



# MUSIC TOUR

 USA / **TAILOR-MADE** / 10 DAYS - 9 NIGHTS

CHICAGO / SPRINGFIELD / ST LOUIS / NASHVILLE / MEMPHIS / NATCHEZ /  
BATON ROUGE / NUEVA ORLEANS



**DAY 1**

## Arrival in Chicago

Arrival at Chicago airport (not included), meeting with the local guide and transfer by private coach to the following hotel: Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown (or similar).

Assignment of rooms with the assistance of the guide.

Dinner (not included) and accommodation at the hotel.

**DAY 2**

## Chicago

Breakfast at the hotel and departure by coach with the local guide for a panoramic tour of the city, we will visit Downtown, also known as the Loop, dominated by very high skyscrapers. The tour also includes an "Architectural boat tour" cruise on Lake Michigan. Lunch (not included) during the excursion.

17.00 return to the hotel.

Dinner (not included) and accommodation at the hotel.

**DAY 3**

## Chicago – Springfield – St Louis (Km. 479)

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and departure with the local guide and private coach to the south. Stop in Springfield, the city of Abraham Lincoln, who began his political career here.

Lunch (not included) during the excursion and continuation to St Louis.

Sitting on the banks of the Mississippi in eastern Missouri, St Louis is one of the busiest river ports in the inland United States. The symbolic monument of the city is the Gateway Arch, located on the riverside, a 192-meter-high steel arch.

Arrival in St Louis and short tour of the city.

Subsequently accommodation at the following hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis St. Charles (or similar)

Dinner (not included)

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**DAY 4**

## St Louis – Nashville (Km. 498)

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and depart with your guide and private coach to Nashville, the state capital of Tennessee, located on the banks of the Cumberland River. Upon arrival, take a panoramic tour of the city, which boasts many attractions for country music fans. Music lovers do not hesitate to define Nashville as the “Music City”, the city of music, also because it is home to the Grand Ole Opry (admission not included), a famous country music radio program, the Country Music Hall of Fame. Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, dedicated to the legends of this musical style. A highly significant architecture, the site is a “must”. The museum traces the history of the country. This is a very educational museum to learn all about country music; its history, its musicians, its different styles (bluegrass, honky tonk, western swing, etc.)

Later, accommodation at the following hotel: Courtyard Nashville Vanderbilt/West End.

Dinner (not included)

**DAY 5**

## Nashville – Memphis (Km.349)

Breakfast at the hotel. After checking out we will head to The Hermitage, where a “General Tour” will take place. Later, departure for Memphis. Located in the extreme south of Tennessee, this large city, populated for millennia by Native Americans, experienced the first colonic settlements only around the end of the 18th century. The city developed thanks to the activities linked to the Mississippi River and the processing of cotton. In the immediate post-war period, it became the most important center for music recording, giving rise to the musical career of many American stars: first of all, Elvis Presley who settled here.

Free lunch during the transfer.

Arrival in Memphis magnet for tourists who from all over the world come to pay homage to Elvis Presley at his former villa, Graceland, where the singer lived for a long time and where he is buried (it is the second most famous and visited residence of all of the United States after the White House). Tour of the famous Graceland estate, including Elvis Presley’s home, garden, and automobile museum.

Then we will go to the hotel and accommodation at: Sheraton Memphis Downtown (or similar)

Dinner (not included).

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**DAY 6**

## Memphis

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning visit the city of Memphis, a pilgrimage destination for music lovers. Visit the Memphis Rock'n Soul Museum which documents the links between African American and white music, tracing the history of soul and then rock up to the present day with such well-known names as "The Boss", Bruce Springsteen. Also not to be missed is a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum (entrance fee and booking not included), where the Reverend Martin Luther King was assassinated in 1968, at the Lorraine Motel, now a museum: room 306, from whose balcony Martin Luther looked out King when he was shot down, it was left as it was.

Dinner (not included)

**DAY 7**

## Memphis – Natchez (km. 479)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by private coach and your local guide towards Natchez, one of the most pleasant centers in the United States. Permanent seat of the cotton industry, the city became the ideal home for landowners who founded immense plantations. Spared from the ferocity of the civil war, it has more than 500 perfectly preserved colonial houses intact; a still image in the set of the famous film "Gone with the Wind" thanks to the old houses, the wrought iron lampposts, the cobbled streets, the antique shops with period clothes on display, an enchanting open-air historical museum.

After the visit, accommodation at the following hotel: TownePlace Suites by Marriott – Vidalia Riverfront (or similar)

Dinner (not included)

**DAY 8**

## Natchez – Baton Rouge – New Orleans

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by private coach and local guide in the direction of Frogmore Plantation, for a visit to the cotton plantation. Then we will continue to New Orleans, passing through Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana. Upon arrival, visit this pleasant center embellished with cypresses, magnolia flowers and old colonial houses.

Lunch (not included) during the excursion.

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Continuation to New Orleans along the Mississippi and crossing extensive plantations that demonstrate the opulence of the economy of this region before the Civil War.

Arrival in the evening and accommodation at the following hotel: Springhill Suites New Orleans Canal Street (or similar)

Dinner (not included)

## DAY 9

### New Orleans

Breakfast at the hotel.

City tour of New Orleans. Mythical city on the banks of the Mississippi, New Orleans is a mixture of very different cultures that arouses an attraction that often proves fatal. Founded on November 1, 1718 by the men of the Mississippi Company who gave it this name in honor of Philip II of Orleans, prince of France, New Orleans is considered a "myth city" for the particular flavor that distinguishes it: a French and American flavor at the same time, but above all "black", because this place welcomed the first blacks from Senegal, who contributed greatly to the birth and development of Jazz music, a musical form that was born in the 1920s as a social phenomenon by African-American slaves who they found solace and hope by collectively and individually improvising songs. With its characteristic neighborhoods and buildings and the characteristic French Quarter, with the historic Bourbon Street, known for its mixture of Spanish, French, Creole and American architecture with typical low-rise colonial style buildings and wrought iron balconies, a district where the mysterious soul of this multi-ethnic metropolis is enclosed.

