



American Roots Music Tour

Wednesday, February 2—Thursday, February 10, 2022

Get ready to experience some country, Jazz, and a whole lot of Rock N' Roll. Travel through the musical roots of America and visit Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans. Go behind the scenes at the Country Music Hall of Fame and co-write and produce a song, attend the Opry, visit beautiful plantations, have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the birthplace of Rock N' Roll and get VIP access to Elvis' Graceland Mansion. Sip on wine at one of New Orleans most famous jazz halls. This tour will leave you tapping your toes, and swaying to upbeat music.

Day 1: Wed, February 2, 2022 • Day 3: Fri, February 4, 2022 • Nashville, Bloomington, IL

We board our coach this morning bound for the Music City. Today's travel brings us to Bloomington, Illinois for overnight. Dinner is included at the Cracker Barrel. **Hawthorne Suites (D)**

Day 2: Thurs, February 3, 2022 • Nashville, TN

After included breakfast, we motor on to Nashville. We stop for a lunch break in Owensboro, Kentucky and visit the **Bluegrass Hall of Fame & Museum** where we can interact with the history of Bluegrass music and the people and instruments who made it. Next, we continue into Nashville. On arrival in late afternoon, we visit the new **National Museum of African American Music** with a dedicated focus on all dimensions of the contributions African Americans have made to American music. We check in at our hotel and then head to Honky Tonk Central for dinner. **Embassy Suites Nashville Vanderbilt (B,D)**

After breakfast, we continue the music and history theme with a visit to the **Country Music Hall of Fame**, where you can hear rare recordings of country's legendary performers, see behind-the-scenes films by today's stars, along with costumes, instruments, and personal treasures from country music's past and present. Here we get an opportunity to participate in the co-writing and production workshop where we **co-write and produce a song** from scratch with a Nashville recording artist. After a full morning, we have surely worked up an appetite, so we head to the **Wildhorse Saloon for BBQ**. This afternoon, we make our way to the **Ryman Auditorium**, the "mother church of country music" and active award-winning performance hall. Later, we enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants inside **Opry Mills** before taking in a show at the **Grand Ole Opry**. Unlike a typical concert, the Opry presents eight or more artists at each show, giving the

\$2,999 Double • \$3,739 Single
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Per Person
Based on Room Occupancy

Optional Insurance
Starting at \$216



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Bluegrass Hall of Fame & Museum
- ★ National Museum of African American Music
- ★ Country Music Hall of Fame
- ★ Song-writing Session
- ★ Ryman Auditorium Tour
- ★ Grand Ole Opry Show
- ★ Belle Meade Plantation Tour & Wine Tasting
- ★ Tina Turner Museum
- ★ Rock n Soul Museum
- ★ Memphis City Mo-Jo Tour & Sun Studio
- ★ Jerry Lee Lewis Ranch
- ★ Graceland VIP Tour
- ★ Natchez Steamboat Dinner Show
- ★ Mardi Gras World & Mask Making
- ★ French Quarter Tour
- ★ Snug Harbor Jazz Hall with Dinner

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Motor Coach Transportation
- ★ 17 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners
- ★ 9 Days, 8 Nights
- ★ Professional Tour Director
- ★ Local Guide Services
- ★ Taxes and gratuities on included meals and hotels
- ★ Assistance with Luggage Handling



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audience a sample of each artist's musical style. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Sat, February 5, 2022 • Memphis, TN

We begin our day with a visit to the **Belle Meade Plantation**, where 100 years of history come to life as costumed guides tell stories of plantation life. After our tour, we head towards Memphis. Along the way, we stop for a quick visit at the **Tina Turner Museum**, located inside her childhood school. After, we continue our drive to Memphis and visit the **Rock N Soul Museum**, which tells the complete music story of Memphis. While there, learn about musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic problems and became global influencers in music. Then we take a stroll down Beale Street. Head to **Kings Palace Café** for a toe tapping show and delicious Cajun dinner menu including BBQ, catfish, grilled chicken or pasta with fixings, dessert and a drink. **Embassy Suites (B,D)**

Day 5: Sun, February 6, 2022 • Memphis, TN

We begin our day exploring the city by bus. Enjoy our **guitar playing tour guide** and learn about the history of Memphis. On this tour, we visit the famous **Sun Studio**, known worldwide as the "Birthplace of Rock n Roll" and where Elvis recorded his first song. Later this morning, we venture to the **Lewis Ranch**. We enjoy a tour of Jerry Lee Lewis' private getaway house and see his gold records, suits and costumes, his famous Rolls Royce and where he composed music and



experimented with new styles. We spend the remainder of the day at beautiful **Graceland Mansion**. With our **VIP Tour Access**, we can experience Elvis Presley's home, Exclusive VIP Exhibits, Elvis' Custom Jets, and the Entertainment Complex which houses the Entertainer Career Museum, and the Presley Motors Automobile Museum and other Discovery Exhibits! With our VIP pass, we can skip the lines with a VIP shuttle to the mansion and receive a **Keepsake Backstage Pass**. Walk the gardens where he found peace and see personal mementos and artifacts from his life. We end the evening at EJ's Bar and Grille, where we might find Elvis' favorites. (B,D)

Day 6: Mon, February 7, 2022 • New Orleans, LA

Today, we head to New Orleans "The Big Easy". Upon arrival, we check in our beautiful hotel located in the **French Quarter**. We then take a stroll down the cobble stone streets and see the live street performers and poets, and of course, we take a stroll down Bourbon Street. Just before a beautiful sunset, we board **Natchez Steamboat**. Cruise down the Mississippi river and enjoy a Live Jazz

show and traditional dinner. **Holiday Inn French Quarter (B,D)**

Day 7: Tues, February 8, 2022 • New Orleans, LA

This morning, we make our way to the amazing **Mardi Gras World** to see the production of Mardi Gras floats and learn about many special traditions including King Cake. After lunch, we learn how to make colorful **Mardi Gras Masks** from the best of the best. We then continue back to the picturesque French Quarter to get familiarized with this vibrant culture and marvel over the Creole cottages. While there, we enjoy a **guided walking tour** where we see Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, and much more. We end our tour at the Frenchman Market where you can buy love potion, alligator heads, Voodoo dolls, and Cajun spices. Tonight, we head to one of NOLAs most upscale Jazz halls for dinner and a show. (B,D)

Day 8: Wed, February 9, 2022 • St Charles, MO

After breakfast, we pack our bags and head to the Original French Market Coffee Stand. Enjoy a delicious Café au lait and a Beignet "to go" at the world-famous **Café Du Monde**. We then board our coach bound for home. Tonight, we stay north of the St Louis area and enjoy dinner together – perhaps one last time to have a wonderful BBQ meal! **Country Inn & Suites (B,D)**

Day 9: Thurs, February 10, 2022 • Return

We board our coach and travel the rest of the way home. (B)



Deposit

\$ 150.00 per person due with reservation at time of booking. Final payment due 50 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Policy:

Deposits are refundable for any cancellation received 90 days prior to departure. 89-45 days prior to departure: a cancellation fee of \$50 will be charged. 44-8 days prior: \$200 cancellation penalty plus unrecoverable deposits imposed by suppliers. 7 days and under: 100% penalty (no refund). Cancellation insurance (including Cancel for Any Reason) is available, highly recommended and non-refundable. **We strongly recommend purchase of travel protection/insurance.**

(To take advantage of the Pre-Existing Conditions Waiver, please include your insurance payment with your application)

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Registration

Tour Name _____ **Tour Code** _____

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)
First Name: _____
Last Name(s) _____
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Date of Birth: _____
Mobility Needs: _____
Dietary Needs: _____

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