



## ITINERARY

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# MUSIC AND DRINK OF THE DEEP SOUTH

Few place names have appeared in music as often as Nashville, Tennessee, Memphis, Mississippi and New Orleans. Take this tour to see why, and also get to taste some amazing local specialities and learn about the culture and history of the area.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy VIP access to the Country Music Hall of Fame, RCA Studio, the Grand Ole Opry and Ryman Auditorium
- Taste the best whisky that Nashville has to offer
- Nosh at the nation's first combination candy bar
- Learn about the intersection of American Soul music and the Civil Rights Movement
- Feel like The King with a private VIP after-hour's tour and dinner at Graceland
- Visit an historic New Orleans bar for a private mixology class with local celebrity mixologist
- Take a walking food and drink tour through New Orleans' French Quarter
- Meet with a jazz great and get top seats at their live performance

## ROUTE AND STOPS

### 8 Days & 7 Nights

- Nashville
- Memphis
- Natchez
- New Orleans

## TRAVEL STYLES

- Romance

## PASSIONS

- Food + Drink
- People + Culture
- The Arts

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Hermitage Hotel
- The Peabody Memphis
- Monmouth Historic Inn
- Windsor Court Hotel

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# SAMPLE ITINERARY

## DAY 1: ARRIVE NASHVILLE

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Fly into Nashville International Airport where you will check into the historic Hermitage Hotel.

In the afternoon, your guide will meet you at the hotel and take you to the Country Music Hall of Fame, where you will go on a journey through the history of Country Music and take a private tour of RCA Studio B, where Eddy Arnold, Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley and Willie Nelson once graced the halls with their musical talents. From here you will be driven to lunch. We recommend Husk, where regional ingredients are cooked on an ember-fired grill to create inventive meals in a historic mansion. In the evening, we will arrange for an evening of VIP access to the Grand Ole Opry. Here you will go backstage to see the nation's longest running show from behind the scenes and even meet with the performers!

### Overnight at The Hermitage Hotel

## DAY 2: NASHVILLE WHISKEY AND COUNTRY MUSIC

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Nothing says Tennessee quite like Tennessee Whiskey. This morning, after a quick breakfast, your guide will take you through the countryside's rolling hills and hollers to indulge in the history of whiskey making while tasting a few samples yourself on a private tour of a historic distillery.

After the tour, your guide will bring you to lunch at a classic country cafe with home-style Southern cooking.

After lunch, your driver will take you back to towards Nashville to enjoy the rest of the afternoon on a private tour of Ryman Auditorium, known as "The Carnegie Hall of the South". Here, a Ryman curator will take you backstage to see where Music City really began. Follow in the footsteps of Hank Williams and leave through the Ryman's back door to sneak through the back door of a Nashville Honky Tonk. Here you will meet a Nashville singer/songwriter for a drink and to listen to some great country music!

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## DAY 3: CULINARY NASHVILLE AND MUSICAL MEMPHIS

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Begin the day on a culinary tour of Nashville, starting with a good ole country breakfast and a famous café. Enjoy the nation's first combination candy bar, the Goo Goo Cluster, while learning about the deep culinary history of the city!

Stop in for a visit at the famous Johnny Cash Museum to learn all about the man in black and of course, you will have to try some of Nashville's world-renowned hot chicken! From here you will drive for three hours to Memphis where you will check into your well appointed accommodations The Peabody Hotel and enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

### **Overnight at The Peabody Memphis**

## DAY 4: MEMPHIS HISTORY

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This morning will begin with a visit to the Civil Rights Museum, the infamous site of the death of Martin Luther King Jr. From here your guide will take you to the Stax Museum of American Soul Music where you will see a rare collection of more than 2,000 artefacts, interactive exhibits, films and galleries at the worlds only museum dedicated to preserving the legacy of American Soul music.

