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The Heart of the South:

Magnolias & Mockingbirds

May 5 - 13, 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019 ~ Memphis, TN ~ Oxford, MS ~

Our tour departs this morning from the lobby of **The Guest House at Graceland** in **Memphis, TN**. Our first stop today is at the newly renovated **National Civil Rights Museum** at the site of the **Rev. Martin Luther King's** 1968 assassination. Lunch today is at **Central BBQ**. Then, it's off to **Oxford, MS**, where we'll tour **William Faulkner's** beloved **Rowan Oak Estate**, set amid a grove of cedars, oaks, pines and magnolias. A special **Welcome Dinner** before overnighting at **The Chancellor's House** in Oxford.



Monday, May 6, 2019 ~ Oxford, MS ~ Vicksburg, MS ~



After breakfast at the Chancellor's House we travel to **Vicksburg, MS**, the onetime Confederate stronghold to which **Ulysses Grant** laid siege in 1863. To Jefferson Davis, Vicksburg was the "*nail head that holds the South's two halves together.*" President Lincoln believed "*Vicksburg is the key to victory.*" Here, we'll explore the battlefields of **Vicksburg National Military Park**. We'll also visit **USS Cairo**, one of the first American ironclad warships produced and recently recovered from the Mississippi River and restored. Dinner, then overnight at the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Vicksburg.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 ~ Vicksburg, MS ~ Jackson, MS ~ Natchez, MS ~

We'll breakfast at the Marriott before heading to **Jackson, MS**, site of the widely acclaimed **Mississippi State History Museum** and its companion **Mississippi Civil Rights Museum**, recounting the fight for civil rights in Mississippi between 1945 and 1970. This afternoon we are introduced to the antebellum charms of **Natchez, MS** where we'll tour **Melrose Plantation** and the **William Johnson House** (home of the freed slave known as "the barber of Natchez"). Dinner tonight at **The Castle Pub**, built in 1790. Overnight at **Dunleith 1856 Historic Inn**.



Wednesday, May 8, 2019 ~ Natchez, MS ~ Baton Rouge, LA ~ New Orleans, LA ~



After breakfast at the Dunleith we travel to **Baton Rouge, LA**, and the **Louisiana State Capitol**, site of **Huey Long's** virtual dictatorship and his subsequent assassination in 1935. On the capitol grounds we'll also pause at Long's gravesite. Then, it's on to "*The Big Easy*" – **New Orleans, LA** where we'll tour the **National World War II Museum**, telling the story of *the war that changed the world* – why it was fought, how it was won, so future generations may better understand the price of freedom. Dinner tonight is at New Orleans' world-famous **Brennan's Restaurant** (rated among the *Best Restaurants in the World* by Conde Nast Traveler). Our lodgings for the night (the first of two) is the **Bourbon Orleans Hotel**, situated in the heart of New Orleans' colorful **French Quarter**.

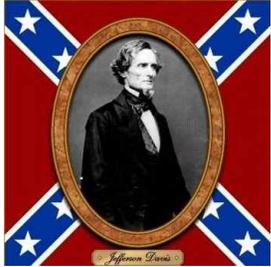
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Thursday, May 9, 2019 ~ New Orleans, LA ~

We'll breakfast at the Bourbon Orleans before visiting nearby **Jackson Square** and historic **St. Louis Cathedral**, the oldest Cathedral in North America, founded as a Catholic Parish in 1720. Next, we're treated to a special luncheon cruise and steamboat ride up the Mississippi on the legendary **Natchez** paddle wheeler to the site of the **Battle of New Orleans**, won by Andrew Jackson in 1815. This afternoon is free to relax or explore. Dinner is on our own this evening, then a second night at the **Bourbon Orleans**.



