



Dixieland & Rhythms

10 DAYS From Chicago to New Orleans

TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- CHICAGO** Sightseeing
- ST. LOUIS** Orientation tour; visit the Gateway Arch National Park
- NASHVILLE** Sightseeing; tour RCA Studio B; visit Country Music Hall of Fame; reserved seating at Grand Ole Opry
- MEMPHIS** Orientation tour; guided audio tour of Graceland
- INDIANOLA** Visit the B.B. King Museum & Delta Interpretive Center
- NEW ORLEANS** Sightseeing with Local Guide

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PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR

Transportation: Private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach while touring with free Wi-Fi.

Hotels: Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling. Listed hotels or equivalent; see page 94.

CHICAGO Inn of Chicago (MF), **ST. LOUIS** Drury Inn & Suites Convention Center (MF), **NASHVILLE** The Inn at Opryland (MF), **MEMPHIS** The Guest House at Graceland (F), **NEW ORLEANS** Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter (MF)

Meals: 1 breakfast (B)

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Day 1 CHICAGO. Welcome to the “Windy City!” Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2 CHICAGO. Included sightseeing shows off the city’s landmarks, then an afternoon at leisure. Maybe ride the elevator to the top of Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, stroll in Grant Park, or cruise on the Chicago River.

Day 3 CHICAGO-ST. LOUIS. Travel across the fertile Illinois farmlands to St. Louis, “Gateway to the West.” An orientation tour includes a trip to the top of the GATEWAY ARCH National

Park, which commemorates the city’s key role in westward expansion. Visit the museum under the Arch, celebrating Lewis & Clark’s famous expedition 200 years ago.

Day 4 ST. LOUIS-PADUCAH-NASHVILLE. Recross the Mississippi River today and roll southeast to Paducah on the Ohio River. Late-afternoon arrival in Nashville. (B)

Day 5 NASHVILLE. Start the day with a sightseeing tour of Nashville’s famous landmarks and the Music Row recording studios. Tour historic RCA STUDIO B, cradle of the 1960s “Nashville Sound” where stars

NEW ORLEANS

such as Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Eddy Arnold, Willie Nelson, and the Everly Brothers recorded many of their biggest hits. Afterward, visit the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME with its glittering costumes, rare instruments, and Elvis’ “solid-gold” Cadillac! Tonight, enjoy reserved seating for a show at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY, a mecca for country musicians.

Day 6 NASHVILLE-MEMPHIS. Cross Tennessee to Memphis, “Home of the Blues” and a city with a distinct Southern flavour. Enjoy an orientation tour on arrival and see where the film, *Walk the Line* was filmed. Join the optional excursion to Sun Studio, where rock ‘n’ roll was first recorded, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 7 MEMPHIS. VISIT TO GRACELAND. A good portion of the day is devoted to GRACELAND, Elvis Presley’s beautiful estate. Your guided audio tour focuses on the memorial garden, and the opulent 15,000-square-foot mansion. Return to Memphis mid-afternoon and, if you haven’t done so already, get a taste of Memphis with

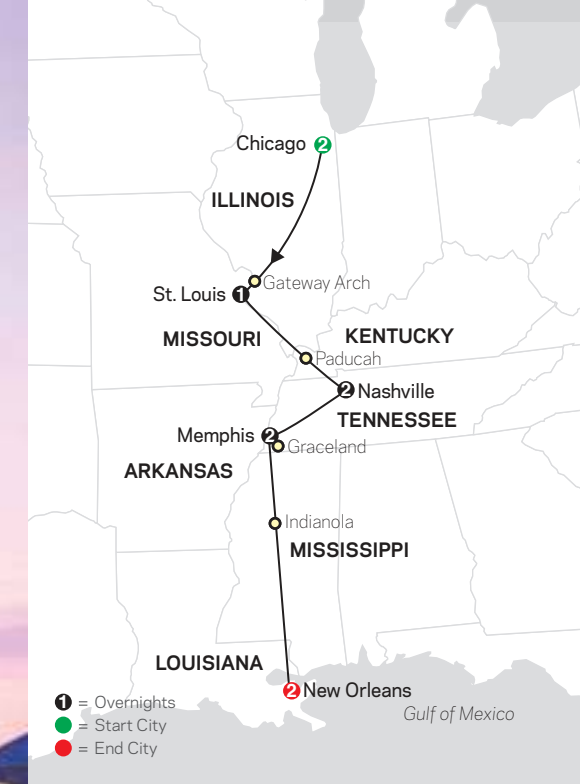
some southern barbecue or visit the National Civil Rights Museum.

