

Escorted - America's Music Cities

New Orleans, Memphis Nashville

September 15 - 22, 2024



- * French Quarter Riding & Walking Tour
- * Jazz Review
- * Grammy Museum
- * Visit Graceland, home of Elvis Presley
- * Civil Rights Tour
- * Memphis Sun Studios
- * Rock N Soul Museum
- * Historic RCA Studio B
- * Ryman Auditorium
- * Grand Ole Opry Show
- * Country Music Hall of FameMuch More...!

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana

Motorcoach to Bradley Airport for your flights to New Orleans. 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. Take in the sights, flavors, and sounds of New Orleans on your own today.

Day 2: New Orleans

Explore the many sides of New Orleans and how jazz began and thrives here. Start with a panoramic city tour, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and Esplanade. Then, it's a walking tour of the French Quarter viewing St. Louis Cathedral, Pirates Alley and more. Tonight enjoy a New Orleans-style dinner before going to Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter.

Day 3: New Orleans - Oxford, Mississippi

Leave New Orleans on a high note and head to the next music landmark. Explore the history of one of the world's most prestigious awards in music at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Later, arrive in the charming college town of Oxford for a laid-back evening.

Day 4: Oxford - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel before jiving along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis's 14-acre estate, including his home, private jets, and Meditation Garden.

Day 5: Memphis

This morning, embark on a civil rights history tour via coach and follow the route of Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Take time to explore the National Civil Rights

Museum and grab lunch on your own. Later, get acquainted with the musical history of Memphis with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world before continuing on to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, highlighting the musical journey of the city!

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville - the "Music Capital of the World." 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* (* based on performance schedule)

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! After one more lunch together, **it's your choice!** Join a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop -OR- visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash, a "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" honoree and the biographical inspiration for the blockbuster film, *Walk the Line*.

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. Return flight to Bradley Airport and motorcoach home. The country music of Nashville, the sounds of Memphis and New Orleans Jazz & food compromise a journey full of experiences that will be with you long after you return home!

COST: \$4099* pp twin (based on 25 and current air tariffs)

* If booked by 2/1/2024 - After 2/1/2024 the price is \$4199 pp twin

INCLUDES:

Transportation to Bradley, Round trip flights from Hartford/Bradley, Sightseeing by Deluxe coach, Professional Tour Manager upon arrival in New Orleans, 7 night hotel accommodations, 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners, Sightseeing per Itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort

DEPOSIT: \$900 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: June 25, 2024

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

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