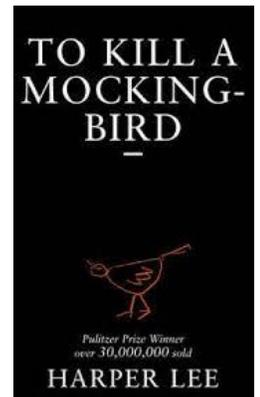
Friday, May 10, 2019 ~ New Orleans, LA ~ Mobile, AL ~



After breakfast at the Bourbon Orleans we'll head east to **Biloxi, MS**, and the **Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library**. We'll tour **Beauvoir**, the antebellum home that became Davis' retirement estate. On to **Mobile, AL** and a visit to the **History Museum of Mobile**, where we'll get an up close glimpse of Confederate Naval history and the history of Old Mobile, as well as a trip back in time to explore Mobile's early Native American inhabitants. Dinner this evening is at **Dauphin's Seafood**. Overnight at the historic **Battle House Renaissance Hotel**, former military headquarters of Gen Andrew Jackson during the **War of 1812**.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 ~ Mobile, AL ~ Monroeville, AL ~

After breakfast at the Battle House we'll visit **Battleship Memorial Park**, home to the famed warship **USS Alabama** as well as the WWII submarine **USS Drum**, plus the park's aviation pavilion featuring **Marine One**, the Navy chopper used by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush 41. For many, today may well be the trip's most memorable chapter: We head to **Monroeville, AL**, home of authors **Harper Lee** and **Truman Capote**. There, we'll visit the famous Courthouse and have front-row VIP seats (we've managed to secure 30 tickets) for the annual dramatization of **To Kill a Mockingbird** – one act in the Courthouse and the other outside on its lawn. An exclusive VIP dinner hosted by the Mockingbird Company at **The Prop and Gavel** proceeds the play. Our lodgings for the evening are at **The Mockingbird Inn**.



Sunday, May 12, 2019 ~ Monroeville, AL ~ Selma, AL ~ Montgomery, AL ~

We'll breakfast at the Mockingbird Inn before traveling to **Selma, AL**. There, we'll walk the **Edmund Pettus Bridge** where, on March 7, 1965, voting rights marchers were violently confronted by law enforcement, a day that became known as **Bloody Sunday**. On to **Montgomery, AL**, where we'll explore the recently opened **Legacy Museum** and **National Memorial for Peace and Justice**. From enslavement to mass incarceration, this museum tells the story of slavery and racism in America, including the enslavement of African-Americans, racial lynchings, and segregation. This afternoon we check in to the **Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Spa**. A very special **Farewell Dinner** concludes the evening.



Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ Montgomery, AL ~

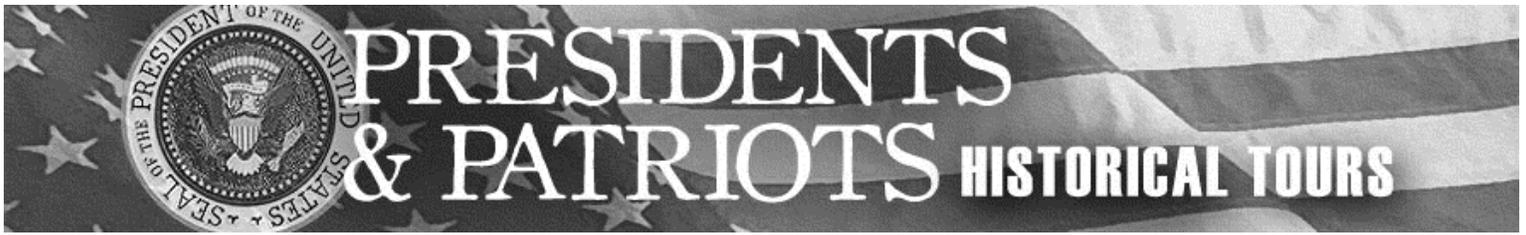
Breakfast is again included this morning before departing Montgomery, AL per our own schedule.

This unique tour is personally led and hosted by noted author and presidential historian Richard Norton Smith. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Your deposit of \$1,000 will secure your reservation. Please reply before February 15TH as after this date hotel deadlines may affect availability.

