

The Music of America

9 Days March 8-16, 2020

The heart and soul of American Music beats in the history of Nashville, Memphis and Lafayette. These are the towns where the inspiration for our uniquely American Music styles were born and where they grew to maturity. On this three-city tour you'll hear Country, Bluegrass, Blues, Rock n' Roll, Soul, Dixieland Jazz, and Cajun. Why, you'll even have the chance to write and perform a song of your own.

Tour Highlights:

- Nashville Honky Tonk Tour
- The Country Music Hall of Fame
- Songwriting Session with Souvenir
- Ryman Auditorium Tour
- Tickets for The Grand Ole Opry
- The Rock n Soul Museum
- Admission to Elvis Presley's Graceland
- Memphis Mo Jo Tour
- Martin Accordion Factory & Acadian Museum
- Zydeco Morning Music Show
- Interactive Cajun Music Jam Session with Lunch
- Cajun dance Lessons
- "Cajun Grand Ole Opry"
- eight nights First Class Lodging
- eight breakfasts, One Lunch,
- Seven dinners
 - dinner at the Wildhorse Saloon
 - dinner at Opry back Stage Grill
 - Beale Street dinner at The Blues City Café
 - dinner at the Graceland Guest House
 - Cajun dinners in Lafayette, LA
 - Farewell Pizza Party
- All Taxes & Tips on these services and Luggage Handling
- Motorcoach Transportation



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\$3,559 Single Occupancy

\$350 Per Person deposit due with Reservation
Final Payment due November 29, 2019

Trip Cancellation Insurance
is available and recommended

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Day 1 - After a day of travel, arrive in Morrow, GA where you check into the Drury Inn Atlanta South for the night. Enjoy the hotel's 5:30pm "Kickback" featuring rotating menu of hot food and cold beverages.

Day 2 - Travel to Nashville, TN where you stay two night at the Hampton Inn & Suites Nashville-Airport. Enjoy some free time in Downtown Nashville for shopping and dinner at World Famous Wildhorse Saloon, one of the most memorable country experiences of any trip. Enjoy the music, fun, entertainment and good food.

Following dinner, you will enjoy a Guided Honky Tonk Tour. Learn about Ernest Tubb's Record Shop, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, the Ryman Auditorium, Legends Corner, Printers Alley and all the Country Music Celebrities who have either performed or acted up here.

Day 3 - Spend the morning at the Country Music Hall of Fame. There is a fabulous collection of historical costumes, memorabilia, instruments, photographs, manuscripts and other objects that tell the story of country music. Included with the Hall of Fame admission you will enjoy a one hour session with a Nashville Songwriter, during which you will actually produce and record your own song. Souvenir copies are included.

Next you have free time for lunch and shopping downtown, before a tour of the Ryman Auditorium. Known as the "Mother Church of Country Music," the Ryman Auditorium has been one of the country's premiere concert venues for more than 100 years. It is also a National Historic Landmark and former home of the Grand Ole Opry.

Dinner is included tonight is at the Opry Back Stage Grill. You then have reserved seats for the Grand Ole Opry. For more than 85 years, country's best have mesmerized audiences at the Opry, the show that made country music famous. Each Opry show features an array of performances by new stars, superstars and legends of country music as well as great bluegrass, comedy and more. Opry show are never rehearsed and never the same show twice.

Day 4 - This morning, travel to Memphis, TN and visit the Rock N Soul Museum. Discover the birth of rock and soul music, the museum tells the story of musical pioneers who, for the love of music, overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world.

Travel to Beale Street for Dinner at the Blues City Cafe and sample some of the South's favorite dishes. After dinner, you will have time to explore Beale Street on your own. Then you check into the Guest House Hotel at Graceland for a two night stay.

Day 5 - This morning enjoy a one-of-a-kind driving tour of Memphis' musical heritage. Your Mo Jo Tour features live music on your bus, so you are guaranteed to have a good time as you learn about the sights and sounds of the City.

Then you tour Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley - King of Rock n' Roll. Your Platinum admission ticket buys you access to the entire complex. Enjoy the Mansion Tour, Gardens, Car Collection, Airplanes and more.

Dinner is included this evening at EP's Bar & Grill located at the Guest House. Mix Elvis' world of glamour with a healthy dose of Southern hospitality, and enjoy your dinner unlike any other at The Guest House.

Day 6 - Today, you travel to Lafayette, LA for a late afternoon arrival. Here you will be greeted by local guide & visit the Martin Accordion Factory to learn about the importance of the little wooden "squeezebox" & how it's made. You'll hear some Cajun tunes as the family bank plugs up to take you on a history lesson of Cajun music thru songs.

Enjoy dinner at a local Cajun Restaurants along with LIVE music on the bandstand with a great dance floor to try a dance or two. Check into Drury Inn for a two night stay.

Day 7 - The morning begins with a visit to the Acadian Museum to view the emotional documentary film on the deportation of the Acadians explaining who they are as a people and why they feel so deep in preserving the culture.

Next, head to the "Crawfish Capital of the World" to partake in the Zydeco Morning Music Show. It will be hard to keep still during this lively show. After the Zydeco show, you move over to a private room for a home cooked plated Cajun lunch. Here you'll meet three young Cajun musicians and hear what makes the music so special to them. Towards the end of the visit, small instruments will be handed out to the group to play along with the musicians on a number of songs. The fun doesn't end there now that you have the rhythm in your hands, you move it to your feet with simple dance lessons of the waltz and Cajun two step. This lessons is taught in a fun group setting allowing our instructors to get everyone up.

This afternoon, slow it down a bit but not for long with a driving tour of downtown Lafayette. From unique photo-ops to murals you make a few stops to take in the sights of our beautiful downtown area. Then start making your way west for the evening's outing. Along the way you'll make a quick stop to taste a special treat which has put this area on the map. Stop for a lite dinner on own before the evening show. The evening will tie everything in all together from history, dance and most importantly MUSIC as you attend the Rendez-Vous des Cajuns aka the "Cajun Grand Ole Opry". This music show in the beautiful historic theater is special in that the first few rows of seats have been removed allowing anyone and everyone to get up and dance.

Day 8 - Travel to Pensacola, FL this morning for a visit to the National Naval Aviation Museum and learn the history from retired military volunteers who have been there and done it! Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both inside the Museum's nearly 300,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds. The Museum also tells the human side of Naval Aviation and features memorabilia from each era of fighting, including personal mementos from historic battles, flight logs, vintage equipment and flight clothing.

Then check into the Hampton Inn & Suites Pensacola/I-10 Pine Forest Road for the night. Tonight, enjoy a pizza party at the hotel.

Day 9 - This morning after breakfast, you depart for home.

