



Itinerary

America's Music Cities featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville
May 17, 2020 - May 24, 2020

Pre Night: Sheraton New Orleans



Experience the heart and soul of the city when you stay at the Sheraton New Orleans. The many amenities ensure a comfortable stay. It is just steps away from the French Quarter and many restaurants. Nearby, explore Royal Street, Jackson Square and the French Market. Feel the excitement of New Orleans, and at the end of the day, return to your comfortable room to unwind.

Day 1: 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 of course, an incomparable soundtrack.

Hotel

Sheraton New Orleans
 New Orleans

Weather

High 89°
 Low 68°
 Rain 4"

Day 2: Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans



It's your choice! Embark on 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 Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide that begins along historic Esplanade Avenue and rolls on to see St. Louis Cemetery #3, which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries; on St. Charles Avenue, marvel at gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Loyola and Tulane. Whichever you choose, you'll stop to taste a true New Orleans favorite – beignets at the famed Café Du Monde. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner.

Hotel

Sheraton New Orleans
 New Orleans

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 89°
 Low 68°
 Rain 4"

Day 3: New Orleans



Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise* narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Then, celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the spectacular floats for the famous parades. You'll even get to indulge in a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter.

Hotel

Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 89°
Low 68°
Rain 4"

Day 4: New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee



Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland.

Hotel

The Guest House At Graceland
Memphis

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 79°
Low 57°
Rain 4"

Day 5: Memphis



Put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland, the opulent home of the "King" himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis' life at Graceland, racquetball court, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. Then, head out on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. You may be tempted to sing along as local musicians board the coach to tell the stories of Memphis' musical heritage and its rich history. The remainder of your afternoon and evening are free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings. You may wish to spend more time at Graceland, join an optional Memphis Musical History Tour with dinner, dance to live music, or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's vibrant musical clubs!

Hotel

The Guest House At Graceland
Memphis

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 79°
Low 57°
Rain 4"

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville



Roll along Music Highway to the "Music Capital of the World," Nashville! We'll make a stop at the West Delta Heritage Center to discover the roots of the country blues sound that originated in West Tennessee. The Queen of Rock, Tina Turner, was born here in Brownsville, so it's only fitting that there's an exhibit dedicated to her. Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium,** the original home of the 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. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.***

Hotel

Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 79°
Low 57°
Rain 4"

Day 7: Nashville



Today, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. Check out the museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments, artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits that relay the colorful histories of country music and its artists. Afterwards, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charley Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio - you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, it's your choice! Discover the flavor of the region at a family-owned distillery when you tour the facility and taste its Tennessee whiskey -OR- join an interactive experience and candy-making demonstration at the famous Nashville Goo Goo Shop.

Hotel

Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 79°
Low 57°

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends



Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today.

Post Night: Gaylord Opryland Resort



Gaylord Opryland Resort invites you to experience the energy and excitement of Music City. On the banks of the Cumberland River, Gaylord Opryland Resort is centrally located and close to everything. You'll be amazed at the nine acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and an indoor river with its own Delta flatboat. Within this lush landscape, you'll discover fine dining and casual restaurants, unique shopping experiences, and a 20,000-square-foot resort spa and fitness center. This spectacular resort is the flagship property of the Gaylord Hotels family. It features 2,881 stylish guest rooms, each featuring high-speed wireless Internet access and two phones, including one cordless.