\$4,575 pp DOUBLE OCCUPANCY / \$5,395 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

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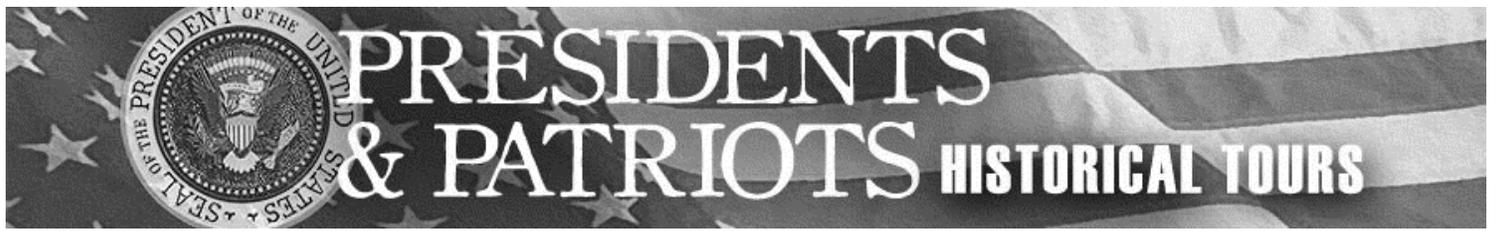
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Your Escorted Tour Includes:

- Entire tour hosted and narrated by author and presidential historian **Richard Norton Smith**.
- **Deluxe transportation** via climate controlled motor coach, featuring on-board restroom, individual **110-volt power supply** access (for cell phones, DVD players, iPads or lap tops), as well as **Wi-Fi** (wireless internet) throughout the coach.
- Meeting/Departing from the lobby of **The Guest House at Graceland** in **Memphis, TN** on the morning of **Sunday, May 5 at 9:00am**.
- **Eight (8) nights outstanding accommodations** at **The Chancellor's House** in **Oxford, MS** (May 5); **The Courtyard by Marriott** in **Vicksburg, MS** (May 6); **Dunleith 1856 Historic Inn** in **Natchez, MS** (May 7); **The Bourbon Orleans Hotel** in **New Orleans' French Quarter** (May 8 and May 9); **The Battle House Renaissance Hotel** in **Mobile, AL** (May 10); **Mockingbird Inn & Suites** in **Monroeville, AL** (May 11); and the **Renaissance Inn & Spa** in **Montgomery, AL** (May 12).
- **Complete baggage handling** for one bag per person.
- **Meals:** Tour includes **eight (8) breakfasts, seven (7) lunches, and seven (7) dinners**.
- **Admission fees** to all historic sites, attractions and museums listed on the itinerary.
- **All taxes and gratuities** for all group functions, including meals, guides, bellmen, and motor coach driver.
- Please note that there will be a fair amount of walking involved on this tour.
- **Insurance:** **Presidents & Patriots Tours offers highly affordable travel insurance through *I Travel Insured* to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances. To obtain insurance, please telephone ITI at (866) 347-6673 and simply mention "Presidents and Patriots tour in May 2019".**
- **Deposit:** To maintain quality, space on this tour is limited. A **\$1,000.00** deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Tour arrangements by **Presidents & Patriots Historical Tours**, which reserves the right to modify this itinerary in order to maintain the quality of the tour.
- **Balance:** Final payment must be received by Presidents and Patriots Tours on or before **February 18, 2019**. Cancellations made after this date are subject to loss of full tour cost unless suppliers grant exception.
- **NOTE:** Presidents & Patriots Historical Tours is not a full service travel agency. Tour participants can save by making their own transportation arrangements TO Memphis, TN on or before **May 5, 2019** and FROM Montgomery, AL on or after **May 13, 2019**.
- The major airport servicing the Memphis area is **Memphis International Airport (MEM)**. The ride to The Guest House at Graceland is approximately 5 minutes by taxi. The **Montgomery Regional Airport (MGM)** is the primary airport serving Montgomery, AL and is approximately ten minutes from the Renaissance Hotel.