From Stax, your guide will take you on a VIP after-hour's tour of the home of the King, Graceland. Stroll through the halls where Elvis once resided with his family while your expert guide explains the detailed history of the mansion, then enjoy a special private dinner on Graceland grounds.

### **Overnight at The Peabody Memphis**

## DAY 5: MEMPHIS TO MISSISSIPPI

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Today, as your guide accompanies you on your way to New Orleans, you will stop along the way to visit selected stops on the Blues Trail. Visit Clarksdale, the "Crossroads of the Blues" and Helena, deemed the very first place to have a radio show featuring blues artists, among many other landmark sites that played a crucial role to creating the blues. Your guide will also take you through the BB King Museum, a true Delta blues museum with the mission to preserve and share the legacy and values of music great, B. B. King.

Tonight you will be able to fully relax at Monmouth Historic Inn, an early 19th-century antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens filled with blooming magnolias, roses and azaleas.

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## DAY 6: NEW ORLEANS ARRIVAL

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In the morning, continue your drive to New Orleans, stopping in Baton Rouge along the way to visit the Rural Life Museum, a museum of Louisiana history located in Baton Rouge on a 40-acre agricultural research experiment station, operated by Louisiana State University.

Arrive in New Orleans in the late afternoon and visit a historic bar for a private mixology class with local celebrity mixologist. Here you will learn all about spirits while tasting perfectly paired cuisine. Get behind the bar and create your very own classic New Orleans cocktails while hearing the unique history and long tradition of artistry and pride behind them.

After your mixology class, enjoy dinner in a classic New Orleans restaurant with delectable creole seafood, oysters and other southern classics. Enjoy the remainder of your evening at the Windsor Court Hotel, a property that prides itself on true elegance, you will be greeted with the warmest of welcomes and true hospitality. With 24-hour bell service and a full-time concierge, the staff at Windsor Court Hotel are happy and more than willing to make your stay absolutely flawless.

### **Overnight at the Windsor Court Hotel**

## DAY 7: NEW ORLEANS FOR FOODIES AND JAZZ LOVERS

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Foodies rejoice because this morning you will meet your tour guide for a walking food and drink tour through the French Quarter, sampling some of the notorious dishes that truly make New Orleans famous. You'll learn about the Big Easy's history through the prism of food and drink as you visit some of the city's top culinary and cocktail establishments, from high-end restaurants and gentleman's bars to hole-in-the-wall groceries and pubs, snacking on muffalettas, Gulf Coast oysters, beniegets, po'boys, sazeracs, gin fizzes and much more. By the end you will be full of merriment, and of course, delicious food! By this time you will surely be ready for some relaxation back at your hotel.

Later this evening prepare for an aural feast led by an expert local musicologist with a walking tour through the city, including Congo Square, the Treme and the Preservation Hall Jazz Club. Tonight we have arranged for a private meet and greet with one of New Orleans' current jazz greats, followed by prime seats at their performance as their special guest!

For your last evening in New Orleans, we recommend dinner at Restaurant R'evolution with an extensive menu of spectacular Creole fare and a 10,000-bottle wine cellar.

### **Overnight at the Windsor Court Hotel**

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## DAY 8: DEPARTURE

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This morning, check out of your hotel and make your way to Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport where you will drop off your rental car in time for your flight home.

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# ACCOMMODATIONS

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## THE HERMITAGE HOTEL

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES

With a deep respect for Nashville and Tennessee, The Hermitage Hotel is committed to preserving the region's heritage and practicing the traditions that make hospitality synonymous with The South.



## THE PEABODY MEMPHIS

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES

Legendary, charming, elegant and grand are adjectives that perfectly describe the luxurious Peabody Memphis.



## MONMOUTH HISTORIC INN

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NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES

An early 19th-century antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens, Monmouth Historic Inn is a National Historic Landmark reflecting all that is charming about the South, expect gracious hospitality, excellent cuisine, historic tours of the house and a lovingly restored garden.

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## WINDSOR COURT HOTEL

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES

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