

NASHVILLE TO NEW ORLEANS HEARTLAND OF MUSIC TOUR

March 19-29, 2019

\$2395.00 per person

Single Supplement \$650.00

Includes airfare from home city, 9 nights accommodations, 9 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 2 lunches and all transportation and admissions listed on the itinerary. As well as fully escorted!

OUR ITINERARY

MAR 19 - ARRIVE IN NASHVILLE

Welcome to Music City, USA! Today is simply a travel day.

Overnight Nashville – Sheraton Music City

MAR 20 - NASHVILLE

This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nashville, including Centennial Park's full-size replica of Athens' Parthenon, the recording studios of Music Row, and famous Honky Tonk Row. Learn their history, their importance, and the celebrities that got their starts here. We then visit the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME to see its collection of costumes, memorabilia, instruments, and photographs. Free time this afternoon to explore on your own. Tonight, you have reserved seats at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY.

Overnight Nashville – Sheraton Music City – MEALS BL

MAR 21 - NASHVILLE–MEMPHIS

Start your day with a visit to RCA STUDIO B, Nashville's oldest- surviving recording studio and one of the country's most important studios. Between 1957 and 1977, more than 35,000 songs were recorded here. Make a special recording and take it home as a memory of your time in Nashville, then depart for Memphis, "Home of the Blues." Upon arrival, visit SUN STUDIO, probably the most famous recording studio in the world and where rock 'n' roll was first recorded. This historic studio launched the careers of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and many more. Then, visit the STAX MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SOUL MUSIC, a celebration of the great Memphis soul music made famous by Otis Redding, Booker T. and the M.G.'s, Aretha Franklin, and others. Enjoy dinner on vibrant Beale Street with its many music clubs.

Overnight Memphis – La Quinta Inn and Suites – MEALS BD

MAR 22 - MEMPHIS. EXCURSION TO GRACELAND

This morning, see all the landmarks of Memphis.. We then travel to Elvis Presley's GRACELAND. Tour the mansion, see Elvis' collection of ornate jumpsuits, his original business office, the automobile museum, and his enormous collection of gold records and awards.

Overnight Memphis – La Quinta Inn and Suites – MEALS B

MAR 23 - MEMPHIS–CLARKSDALE–GREENWOOD

Today, we follow the path of the mighty Mississippi River and travel deep into the heart of the Mississippi Delta, the “Birthplace of the Blues.” From the cotton fields, street corners, and juke joints of the Mississippi Delta came a new kind of music—the blues. Considered by many to be the only truly indigenous American music, the blues has influenced musicians worldwide. Blues legends such as Muddy Waters, Sam Cooke, Ike Turner, and John Lee Hooker honed their incredible music talents here before sharing them with the world. Visit the DELTA BLUES MUSEUM, dedicated to exploring the history and heritage of this unique American musical art form. Exhibits contain historical images, artifacts, musical instruments, and the remains of the cabin where Muddy Waters lived during his days as a sharecropper.

GROUND ZERO BLUES CLUB, owned by Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman. After lunch, spend time at the ROCK & BLUES MUSEUM before continuing to Greenwood, where many of the city’s downtown buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Upon arrival, take a TOUR to see the sites and locations used for the Oscar-winning movie The Help.
Overnight – Greenwood – Hampton Inn Greenwood – MEALS BD

MAR 24 - GREENWOOD–INDIANOLA–NATCHEZ

This morning, we visit the B.B. KING MUSEUM in Indianola, hometown of the legendary musician. Explore King’s 60-plus year career, from his time as a sharecropper and his time on Memphis’ Beale Street to the international music star he has become. Artifacts, images, and a guitar studio where visitors can play instruments bring it all to life. We then continue south to beautiful Natchez. Dinner tonight is at an elegant ANTEBELLUM MANSION.

Overnight Natchez – Magnolia Bluffs Casino Hotel – MEALS B D

MAR 25 - NATCHEZ–FROGMORE–LAFAYETTE

First stop today is FROGMORE PLANTATION, where you’ll learn about the trials and triumphs of life on the plantation, from the 1700s to today. Travel then to the LOUISIANA DELTA MUSIC MUSEUM, where you are treated to a guided tour and will learn intimate stories about Jerry Lee Lewis, Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty, and other Louisiana Delta musicians. Head through Louisiana into the heart of Cajun Country.

Overnight Lafayette – Holiday Inn and Suites – MEALS B

MAR 26 - LAFAYETTE–HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION–NEW ORLEANS

Enjoy a morning visit to St. Martinville to see the famous oak tree from Longfellow’s poem, Evangeline. Then, CRUISE through the swampy waterways of the Atchafalaya Basin. See moss-draped trees, wildlife, and maybe even a lingering alligator or two. On to the Great River Road, where wealthy plantation owners built their monumental homes. Afterward, enjoy authentic Cajun home cooking along the banks of the Atchafalaya. Visit HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION, the “Crown Jewel of the Great River Road.” Tour the mansion, which is filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork, and enjoy some time to stroll the magnificent gardens. On to New Orleans the city of Jazz!

Overnight New Orleans – Homewood Suites by Hilton French Quarter – MEALS BL

MAR 27 - NEW ORLEANS

This morning, a Local Guide shows you the sights and sounds of New Orleans. Visit the French Quarter, including Jackson Square and Pirate’s Alley, then stop at an above-ground cemetery and learn about the city’s unique burial customs. Drive along tree-lined St. Charles Avenue to see the stately homes bordering the historic Garden District. Visit the NEW ORLEANS JAZZ NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, which preserves the history of the people and places that helped shape the development and progression of jazz in New Orleans.

This afternoon is free to explore New Orleans on your own.

Overnight New Orleans - Homewood Suites by Hilton French Quarter – MEALS B

MAR 28 - FLIGHTS HOME.

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