



Itinerary

America's Music Cities featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

Nov 7, 2021 - Nov 14, 2021

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 21°
Low 9°
Rain 3"

Day 2: French Quarter



It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter, viewing St. Louis Cathedral, the bustling French Marketplace, Pirates Alley and more -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and stunning mansions. Later, 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

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Rain 3"

Day 3: New Orleans



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

Hotel
Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 21°
Low 9°
Rain 3"

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 15°
Low 3°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Memphis



This morning, it's your choice! Jive along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate, home, private jets and Meditation Garden -OR- embark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march by coach, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Enjoy free time to grab lunch on your own before hopping back on the coach with some local musicians, who explain why Memphis embraces its title as the "Home of the Blues." The remainder of the day is yours. You may opt to join a Memphis Musical History Tour with included dinner, or simply absorb the city's vibrancy at your own pace!

Hotel
The Guest House At Graceland
Memphis

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 15°
Low 3°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville



Roll along Music Highway to Nashville – the "Music Capital of the World." Along the way, stop in Brownsville at the West Delta Heritage Center to discover the roots of the country blues sound and the hometown of Tina Turner – the Queen of Rock. 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 15°
Low 3°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Nashville



Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner.

Hotel
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 15°
Low 3°
Rain 3"

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.