

#### DAILY ITINERARY (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER 🛛 🗰 INDICATES ADDED UNIQUE TOUR



Today's world has changed, but what remains certain is our commitment to guest safety, comfort and peace-of-mind while travelling with us. To that end, we have established a worldwide Assurance program, with enhanced on-trip protocols and procedures, to ensure the health – and happiness – of our guests throughout their travels with us. Read more about Globus On-Trip Assurance

## DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> Arrival: Nashville

Welcome to Music City, USA!

Upon arrival your hotel will be available for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure. If you're looking to head into downtown Nashville, the hotel offers a shuttle.

#### DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> Nashville

This morning & afternoon are free.

At 6:00pm, meet your fellow travelers and Globus tour guide for a welcome drink. (B)

# DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> Nashville

Start your day with a visit to RCA Studio B, Nashville's oldest recording studio. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nashville with a Local Guide, including Centennial Park's full-size replica of Athens' Parthenon. See the legendary recording and performing venues of Music Row and Honky Tonk Row—where music history was made and

famous artists got their breaks. We then visit the Country Music Hall of Fame to see its collection of costumes, memorabilia, instruments, and photographs.

Tonight, you have reserved Teir 1 seats for an unforgettable show at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry, the mecca for country musicians. (B)

#### DAY 4: SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> Nashville – Memphis

This morning, depart for Memphis, "Home of the Blues," and visit Sun Studio, one of the most famous recording studios in the world and where rock 'n' roll was first recorded by the names of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Roy Orbison – to name a few. Then, visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, a celebration of the great Memphis soul music.

Enjoy your stay at The Guest House at Graceland, located just a few steps from the gates of Graceland. The newly built Guest House at Graceland hotel features a southern colonial exterior and is decorated with Elvis Presley's personal style in mind. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight. (B, D)

# DAY 5: SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Memphis – Excursion to Graceland

See all the landmarks of Memphis today. A Local Guide will play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage, along with generous amounts of comedy and interaction. We then travel to Elvis Presley's Graceland for a Tour the mansion at Graceland with access to Elvis' original business office, his enormous collection of gold records and awards, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. See Elvis' collection of ornate jumpsuits and capes, the automobile museum, and his collection of airplanes.

#### DAY 6: OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> Memphis – Clarksdale, Mississippi – Greenwood

Today, follow the mighty Mississippi River deep into the heart of the Mississippi Delta, the "Birthplace of the Blues." From the cotton fields, street corners, and juke joints of the Mississippi Delta came a new kind of music the blues. Visit the Delta Blues Museum, dedicated to exploring the history and heritage of this unique American musical art form and masters of the art, including Muddy Waters and Sam Cooke.

Peruse historical images, artifacts, musical instruments, and the cabin where Muddy Waters lived as a sharecropper. Enjoy a photo stop at the "Cross Roads," where legendary blues guitarist Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil in exchange for the best musical talent. Enjoy a special lunch with a local musician at Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale. After lunch, continue to Greenwood, where many of its buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a guided tour to see the filming locations of the Oscar-winning film, The Help.

Enjoy a special overnight stay at the historic Alluvian Hotel. Originally opened in 1917, it has undergone a major transformation and is now rated as one of the Top 10 Hotels in the United States by Condé Nast magazine. Warm hospitality and charm in the heart of soulful South! (B, L)

## DAY 7: OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenwood – Indianola – Natchez

Visit the B.B. King Museum in Indianola, hometown of the legendary musician. Explore King's 60-plus year career, from his time as a sharecropper and his time on Memphis' Beale Street to the international music star he became. Artifacts, images, and a guitar studio where visitors can play instruments bring it all to life. Continue south to beautiful Natchez. Dinner tonight is at an elegant Magnolia Hall Mansion. Magnolia Hall of Natchez, Mississippi, is also known as the Henderson-Britton House and was built by Thomas Henderson, a wealthy merchant, planter, and cotton broker in 1858. The home is one of the finest examples of the Greek Revival style if the legendary On Top of the Hill Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (B, D)

# DAY 8: OCTOBER 3rd

Natchez – Ferriday, Louisiana – Frogmore – Lafayette

First stop today is the Delta Music Museum, where you are treated to a guided tour to hear intimate stories about Jerry Lee Lewis, Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty, and other Louisiana Delta musicians. Then, head through Louisiana into the heart of Cajun Country for a visit to the historic Frogmore Plantation.

Learn about the trials and triumphs of American history with an enlightening tour of Frogmore Plantation. An 1800-acre working cotton plantation, Frogmore has 19 restored antebellum (pre-Civil War) structures that date from the early 1800's. Hear the history of the early Natchez planters and their slaves. A local guide tells of the evolution of history from the 1790's through the Civil War and the emergence of sharecropping. See a rare Smithsonian-quality steam cotton gin contrasting the historical methods with modern day planting, harvesting, and computerized ginning of cotton.

Continue to Lafayette and partake in a unique experience at Martin Accordions. Here, custom-built and handmade "squeezeboxes" have been crafted for 30 years, providing musicians and audiences with the sweet, rich sound of Cajun and Zydeco musical traditions. (B)

## DAY 9: OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>

Lafayette – St. Martinville – Houmas House Plantation – New Orleans

Enjoy a morning visit to St. Martinville to see the famous oak tree from Longfellow's poem, Evangeline. Then, cruise through the swampy waterways of the Atchafalaya Basin. See moss-draped trees, wildlife, and maybe even a lurking alligator or two. On to the Great River Road, where wealthy plantation owners built their monumental homes. Visit Houmas House Plantation and Gardens, called the "Crown Jewel of the Great River Road."

The Houmas House Estate allows visitors to experience the history of life on a sugarcane plantation in the 1800's. The mansion has been restored to the antebellum era, reflecting the opulence and wealth this sugarcane farm boasted in the 1880's. The guided mansion tour walks through the 250-year history, highlighting the architectural evolution from manor house to grand estate.

Enjoy lunch at the plantation followed by a mansion tour, which is filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork. Enjoy free time to stroll the magnificent gardens, gift shop, or have a Mint Julep at the Turtle Bar. Continue to exciting New Orleans (B, L)

# DAY 10: OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> New Orleans

Let the good times roll in New Orleans with a guided sightseeing tour of the French Quarter. Stop at an aboveground cemetery and learn about the city's unique funeral customs and drive along tree-lined St. Charles Avenue to see the stately homes bordering the historic Garden District. This afternoon is free to explore New Orleans on your own, shop for a favorite souvenir, or relax with a fresh cup of café au lait and a beignet. Tonight, celebrate your musical journey with a festive farewell dinner at one of the famed local restaurants in New Orleans. (B, D)

# DAY 11: OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>

**New Orleans** 

Today is a free day in New Orleans.

#### DAY 12: OCTOBER 7th **New Orleans**

The morning is at your leisure.

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This afternoon, join the group for a special 2-hour lunch cruise along the Mississippi River, featuring great jazz and delicious food. (B, L)

# DAY 13: OCTOBER 8th

New Orleans

#### Safe travels until we meet again!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Canada. (B)

\*Tour itinerary is subject to change

