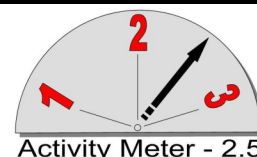




This travel package planned and escorted by Les Huth

Southern Sights & Sounds

9 Days: April 19-27, 2012



Experience the timeless wonders of the South, where music, history and natural beauty combine with the mellow rhythms of Southern charm and hospitality. Additionally, see the great recovery New Orleans has made since Katrina. To borrow a phrase or two from Elvis, pack up your "Blue Suede Shoes" 'cause if you miss this tour, you'll be "All Shook Up." "It's Now or Never!"



April 19 we pick up in our guaranteed departure cities and travel to St. Louis, MO. Upon arrival at our hotel we unwind with **snacks and beverages** after a day of travel. Enjoy and get acquainted with your fellow travelers at this social event.



April 20 help yourself to **breakfast** before we motor to **Memphis**, where the blues are alive and well, and where many say Elvis is still the king of rock & roll. We'll take a **Platinum Tour of Graceland**, the home of Elvis Presley. Your experience will include an array of experiences: an audio-guided tour of the mansion and grounds, as well as self-guided tour of Elvis' two custom airplanes, the Automobile Museum, Hollywood Exhibit, King and Pop Culture Exhibit, Private Presley Exhibit and the '68 Special Exhibit. Next, watch as the **Duckmaster** parades his flock of mallards through the lobby of the landmark Peabody Hotel. Our near-Graceland overnight lodging features a guitar-shaped swimming pool and free in-room Elvis movies. Following check-in, we'll go across the street to Graceland for dinner.

April 21 after **breakfast** a **local guide** takes us on a **tour** of Memphis, considered by many to be the blues capital of the world. Our journey then takes us to **New Orleans, LA**, where we stay 2 nights only 4 blocks from the French Quarter. Your tour escort will lead an optional short tour of the French Quarter. This evening explore and sample one of the many restaurants and lounges in this famous hotspot. Perhaps you would like to explore historic Preservation Hall - the original jazz hall of New Orleans - home to live, nightly jazz from 8-11 (admission is \$12).



April 22 enjoy **breakfast** followed by an **orientation tour** of the **Hurricane Katrina** devastation and recovery. Enjoy time on the bayou or take an **optional** side trip to Slidell for church services and hear about the area's response to the hurricane devastation. Next, we'll **tour** additional recovery sites with a **local guide**, including the 9th Ward and area levees. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to once again explore the French Quarter. This evening savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline aboard the **Dinner/Jazz Cruise** on the authentic **Steamboat Natchez**, New Orleans' only authentic steamboat!

April 23 after **breakfast** we proceed to **Historic French Camp, MS**, where we'll tour **French Camp Academy**, a Christian-based home for boys and girls ages 5-18. **Lunch** is included at the **Council House Café**. We continue to **Tupelo, MS**, traveling the **Natchez Trace Parkway** which takes us through many historic landmarks, cities and towns. After check-in at our overnight lodging we'll share **dinner** at Vanelli's Family Italian restaurant in Tupelo.

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April 24 start the day with **breakfast** and then visit the **birthplace and museum of Elvis Presley**. Next, we drive just down the street to **Tupelo Hardware** and walk through the doors of the very place Elvis bought his first guitar - Howard the proprietor describes the very day! We continue along the final miles of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Next, it's an early **dinner** at the **Loveless Café** where they have been serving some of the best fried chicken and Southern fare since 1951. We will be leaving the Loveless Café for **Ryman Auditorium to attend the Grand Ole Opry** and then spend the next two nights in **Nashville**, often nicknamed "Music City".



April 25 **breakfast** is followed by a **guided tour** of the city including the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**. Spanning an entire city block, this \$37- million facility uses video, recorded music and displays to tell the story of one of America's most endearing art forms. We'll also take a **lunch cruise** on the **General Jackson Showboat**. The evening will be free for your own choices. I will be happy to assist with any logistical questions.



April 26 after **breakfast** we continue our homeward trek, stopping in Crawfordsville, IN, at the **Rotary Jail Museum**. The restored 1882 county jail features a circular set of cellblocks which can be rotated by the turn of a crank, enabling the sheriff to check each of his prisoners without moving from his desk. We'll enjoy our last **dinner** together at the famous **Beef House Restaurant** in Covington, IN. Our overnight lodging is just 15 minutes away in Danville, IL.

April 27 following **breakfast** we head for home with great memories, bidding farewell to the South and our new-found friends.

Your 9-day Southern Sights & Sounds package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 8 nights, luggage handling, admissions/tickets to bolded attractions, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$1,832 per person, double occupancy

\$1,677 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2,298 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$185 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance Due: by March 20

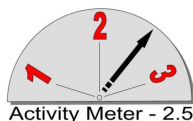
Cancel By: March 20 for penalty-free cancellation

Delayed reservation fee: after March 20, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or travel insurance is available at a group rate for this travel package. Call for details and prices.

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton & Waterloo.

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Activity Meter - 2.5

Moderate+ itinerary - expanded standing or stairs, multiple blocks of walking

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