Day 8 MEMPHIS-INDIANOLA-NEW ORLEANS. Today, make your way through the state of Mississippi. Visit the B.B. KING MUSEUM AND DELTA INTERPRETIVE CENTER. Discover the life of B.B. (Blues Boy) King, from his humble beginnings to his big break on Beale Street in Memphis, TN. An evening arrival in New Orleans allows the opportunity for exploring this lively city on your own.

Day 9 NEW ORLEANS. A full morning is dedicated to the sights and sounds of New Orleans, featuring a guided tour that

includes the French Quarter landmarks, St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square, and a visit to a unique above-ground cemetery. This afternoon, join an optional cruise through the winding waterways of Louisiana’s swamp lands. For shoppers, Canal Street and the French Quarter offer an array of specialty shops and boutiques. This evening, perhaps join an optional Mississippi River dinner cruise, and enjoy a delightful buffet dinner complete with live jazz—the perfect finale to a memorable touring adventure of the South.

Day 10 NEW ORLEANS. Your holiday ends this morning.



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COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

TOUR 8240 Chicago to New Orleans

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Mar 30	2649	May 25	2649	Jul 13	2649	Sep 21	2649	Nov 02	2649
Apr 27	2649	Jun 08	2649	Aug 31	2649	Sep 28	2649		
May 11	2649	Jun 15	2649	Sep 07	2649	Oct 05	2649		
May 18	2649	Jun 29	2649	Sep 14	2649	Oct 12	2649		

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The Old South & Florida

13 DAYS From New Orleans to Orlando

TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

NEW ORLEANS Sightseeing with Local Guide

BATON ROUGE Orientation tour

NATCHEZ Visit Pre Civil War Home

MEMPHIS Orientation tour; guided audio tour of Graceland

NASHVILLE Reserved seating at Grand Ole Opry; tour RCA Studio B; Sightseeing with Local Guide; visit Country Music Hall of Fame

ATLANTA Orientation tour

SAVANNAH Guided trolley tour

ST. AUGUSTINE Orientation tour

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Hotels: Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling. Listed hotels or equivalent; see page 94.

NEW ORLEANS Sheraton New Orleans (SF), **NATCHEZ** Hampton Inn & Suites (ST), **MEMPHIS** Springhill Suites Memphis Downtown (ST), **NASHVILLE** The Inn at Opryland (MF), **ATLANTA** Quality Suites Buckhead Village (ST), **SAVANNAH** Best Western Savannah Historic District (ST), **ORLANDO** Courtyard by Marriott Lake Buena Vista at Vista Center (F)

Meals: 3 breakfasts (B), 3 continental breakfasts (CB)

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SAVANNAH

Day 1 NEW ORLEANS. Welcome to New Orleans! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2 NEW ORLEANS. The morning is dedicated to the sights and sounds of this Old-World city with a guided tour. First, visit the French Quarter, including St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square. Next, learn about the city's unique burial customs at an above-ground cemetery, followed by a leisurely drive down historic St. Charles Avenue to enjoy its stately mansions and clanging streetcars. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 3 NEW ORLEANS. A day to explore at your own pace. Stroll through the centuries-old French Quarter or take a carriage ride while listening to tales of voodoo queens and

pirates. History enthusiasts can roam through sprawling Victorian mansions and celebrated museums, catching a glimpse of life the way it used to be in the Old South. Tonight, you might like to experience the city's beauty and romance on a 2-hour cruise from the heart of the French Quarter.

Day 4 NEW ORLEANS-BATON ROUGE-NATCHEZ. Drive through the heart of Cajun Country to Baton Rouge for an orientation tour that features the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol. Next, on to elegant Natchez, a thriving port in the golden years of the cotton trade. Visit a gracious PRE-CIVIL WAR HOME featuring fine collections of period furniture and paintings. In the evening, relax and perhaps sip a refreshing mint julep on our optional dinner.