09.00 With your guide walking tour to the famous French Quarter considered the heart of the city.

Lunch ( not included) and continuation with the Voo Doo walk, a particular form of esotericism of white or black magic with presumed curative and therapeutic effects, which developed among the French-speaking or Creole African population of Louisiana.

17.30 Departure from the hotel with the assistance of the guide to make the transfer to the Pier, where the departure of the cruise with characteristic dinner and live music is scheduled. Jazz Cruise Dinner on the "Creole Queen" Paddlewheeler. Boarding: from 18.00 to 19.00. Navigation: from 19.00 to 21.00 At the end of the cruise return to the hotel for accommodation



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**DAY 10**

## New Orleans- return

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and luggage storage at the hotel deposit.

09.00 departure with the guide and private coach for a morning dedicated to visiting some colonial villas around the city, in the Garden District, which is located just ten minutes from the French quarter. It is a residential neighborhood strongly influenced by English culture; in fact, it was built in the years just following the purchase of Louisiana (the act with which the state was officially bought by France). Perhaps out of a natural patriotic sense and in contrast to the previous domination, the houses are built in the typical American colonial style: the perfectly kept villas, the imposing porches and the well-kept gardens with magnolia trees characterize a neighborhood designed for the city's upper middle class. Many Hollywood stars have also bought a villa here and a walk through the streets allows you to peek at their homes and discover the many anecdotes about the most famous owners. Late morning drop off at the famous French Quarter.

12.00 Jazz Brunch at the following restaurant: The Court of Two Sisters

The spectacular Jazz Brunch Buffet is a combination of what New Orleans has to offer: the beautiful courtyard, the rich choice of Creole and Cajun specialties, all accompanied by the jazz trio. The Brunch Buffet is a sumptuous assortment of hot and cold dishes. A typical hot pot selection typically features Jambalaya Creole, spiced shrimp poached, orange duck, Louisiana andouille chicken and sausage gumbo, tender roast beef, turkey, omelets to taste, and eggs hollandaise. The cold buffet is a selection of dishes, including boiled scampi and crawfish, seafood salad, pasta salads and fresh fruit. Desserts ranging from king cake and hearty bread pudding to pecan pie and crêpe suzette are included.

After lunch, return to the hotel (walking), baggage retrieval and at the set time, transfer to the airport for the boarding operations on the return flight.

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## Price per person in double occupancy

Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown or similar	2 nights
Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis St. Charles or similar	1 night
Courtyard Nashville Vanderbilt / West End or similar	1 night
Sheraton Memphis Downtown or similar	2 noches
TownePlace Suites by Marriott or similar – Vidalia Riverfront	1 night
Springhill Suites New Orleans Canal Stree or similar	2 noches

FROM / TO	TYPE OF ROOM	40 PAX	45 PAX	50 PAX	55PAX
January- April	King (2 pax)	\$2625	\$2441	\$2294	\$2175
	Twin (2 separate beds- 2 pax)	\$2625	\$2441	\$2294	\$2175
	Single suppl	\$934	\$934	\$934	\$934
May- August	King (2 pax)	\$2777	\$2590	\$2442	\$2320
	Twin (2 separate beds- 2 pax)	\$2777	\$2590	\$2442	\$2320
	Single suppl	\$1061	\$1061	\$1061	\$1061
September-December	King (2 pax)	\$2904	\$2709	\$2553	\$2425
	Twin (2 separate beds- 2 pax)	\$2904	\$2709	\$2553	\$2425
	Single Suppl	\$1110	\$1110	\$1110	\$1110

\*\*\*\* the rates are to be considered an initial price for the indicated period. Rates are subject to change depending on availability and dates requested \*\*\*\*.

\*\*\*triple and quadruple rates on request\*\*\*

### INCLUDE

- 9 nights in 4\* and 3\* hotels
- Breakfasts
- Airport transfers in/out of Chicago and New Orleans
- Transportation service for 10 days for transfers between different cities
- Dedicated guide throughout the stay (available in several languages)
- Guide and driver accommodation

### NOT INCLUDE

- Meals (not mentioned above), drinks, parking, other extras.
- Gratuities – \$5 per person per serving is recommended.
- Guided return flight from New Orleans to Chicago
- Portorage service
- Insurance
- Anything not expressly indicated in the "rates include"

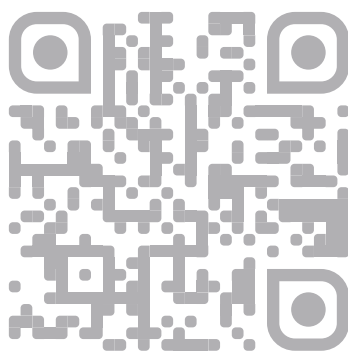
### Supplements:

- Architectural Boat Tour \$ 46/ pp
- Gateway Arch \$41/pp
- Country Music Hall of Fame \$31/pp
- Graceland \$ 85 p/p
- Rock'n Soul Memphis Museum \$ 16 p/p
- Frogmore Plantation \$ 23 p/p
- Jazz Dinner Cruise aboard " Creole Queen Paddlewheeler" \$ 105 p/p
- Jazz Brunch al "Court of two Sisters" \$ 55 p/p



**Note:**

- The above prices are in USD, net, without commissions and TAXES included. If the rates vary, the Agency / Client will be responsible for the difference.
- Offer based on a minimum payment of 40 pax, if these should vary we will have to send a new proposal
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