\$4,575 p.p. / Double Occupancy ~ \$5,395 p.p. / Single Occupancy

Tour Reservation Line: (202) 657-7444 OR Info@presidentsandpatriots.com



Dear Fellow History Buff:

I recently wrote telling you something of our next planned historical journey, through *The Heart of the South*, scheduled to leave from Memphis on May 5th. The enclosed materials will give you a somewhat fuller picture of a trip that combines the Civil War with Civil Rights – from the historic siege of Vicksburg to the Edmund Pettus Bridge and newly opened museums in Jackson and Montgomery. For many the trip's highlight will come on May 11th when we take our front row seats in the original courthouse immortalized by Harper Lee and enjoy a sold out presentation of Lee's beloved novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The purpose of this note is to alert you to another chapter of American popular culture. On this trip we've paid even more than the usual attention to finding historic hotels like Dunlieth Mansion, an 1856 landmark in antebellum Natchez; New Orleans' stunningly beautiful and said to be haunted Bourbon Orleans; and The Guest House at Graceland – located next door to Elvis' distinctive home outside Memphis. *For any guests who might wish to arrive a day or two early, we have arranged for a discounted block of rooms at Graceland's Guest House.* Moreover, we have organized an optional special access tour of the Presley mansion, museum and more. If you'd like to join me for this singular experience in Americana on Saturday, May 4th (the day prior to the formal start of this tour) please contact Erik at (202) 657-7444 to reserve a spot.

It bears noting that several of the attractions on our itinerary are new – from the reimagined National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis – to the expanded World War Two museum complex in New Orleans – to the powerful, much debated, much visited Memorial to the Victims of Lynching in Montgomery. Its encouraging to know that more and more Americans are willing to confront even the most painful parts of our history.

Finally – given popular demand at this time of the year, many of our hotels require early confirmations. So we'd love to hear from you in the near future, and also to answer any questions you might have. Personally, I find it hard to imagine anywhere I'd rather be visiting in the glorious month of May than William Faulkner's Oxford - Huey Long's Baton Rouge - Andrew Jackson's New Orleans - and fifty history drenched miles from Selma to the Alabama State Capitol.

It's no exaggeration to say that this is our history, much of it unfolding within personal memory, all of it contributing to three centuries of the evolving American story. I hope you share my enthusiasm, and that you might join us for a memorable travelogue from Memphis to Montgomery.

Here's hoping you and yours have a new year filled with blessings.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Richard Norton Smith



PRESIDENTS & PATRIOTS HISTORICAL TOURS

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TRAVELER # 1 INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

TRAVELER'S NAME: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

PREFERRED FIRST NAME ON NAME TAG: _____

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STREET ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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DIET RESTRICTIONS?: YES / NO _____

HOME PHONE: _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

ABLE TO WALK MEDIUM DISTANCES, STAND FOR PERIODS AND USE THE STAIRS? YES / NO _____

IF ANSWERING NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

TRAVELER # 2 INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

TRAVELER'S NAME: _____

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ABLE TO WALK MEDIUM DISTANCES, STAND FOR PERIODS AND USE THE STAIRS? YES / NO _____

IF ANSWERING NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

ACCOMODATIONS PREFERENCES (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

* ROOM TYPE: ONE BED / TWO BEDS _____

** Based on hotel availability. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests.*

RESERVATION & DEPOSIT (\$1,000.00 PER PERSON REQUIRED TO HOLD RESERVATION)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$4,575 P.P.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$5,395 P.P.