Day 5 NATCHEZ-MEMPHIS. Drive through rural Mississippi to Memphis. On arrival, acquaint yourself with the town during an included orientation tour. (B)

Day 6 MEMPHIS. VISIT TO GRACELAND. A trip to Memphis would not be complete without visiting GRACELAND, the palatial home of "The King," Elvis Presley. Our guided audio tour focuses on the memorial garden and the opulent 15,000-square-foot mansion. Afterward, if you haven't done so already, get a taste of Memphis with some authentic southern barbecue or visit the National Civil Rights Museum. This evening, you may want to visit Beale Street and explore more of the melting pot that is of delta blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll, R & B, and gospel. (B)

Day 7 MEMPHIS-NASHVILLE. This morning, leave the "Home of the Blues" as you head for Nashville, the "Capital of Country Music." Afternoon arrival in Nashville. This evening, you have reserved seating for an unforgettable show at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY, a mecca for country musicians since 1925. (B)

Day 8 NASHVILLE. Its association with country music has made the name "Nashville" world famous, but it's not just music fans who will find this charming Southern city a delight. Start your day with a visit to RCA STUDIO B, one of the country's most revered, and Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio. Afterward, sightseeing with a local guide includes the recording studios of Music

Row, the State Capitol, and Bicentennial State Park. Then, visit the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME with its glittering costumes, rare instruments, and Elvis Presley's "solid-gold" Cadillac.

Day 9 NASHVILLE-CHATTANOOGA-ATLANTA. First stop today is Chattanooga, home of the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Then, enter the "Peach State" of Georgia and journey to its fast-growing metropolis, Atlanta, home of 1996 summer Olympics. Enjoy an orientation tour, followed by a short visit to the grave and eternal flame dedicated to preserving the legacy of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Day 10 ATLANTA-SAVANNAH. Head south through rich, rolling farmland to the historic seaport of Savannah for a 2-night stay. On this afternoon's TROLLEY TOUR, you will see attractions like the City Market, Forsyth Park, Mercer House, Madison Square (where General Sherman concluded his "March to the Sea"), Colonial Park Cemetery, and the world-famous

River Street. The evening is free to explore this charming city on your own. (CB)

Day 11 SAVANNAH. A day at leisure. Shop on cobblestoned River Street or stroll among the many squares surrounded by elegant homes and gardens. Don't miss the impressive Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum to learn about Savannah's important role in maritime history. (CB)

Day 12 SAVANNAH-ST. AUGUSTINE-ORLANDO. Travel into the "Sunshine State" of Florida, stopping first at St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States. You will see the Government House and the Spanish fortress, Castillo de San Marcos, on your orientation tour. Then, drive to magical Orlando. (CB)

Day 13 ORLANDO. Your holiday ends this morning. You can extend your holiday with extra nights and explore the "Sunshine State" further.



ST. AUGUSTINE



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TOUR 8290 New Orleans to Orlando										AUS
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Mar 11	3149	May 13	3149	Jun 24	3149	Sep 09	3149	Nov 04	3149	
Mar 18	3149	May 20	3149	Jul 15	3149	Sep 16	3149			
Apr 01	3149	Jun 03	3149	Aug 19	3149	Sep 23	3149			
Apr 15	3149	Jun 10	3149	Aug 26	3149	Sep 30	3149			
May 06	3149	Jun 17	3149	Sep 02	3149	Oct 07	3149			

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Historic Trails & Blue Ridge Mountains

14 DAYS From Washington DC to Washington DC

TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

WASHINGTON DC Sightseeing with Local Guide

GETTYSBURG Visit the National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center; Guided tour Gettysburg Battlefield

HARPERS FERRY Visit Harpers Ferry Historic National Park

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK Sightseeing; stay inside Shenandoah National Park

LEXINGTON Visit the Kentucky Horse Park

BLUEGRASS PARKWAY Scenic drive

HODGENVILLE Visit Sinking Spring Farm; Lincoln Museum

BARDSTOWN Visit the Civil War Museum; Bourbon Distillery & tasting

MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA Visit the 65-acre historic farmland

GATLINBURG Smoky Mountains scenic drive; Newfound Gap Road

ASHEVILLE Visit Biltmore Estate

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY Scenic drive; Mabry Mill
MONTICELLO ESTATE Visit Thomas Jefferson's beloved home

RICHMOND Orientation tour

WILLIAMSBURG Visit Colonial Williamsburg

MOUNT VERNON Visit George Washington's home

Day 1 WASHINGTON DC-ALEXANDRIA.

