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**Deep South**

#### **DAY 01: New Orleans, LA**

Welcome to New Orleans. The heart and soul of this city is in the French Quarter. Stop on one end of Jackson Square to visit St. Louis Cathedral, one of the oldest churches in the country, and on the other end of the square to enjoy coffee with chicory. Absorb the mix of Creole and Cajun culture that gives the city its charm and its wonderful spicy food.

**Overnight: Holiday Inn New Orleans Downtown Superdome or similar**



#### **DAY 02: New Orleans, LA**

Day at leisure to explore New Orleans. Spend some more time in the historical area of the Vieux Carre. Watch the sidewalk artists, take a carriage-ride, visit some of the antique stores along Royal Street. Other attractions are the Aquarium of the Americas, a cruise through the bayous or take a paddle-wheeler upriver. In the evening listen to some authentic jazz in one of the clubs along Bourbon Street.

**Overnight: Holiday Inn New Orleans Downtown Superdome or similar**

#### **DAY 03: New Orleans, LA - ST. Francisville, LA - Natchez, MS**

This morning travel to Mississippi and "America's Blues Alley." Your journey first takes you to Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. En route to Natchez stop in St. Francisville, Louisiana to discover a bit of Louisiana plantation country. Arrive in Natchez, the oldest permanent settlement on the Mississippi River and home to over 500 antebellum (pre-Civil War) structures. Experience Natchez Under-the-Hill. Located on the Mississippi River, this area was once known for its saloons and gambling, but now offers several restaurants, gift shops and casino gambling.

**Overnight: Holiday Inn Express or similar**

#### **DAY 04: Natchez, MS**

Take a horse-drawn carriage ride through downtown Natchez and see the romantic memories and reminders of this mythical era. Step back in time to the elegance of the "Old South." As you tour the beautiful plantation homes. Visit the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, which features an archaeological site and a small museum.

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#### **DAY 05: Natchez, MS - Vicksburg, MS**

This morning journey north on Highway 61 and discover rural Mississippi and its hospitality in the quaint and historic town of Port Gibson before arriving in Vicksburg. Vicksburg, the site of one of the most famous U.S. Civil War battles, offers a wealth of Civil War history. The battle of Vicksburg was the turning point in the United States Civil War. Enjoy the excitement of one of the casinos or a wonderful meal at one of the local restaurants.

**Overnight:**

#### **DAY 06: Vicksburg, MS**

Relive the history of the Civil War as you tour the vast Vicksburg National Military Park. Tour one of Vicksburg's most historical buildings, the Old Court House Museum. The museum houses 10,000 artifacts relating to the Mississippi Indian cultures, U.S. Civil War and the steamboat era. Take a boating tour excursion on the Mississippi River, and discover the beautiful charm of this river city.

**Overnight: La Quinta Inn and Suites or similar**

#### **DAY 07: Vicksburg, MS - Memphis, TN**

Today journey north on Highway 61 into the Mississippi Delta, the birthplace of the blues and Mississippi's agricultural area. From Vicksburg travel to Greenwood or Greenville, Mississippi. Stop in Greenville and see the Winterville Mounds State Park, one of the largest Indian Mound Groups in the Mississippi Valley or travel to Greenwood where you can take the opportunity to truly experience the lifestyle that inspired the blues at Florewood River Plantation State Park, a replica working plantation complete with costumed interpreters. Then continue on to enjoy the history of the blues with memorabilia from such greats as Muddy Waters and B.B. King at the Clarksdale Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Just an hour's drive north of Clarksdale and a few miles south of Memphis, Tennessee is Tunica County, Mississippi which offers around the clock casino gaming. Enjoy the bright lights and gaming opportunities right in the middle of the Mississippi Delta farming lands. Welcome to Memphis, "Home of the Blues, Birthplace of Rock 'n Roll!" Check into your host hotel. To start your Memphis visit off in real tradition, enjoy Memphis-style Bar-B-Que at the famous Rendezvous restaurant in downtown Memphis.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn Downtown or similar**