PERSONS TRAVELING: _____

CHECK #: _____

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 P.P.): \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER AND RELEASE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOUR REGISTRATION IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BELOW. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ, SIGN, AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT. YOU WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED ON THE TOUR UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND SIGNED THE TOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.
RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Each registrant named on the reverse desires to participate in the tour(s) listed thereon. Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily WAIVES, RELEASES, SAVES, HOLDS HARMLESS and INDEMNIFIES Presidents and Patriots History Tours LLC, also referred to as Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation, its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, contractors and sub-contractors, past, present, and future, and their respective heirs, legal and personal representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, "Released Parties"), and all of their respective properties, assets and interests ("Released Property") from, any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, costs, losses, liabilities, expenses, compensation, controversies, disputes, obligations, debts, dues and liens whatsoever, on account of, or in any way arising out of, any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen loss of life or personal injury, loss or damage to property, and the consequences thereof, directly or indirectly resulting from, incident to, in connection with, or arising out of that registrant's participation in the tour(s) (collectively, "Claims").

Deposit and Cancellation Policy - I/we have read the Deposit and Cancellation Policy and I/we understand, consent to and agree to be bound by the conditions and provisions stated in said policy. Cancellations made after the cut-off date for this tour (see date at bottom of this page) are subject to loss of full tour cost unless suppliers grant exception. Except for the health problems that I/we listed on this registration form, each registrant is in good physical health and able to tolerate the physical demands of the tour(s). Any controversy, claim or cause of action arising out of or relating to this Release and Indemnity Agreement or the performance by the Released Parties of their obligation of the tour, including, without limitation, any claim or cause of action relating to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall first be submitted by Registrant and the Released Parties to non-binding mediation in Allegan County, Michigan.

If the controversy is not settled at mediation, the controversy, claim or cause of action shall be submitted, at the sole discretion of Released Parties, to arbitration in Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing and applying the laws of the state of Michigan. No waiver of this agreement to arbitrate shall be enforceable on the parties, and judgment hereon may be entered by a court in Allegan County, Michigan having subject matter jurisdiction. If Released Parties do not elect to have a controversy, claim or cause of action submitted to arbitration, exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any suit based upon a claim otherwise subject to arbitration under this agreement shall be in Allegan County, Michigan. Released Parties shall have the right, even after suit is filed, to require submission to arbitration by motion filed in the case within 120 days after service of process, summons, citation or statement of claim on Released Parties. Registrant and Related parties agree and stipulate that this agreement to arbitrate and the related agreements and transactions are in or affect interstate commerce.

This agreement to mediate, arbitrate, or submit controversies or claims to courts does not waive or modify the Release and Indemnity as contained in this Release and Indemnity Agreement. I/we have read and understand this Release and Indemnity Agreement, which contains the entire and final agreement relating to the subject matter thereof. Its terms shall be binding on me/us and on my/our heirs, legal representatives and assigns. If any provision of this Release and Indemnity Agreement is determined to be void, unenforceable, ineffective, or against public policy, that provision shall be disregarded and deemed removed from this Release and Indemnity Agreement, and shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Release and Indemnity Agreement. The terms of this Release and Indemnity Agreement are contractual and not mere recitals. This Release and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Michigan. Venue for any action between registrant, Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours, LLC and any other party arising out of this agreement or the tours offered by Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours LLC shall be in Allegan County, Michigan.

Notice of Host Responsibilities - This tour is scheduled to be hosted and led by author and presidential historian Richard Norton Smith. In the event of illness or other unforeseen event, Presidents and Patriots reserves the right to replace Mr. Smith with another host of its choosing.

Travel Insurance Recommendation - Presidents and Patriots History Tours LLC strongly recommends that all tour participants purchase travel insurance to protect their travel investment. Travel insurance is insurance that is intended to cover transportation, medical expenses and other losses incurred while traveling. If tour participants elect not to purchase travel insurance, by signing below they understand they are subject to loss of entire deposit and tour cost should an unexpected event occur and they are unable to travel on this tour.

I have read the foregoing Release and Indemnity Agreement and understand the Release and Indemnity Agreement, and agree to be bound by the Release and Indemnity Agreement. I have also read and agree to be bound by the Deposit and Cancellation Policy, and have read and understand the Travel Insurance Recommendation.

CUT-OFF DATE: February 18, 2019

Traveler/Participant #1 - Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Traveler/Participant #2 - Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

KINDLY COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT TO:

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