Enjoy time at leisure to relax or do some independent exploring. Your Tour Director is on hand this evening to answer any questions.

Day 2 ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON DC-GETTYSBURG.

Today begins with a guided sightseeing tour that shows you the graves of American heroes, including those of John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, in beautiful

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Transportation: Private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach while touring with free Wi-Fi.

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ALEXANDRIA Holiday Inn Alexandria Carlyle (MF), **GETTYSBURG** Quality Inn Gettysburg Battlefield (ST), **SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK** Skyland Resort (NP), **BECKLEY, WV** Hampton Inn Beckley (ST), **LEXINGTON, KY** Hilton Lexington Downtown (SF), **GATLINBURG** Glenstone Lodge (F), **ASHEVILLE AREA** Hampton Inn & Suites Asheville Biltmore Area (ST), **LEXINGTON, VA** Best Western Lexington Inn (ST), **WILLIAMSBURG** Comfort Inn Williamsburg Gateway (ST), **WASHINGTON DC** Marriott Wardman Park (F)

Meals: 6 breakfasts (B), 1 continental breakfast (CB)

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ARLINGTON CEMETERY. Your guided tour of the capital continues, with photo stops at Capitol Hill and the White House, and visits to the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials. Afterward, cross the Mason-Dixon Line into Pennsylvania, and visit the Gettysburg National Military Park MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER. Tonight, we offer an optional outing to a local restaurant to enjoy the flavour of the area.



SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

Day 3 GETTYSBURG-HARPERS FERRY-SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK.

This morning enjoy a guided visit to the hallowed GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD, site of the decisive Civil War campaign and where Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address in November 1863. Afterward, head for HARPERS FERRY HISTORIC NATIONAL PARK, where, in 1859, John Brown made his ill-fated raid on the U.S. Arsenal. The park shares 2,178 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Take free time to hike a portion of the trail to historic Jefferson Rock to enjoy extraordinary scenery. En route to Shenandoah, crest the Blue Ridge Mountains for magnificent vistas of the Shenandoah Valley. Overnight in SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK. (B)

Day 4 SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK-NEW RIVER GORGE-BECKLEY.

Travel through lumber and limestone country into wonderfully wild West Virginia. After a lunch break in Lewisburg, a pre Civil War town, travel to Fayetteville and stop at New River Gorge Bridge, the world's third-longest steel-span bridge, rising 876 feet above the river. Then, on to Beckley, the heart of West Virginia's "smokeless" coal industry, for an overnight stay.

Day 5 BECKLEY-CHARLESTON-KENTUCKY HORSE PARK-LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Before entering Kentucky, we stop in the state capital of Charleston, West Virginia, one-time home of American frontiersman Daniel Boone.

GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

As you cross the state border, the scenery changes to green pastures, white-board fences, and the columned estates of Kentucky bluegrass country—backdrop for the movie *Seabiscuit*. Arrive in Lexington, the "Heart of the Bluegrass." This afternoon, a fascinating visit to the KENTUCKY HORSE PARK, from where legends like Man o' War and Secretariat conquered the racing world. (CB)

Day 6 LEXINGTON-HODGENVILLE-BARDSTOWN-LEXINGTON, KY.

Travel on Bluegrass Parkway and stop at SINKING SPRING FARM, a one-room cabin where the nation's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, was born. A replica of the original log cabin is preserved as a shrine to one of the best-loved American presidents. Visit the LINCOLN MUSEUM, dedicated to Lincoln's life and times. The museum features 12 historically accurate scenes from Lincoln's life and Civil War memorabilia. Be sure to walk out to the centre of Town Square for a photo op in front of the Lincoln Statue, and the Lincoln Boy Statue. Afterward, we head to Bardstown and visit the fourth-largest CIVIL WAR MUSEUM in the United States. Unlike the other museums, this one focuses mainly on the War of the Western States. Visitors move through a series of exhibits featuring artifacts from both the Union and the Confederacy. End your day by visiting an authentic BOURBON DISTILLERY. You'll learn about the production of the finest Kentucky Straight Bourbon, and enjoy a tasting. Return to Lexington, where the evening is free for independent activities. (B)

Day 7 LEXINGTON, KY-GATLINBURG.

