

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1-

Apr 23, 2017

New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the “Jazz Capital of the World” – New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and an incomparable soundtrack.

Day 2-

Apr 24, 2017:

Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans

Today the choice is yours. Enjoy a walking tour of New Orleans’ famous French Quarter where you’ll see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city’s most recognizable landmarks. Continue to the bustling French Market where you’ll explore Pirates Alley, the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba. Stop to taste a true New Orleans favorite – beignets at Café Du Monde. Or, set out on a panoramic motorcoach tour of New Orleans with a local guide. Begin along historic Esplanade Avenue. See St. Louis Cemetery #3 which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city’s cemeteries. Then, relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. This romantic road eventually leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions as well as Tulane and Loyola, two world-famous universities. Tonight, roll up your sleeves and prepare to discover how to cook New Orleans-style! **During a unique cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, your chef will indulge you in everything that Louisiana cuisine has to offer.**

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3-

Apr 25, 2017:

French Quarter

Journey through Louisiana’s swamp on a cruise* narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Return to New Orleans and spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to discover this great city your way.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4-

Apr 26, 2017

New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock ‘n’ Roll and Soul. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in Memphis’ award-winning Central BBQ restaurant. Central BBQ has been ranked the #1 BBQ in Memphis since 2005. Tonight’s dinner truly captures the Memphis cuisine.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5-

Apr 27, 2017

Memphis

This morning, embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. Local musicians board the coach and tell the story of Memphis' musical heritage and history as you view the city's many highlights...you may even be tempted to sing along! **Then, don your blue suede shoes when you visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley.** Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings on your own. Dance to the live music that may fill the open air or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's vibrant musical clubs!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 6-

Apr 28, 2017

Memphis - Nashville

Journey to the "Music Capital of the World" – Nashville. A local guide will share the history and lore of Music City during a sightseeing tour where you will view the State Capitol, Music Row and the Parthenon - a full replica of the Athenian original! This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry**. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. After the show, take a behind-the-scenes look at the music during a backstage tour of the Opry! Next, discover the history and learn about the operations of the show during a talk with the Grand Ole Opry staff.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 7-

Apr 29, 2017:

Nashville

Your day begins with a tour of the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining record studio where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn the secrets of how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio, where you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Next, visit the old Ryman Auditorium***. Later, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. The museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments are artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits relaying the colorful histories of country music and its artists. Learn about the Hatch Show Print, the original printer of the concert flyer for famous country musicians, and have the opportunity to see how they are still printed today.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8-

Apr 30, 2017:

Nashville - Tour Ends

As your journey comes to a close, return home with a wealth of memories that will have you humming a new tune.

Included Meals: Breakfast