cruises.”



CITY OF MUSCATINE | 215 Sycamore Street | MUSCATINE, IA 52761 | (563) 264-1550

The cruise ship will be in Muscatine for about a half-hour before returning to cruising the Mississippi River.

If successful, Muscatine could be added to future stops for the Duchess or one of her sister ships owned by the American Queen Steamboat Company.

On August 14, 2017 the American Duchess was christened with a bottle of bourbon at the waterfront in New Orleans. The Duchess features some of the largest accommodations on the river, with rooms ranging from 150-630 square feet. She holds up to 166 guests.

Before she became the American Duchess, she was originally designed and built for Isle of Capri Casinos and harbored in Bettendorf Iowa. On October 16, 2016, Bettendorf locals gathered on the levee to bid their farewell to the 21-year-old casino boat. They watched her pull off the river bank, free at last! Sailing to follow her dreams.

###