Travel to Tennessee, with a stop at Corbin for a short visit to COLONEL SANDERS' original fried chicken restaurant, which is now a museum. This afternoon, visit the fascinating MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA, with 65 acres of farmland and a number of historic cabins, barns, and other buildings—even a frontier privy! The next two nights are in Gatlinburg at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Day 8 GATLINBURG. As one of America's most popular mountain retreats, Gatlinburg

offers something for everyone. You might want to spend a day at world-famous Dollywood, an 88-acre landscaped theme park inspired by Dolly Parton.

Day 9 GATLINBURG-GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK-ASHEVILLE.

Drive right through the centre of the Smokies along the spectacular Newfound Gap Road, peaking at 5,046 feet. Continue into North Carolina and stop at the 7,500-acre grounds of the BILTMORE ESTATE, built by George Vanderbilt, grandson of railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt. Overnight in the Asheville area, hometown to singer Roberta Flack.

Day 10 ASHEVILLE-BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY-LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA.

Blue Ridge Parkway runs from the Great Smokies to Shenandoah National Park without a single traffic light along its 470-mile route. Take in a portion of the parkway today, from Fancy Gap to Roanoke. Stop at the tranquil setting of Mabry Mill, one of the most photographed spots in the country. Next up: a visit to NATURAL BRIDGE, a 215-foot-high arch in a wooded setting, once owned by Thomas Jefferson. George Washington's initials are still visible on the cliffside, from his work here as a young surveyor. (B)

Day 11 LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA-MONTICELLO-RICHMOND-WILLIAMSBURG.

Visit the graceful home of the third U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson. The MONTICELLO ESTATE reflects Jefferson's skills as an artist, architect, and designer. It is the only house in the U.S. that is on the UNESCO World Heritage list of international treasures. Enjoy an orientation tour of Richmond, capital of the Confederacy during

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the Civil War. Stop at the Capitol Building for photographs before making our way to Williamsburg, between the James and York Rivers, where the very earliest English settlers established their first colonies. (B)

Day 12 WILLIAMSBURG. EXCURSION TO COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG.

Today is dedicated to COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, where American heritage is proudly preserved in the reconstructed buildings and historical displays. Stroll down quaint streets and browse through homes, gardens, taverns, shops, and exhibits. In the Hall of Burgesses, listen as costumed interpreters debate the controversial steps that led to the *Declaration of Independence*. (B)

Day 13 WILLIAMSBURG-MOUNT VERNON-WASHINGTON DC.

This morning, visit MOUNT VERNON, the beloved home of George and Martha Washington, overlooking the banks of the Potomac River. Take time to explore the most popular historic estate in America. The final leg of your journey takes you back to Washington DC, where you overnight in close proximity to quintessential D.C. The evening is free for independent activities. (B)

Day 14 WASHINGTON DC. Your holiday ends this morning. You can extend your holiday with extra nights and explore the nation's capital further.

FALL FOLIAGE Enjoy the spectacular colours of the Appalachian Mountains on our special Fall Foliage departures: Sept. 12 to Oct. 3 (if Mother Nature permits).



Southern Sounds

8 DAYS From New Orleans to Nashville

TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

NEW ORLEANS Sightseeing with Local Guide
TUPELO Visit Elvis' Birthplace & Museum; Elvis Presley Museum

MEMPHIS Sightseeing with Local Guide; visit Stax Museum; Rock 'N' Soul Museum, Sun Studio; Guided audio tour of Graceland

NASHVILLE Orientation tour; visit Country Music Hall of Fame; tour RCA Studio B; reserved seating at Grand Ole Opry

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NEW ORLEANS Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter (MF), **MEMPHIS** Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown (MF) & The Guest House at Graceland (F), **NASHVILLE** Drury Plaza Hotel Nashville Downtown (F)

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Day 2 NEW ORLEANS. The morning is dedicated to the sights and sounds of this Old World city on a guided sightseeing tour. First, visit the French Quarter, including St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square. Next, learn about the city's unique burial customs at an above-ground cemetery, followed by a leisurely drive down historic St. Charles Avenue to enjoy its stately mansions and clanging streetcars.