#### **DAY 08: Memphis, TN**

Start your morning off with a brief city tour or head downtown on your own to tour the historic Hunt-Phelan home and the National Civil Rights Museum. Afterwards, begin the musical portion of your Memphis tour with a visit to Sun Studio



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and Graceland, home of Elvis Presley. This evening complete your musical adventure in Memphis by kicking up your heels at one of the restaurants/nightclubs on famous Beale Street, "Home of the Blues." Choose from a variety of restaurants & nightclubs, all featuring live entertainment nightly: from traditional Delta Blues, R&B, Soul, Rock 'n Roll or Jazz.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn Downtown or similar**



**DAY 09: Vicksburg, MS - Nashville, TN**

Leave the Mississippi River, and travel through the agricultural center of Tennessee to the center of Country Western Music, Nashville, which is also the state capital.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn Nashville Downtown or similar**

**DAY 10: Nashville, TN**

Full day to explore the many historic and musical wonders of this dynamic city, including Opryland. In the "Athens of the South," because of the neo-classical architecture, you find a modern thriving financial center, but Nashville is best known as the "Music City USA," dominant is the internationally more and more popular country music.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn Nashville Downtown or similar**

**DAY 11: Nashville, TN - Tupelo, MS (via Natchez Trace Parkway)**

Travel from Nashville to Tupelo via the Natchez Trace Parkway, a national scenic byway that runs for 500 miles from Nashville to Natchez. This historic trail was originally traced out by buffalo and later used as a postal route. Continue the journey to Tupelo and the parkway's headquarters and visitors center. Music fans will want to tour the humble two-room birthplace of Elvis Presley. Visit the Elvis Presley memorial chapel and the Elvis Presley Museum. Also visit the Tupelo City Museum, which showcases local history from the Chickasaw Indians to Elvis Presley to astronauts in the space hanger.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn or similar**



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#### **DAY 12: Tupelo, MS - Jackson, MS**

This morning continue your journey on the Natchez Trace Parkway to Jackson, Mississippi's capital city. Travel down the scenic and historic parkway. French Camp is one of the first communities founded along the Trace. Here you will find period artifacts housed in authentic log cabins, a restored antebellum home and an operating sorghum mill. Then stop at the Kosciusko Visitors Center to learn about the history of the area. This afternoon take a driving tour of downtown Jackson and visit the Mississippi Governor's Mansion and the Old Capitol Historical Museum. Tour the Jim Buck Ross Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, complete with a re-creation of "Small Town, Mississippi," as it would have existed in the 1920's.

**Overnight: Holiday Inn Jackson Southeast – Pearl or similar**

#### **DAY 13: Jackson, MS – Mississippi Gulf Coast, MS (Biloxi/Gulfport)**

Take a relaxing drive south down to the Mississippi Gulf Coast resort area. With its 26 miles of beach, this area offers an abundance of recreational activity. Tour Beauvoir, the final home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Learn about the seafood industry of the Mississippi Gulf Coast at the Seafood Industry Museum and later take an excursion on an actual shrimp boat. Non-stop casino gaming and entertainment can be found all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

**Overnight: Harrah's Gulf Coast or similar**

#### **DAY 14: Mississippi Gulf Coast, MS**

Today you can plan a ferry excursion to Ship Island and Fort Massachusetts located 12 miles out into the Gulf of Mexico, offering a wonderful pristine beach. This afternoon enjoy a lovely drive along Mississippi Beach. Discover the unique surrounding towns of Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis and Waveland, which offer great antique shopping and the atmosphere and beauty of a small town life. Visit the quaint town of Oceans Springs, a haven for local artists. Tour the Walter Anderson Museum and Shearwater Pottery.

**Overnight: Comfort Inn Nashville Downtown or similar**

#### **DAY 15: Mississippi Gulf Coast, MS - New Orleans, LA**

Now that you have experienced the true Deep South, " America's Blues Alley" and Nashville, travel back to New Orleans for your return flight home.

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