Day 3 NEW ORLEANS-TUPELO-MEMPHIS. Visit ELVIS' BIRTHPLACE & MUSEUM, a small, 2-room house built by the singer's father, Vernon Presley. You will also visit the Elvis Presley Museum, featuring "Remembrance of Things Past," an exhibit displaying memorabilia from Elvis' childhood. It's here that you can see, feel, and touch where the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" began his musical journey. Afterward, journey to Memphis, where you spend the next two nights.



NEW ORLEANS

Day 4 MEMPHIS. This morning, experience this amazing city on your guided city sightseeing tour. Your expert Local Guide knows the history of Memphis like no one else—including the inside, "backstage" stories from the folks who were there. For music lovers, a visit to the STAX MUSEUM of American Soul Music is next. Then, on to the ROCK 'N' SOUL MUSEUM, which traces Memphis' cultural and musical past. End the day with a visit to SUN STUDIO, probably the most famous recording studio in the world, where rock 'n' roll was first recorded. Hear outtakes from sessions, touch Elvis' first microphone, see memorabilia, and relive the history of the studio that launched the careers of Johnny Cash, BB King, and many other music legends.

Day 5 MEMPHIS. EXCURSION TO GRACELAND. Today is dedicated to a guided audio tour of GRACELAND. Experience life as Elvis did by walking through the decadent and quirky rooms where he felt truly at home. Finish your tour of Graceland with a visit to the Meditation Garden, where Elvis often went to reflect on life, and where he is now laid to rest along with members of his family. You'll also be able to board "The King's" private jet! Tonight check in to the Guest House at Graceland.

Day 6 MEMPHIS-NASHVILLE. Today, we head to Nashville—"Music City USA." Upon arrival, go behind the scenes of the music industry by visiting the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME with its glittering costumes, rare instruments, and Elvis Presley's "solid-gold" Cadillac. Overnight in the heart of "Music City." This evening, join the optional outing and be entertained with songs from so many of country music's greats!

Day 7 NASHVILLE. Nashville is the ideal destination for music fans, history buffs, and lovers of the South. Start your day with a visit to RCA STUDIO B, Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio and one of the country's most important. Between 1957 and 1977, more than 35,000 songs were recorded here,

including 262 Elvis Presley recordings. Studio B is a "must-see" for any music fan, but especially for those who love Elvis. Afterward, enjoy an orientation tour of the city, passing by famous Music Row recording studios, the centre of the recording industry, which first developed in the 1950s. Tonight, see an unforgettable show at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY, the world's premier country music venue since 1925 and the setting for the nation's longest-running music show. (B)

Day 8 NASHVILLE. Your holiday ends this morning. You can extend your holiday with extra nights and explore "Music City USA" further. (B)



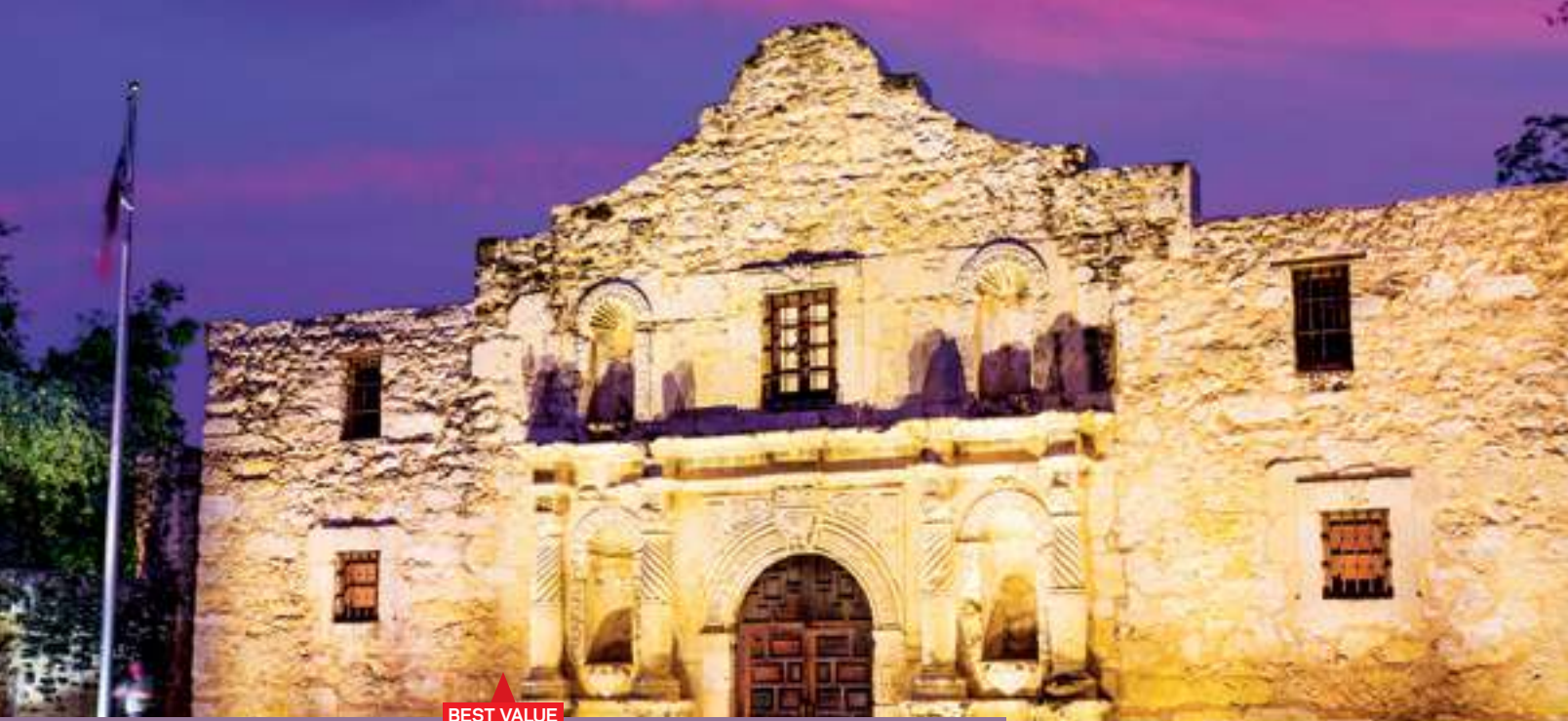
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GRACELAND

TOUR 8730 New Orleans to Nashville										AUS
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May 10	2409	Jun 21	2409	Sep 13	2409	Oct 11	2409			

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BEST VALUE

The Lone Star State to the French Quarter

12 DAYS From Dallas to New Orleans



THE ALAMO

TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DALLAS Sightseeing with Local Guide in North Texas Horse Country; visit a working horse ranch; Dallas sightseeing; visit the Sixth Floor Museum

FORT WORTH Visit the Fort Worth Stockyards; watch a longhorn cattle drive; visit the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame

WACO Visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum

AUSTIN Visit the Bob Bullock State History Museum; sightseeing

SAN ANTONIO Sightseeing with Local Guide; San Fernando Cathedral; visit the Alamo; River Walk; enjoy a private narrated cruise on the San Antonio River Walk

LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK Visit the property of the 36th U.S. president

HOUSTON Sightseeing; visit the Johnson Space Center

LAFAYETTE Cruise through the Atchafalaya Basin

NEW ORLEANS Sightseeing with Local Guide

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DALLAS Hotel Indigo Dallas Downtown (F), **FORT WORTH** Courtyard by Marriott Fort Worth Downtown (F), **AUSTIN** Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (ST), **SAN ANTONIO** Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk (ST), **FREDERICKSBURG** Fredericksburg Inn & Suites (ST), **HOUSTON** Drury Inn & Suites Houston Near The Galleria (MF), **LAFAYETTE** Pear Tree Inn (ST), **NEW ORLEANS** Drury Inn & Suites (MF)

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Day 1 DALLAS. Welcome to Dallas! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2 DALLAS. This morning, enjoy a guided tour of North Texas Horse Country, one of the largest concentrations of horse farms in the United States. Visit a real working HORSE RANCH with a knowledgeable local guide for a true authentic experience. See beautiful vistas, relaxing backroads, and the gorgeous countryside—home to a variety of horse breeds and disciplines, including Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Paints, Arabians, Appaloosas, and Warmbloods... they are all here. In the afternoon, return to Dallas for included city sightseeing that features Pioneer Plaza, commemorating the trails that brought settlers to Dallas and cattle to market; the Historic West End; and Dealey Plaza, where history buffs can learn all about that moment in history at the SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM, the location from



TEXAS LONGHORN CATTLE

which the alleged killer, Lee Harvey Oswald, fired the lethal shots on November 22, 1963, that killed President John F. Kennedy.

Day 3 DALLAS-FORT WORTH. This morning, journey to Fort Worth, a Texas city famous for its unmistakable combination of "cowboys and culture." Visit the Stockyards National Historic District and get a taste of the true American West. Afterward, meet the drovers/cowboys of the Fort Worth Herd and see a Longhorn cattle drive before visiting the TEXAS COWBOY HALL OF FAME. It's here that the museum pays tribute to more than 70 cowboys and cowgirls who have excelled in the sport of rodeo, and the Western lifestyle. This evening, you may choose to enjoy Sundance Square. Overnight in Fort Worth.

Day 4 FORT WORTH-WACO-AUSTIN. In Waco, visit the TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM. Learn about the mission, history, staff and governance of America's first law enforcement historical centre founded in 1964. Then visit the BOB BULLOCK STATE HISTORY MUSEUM that tells the "Story of Texas." Afterward, enjoy a city sightseeing tour that features Austin's downtown, including historic Sixth Street, the Texas Capitol complex, Governor's Mansion, and the University of Texas.

Day 5 AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO. A short drive from Austin to the most visited city in Texas: San Antonio, home of the Alamo and the historic River Walk. Upon arrival, sightseeing with a local guide includes visits to the SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL, the oldest in the U.S., and downtown's authentic Mexican marketplace, El Mercado. Afterward, visit the ALAMO, where in 1836 a small band of Texans defended themselves against the Mexican army, and although the Alamo fell, it remains hallowed ground and symbolises courage and sacrifice for the cause of liberty. End your day back at the River Walk, where Spanish colonial architecture, fountains, and plazas make it one of the city's most picturesque areas. (B)

Day 6 SAN ANTONIO. This morning, a private narrated CRUISE down the San Antonio River

through the picturesque River Walk area. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 7 SAN ANTONIO-FREDERICKSBURG.

Texas Hill Country is home to the LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK. Discover the story of the 36th president, from his ancestors to his final resting place, at the LBJ Ranch. Next, on to Fredericksburg, and time on your own. Spend the afternoon leisurely strolling the shopping district, perusing one-of-a-kind, eclectic shops, art galleries, and museums. (B)

Day 8 FREDERICKSBURG-HOUSTON.

Houston is a city of firsts. The first word spoken on the moon was heard here, and home to the first successful human heart transplant and America's first public television station. Appreciate all that Houston has to offer on a sightseeing tour of America's fourth-largest city. See the Theatre District, which is second only to New York City and marvel at the world-famous Texas Medical Center, whose 675 acres and 42 nonprofit institutions make it the largest medical complex in the world. Last, but not least, is a visit to one of Houston's most expensive neighbourhoods, River Oaks. (B)

Day 9 HOUSTON.

A special highlight today is a visit to JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, home of NASA and the U.S. Space Program. Be inspired by the wonders of space exploration and go behind the scenes of America's exciting space program. Be a part of history in the making as you witness engineers, scientists, and astronauts shaping the future of space exploration. With this behind-the-scenes journey, you will also visit the Historic Apollo Mission Control Center, and Saturn V Rocket, the most powerful moon rocket ever built and



one of only three moon rockets remaining in the world. (B)

NOTE: The buildings visited on the tram tour are real working areas of Johnson Space Center and are subject to closure without notice.

Day 10 HOUSTON-LAFAYETTE.

A beautiful drive past fertile prairies, delicate marshes, and abundant wildlife takes you to Lafayette, Louisiana. CRUISE through moss-draped cypress trees and winding, waterways of the Atchafalaya Basin swamp lands. Keep an eye out for lurking alligators as you experience one of the most unique wildernesses on earth. (B)

Day 11 LAFAYETTE-NEW ORLEANS.

This morning, journey across Bayou Country into New Orleans, capital of Dixieland and the "City That Care Forgot." Upon arrival, a guided sightseeing tour focuses on the sights and sounds of New Orleans, featuring French Quarter landmarks, including St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square, and a visit to a unique above-ground cemetery. Afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

Day 12 NEW ORLEANS.

Your holiday ends this morning. You can extend your holiday in New Orleans with extra nights and explore further. (B)

SPECIAL EVENT
TEXAS STATE FAIR
 Departure 1008
 Travel on the October 08 departure and be in Dallas for the annual Texas State Fair. See website for details.

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