



The American South - 14 Days (#17956)

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Overview

Considered its own distinct place, the American South is defined by its hospitality, cuisine, landscape, music and history. Comprised of the nation's southernmost states, this region is deeply in tune with the American experience. From Atlanta and Nashville to Charleston and New Orleans, this is a journey through America's unique cultural landscape.

Trip Highlights

Atlanta-Charleston-Savannah-Montgomery-New Orleans-Natchez-Memphis-Nashville-Atlanta

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01**Day 01: Arrival Atlanta**

Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia. During the Civil War, Atlanta was one of the most important Southern Cities as it provided war materials to the South. In 1864, General Sherman marched into Atlanta and burned the entire city. The city recovered from its losses and today is one of the most dynamic in the South, boasting a successful cultural and business hub. Transfer independently to your hotel where you will meet your Tour Director.

Day 02**Day 02: Atlanta**

This morning, enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Atlanta, including a visit to the boyhood home of Martin Luther King. You will also learn about another of Atlanta's most famous residents, Margaret Mitchell, who wrote the historical novel that became a masterpiece of American cinema, "Gone with the Wind." Visit the Road to Tara Museum and Stately Oaks Plantation, which was the inspiration for plantation in the film. You will have the opportunity to see memorabilia from the movie including costumes worn by the stars Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. In the evening, enjoy a welcome reception which will give you the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Day 03**Day 3: Atlanta - Augusta - Charleston**

Leave Atlanta today and head west to Augusta. Augusta is the second oldest city in Georgia and is home to the prestigious Masters golf tournament. In the late afternoon, you will arrive in Charleston one of the most historic and charming cities of the South. For evening activities, you may wish to consult your Tour Director for the possibilities.

Day 04**Day 04: Charleston - Savannah**

In the morning, enjoy a locally guided tour of Charleston Walk the streets of Charleston's preserved historic district, the best protected in the nation. Natural disasters, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War all took their toll on this beautiful city, yet it stands out as a historic gem of the South. In the afternoon, you may wish to participate in an optional excursion to historic Boone Hall Plantation with its famous Avenue of Oaks. The property has appeared in numerous American movies, among them "North and South".



Day 05**Day 05: Savannah**

Today, enjoy the charm of Savannah, once the world's largest cotton port. When cotton was king, Savannah controlled the prices of the world cotton market at her cotton exchange. Founder James Oglethorpe laid out the famed city squares. The Civil War destroyed a large portion of Georgia, but Savannah was spared. Numerous buildings around the tree-shaded squares are hundreds of years old; providing the setting for the popular novel "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

Day 06**Day 06: Savannah - Montgomery**

Set course west across the state of Georgia and into the heart of the Deep South, Alabama. Upon arrival in Montgomery, Alabama's capital city and a central backdrop of the American Civil Rights Movement, visit the Rosa Parks Library and Museum. Learn about the Montgomery Bus Boycott inspired by Parks, which ignited the Civil Rights movement and changed American history. You may also wish to visit the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King Jr. led the Boycott with his powerful sermons.

Day 07**Day 07: Montgomery - Selma - New Orleans**

Depart Montgomery this morning to discover Selma, Alabama, another centrepiece of the Civil Rights Movement. Visit the Edmund Pettis Bridge where the historic March from Selma to Montgomery began and where the brutal events of Bloody Sunday took place. Experience another historic site of the Civil Rights Trail, the Brown Chapel AME Church before heading south through Mississippi to New Orleans, a city immersed in Creole culture. The city today is a unique blend of Spanish, French, Caribbean, African and Anglo-Saxon influences this is obvious in the food, architecture and of course, the music. Experience this melting pot aboard a Riverboat Dinner Cruise (optional) and enjoy the rhythms of a Dixieland jazz band.

Day 08**Day 08: New Orleans**

The day is yours to immerse yourself in the charm and excitement of one of America's most unique cities and for you to take in the French flavour & grandeur of New Orleans. May we suggest starting the day with a visit to a working plantation (optional). Explore the French Quarter with its trademark wrought iron balconies overlooking the narrow cobblestone streets.



Day 09**Day 09: New Orleans - Baton Rouge - Natchez**

This morning, we will travel to the capitol of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, and conduct a brief city tour. From there, we will travel via the historic Natchez Trace Parkway to Natchez. The parkway is a 444- mile drive through exceptional scenery and years of Native American and European history. Natchez is the oldest European settlement on the Mississippi River. Before the Civil War, wealthy plantation owners from Louisiana built magnificent Antebellum homes here because the area was considered safer from flooding. This afternoon, we will visit one of the homes and learn about the wealth of these 19th century millionaires.

Day 10**Day 10: Natchez - Mississippi River Valley - Memphis**

Leave Natchez and drive on to Memphis, home of 'Sun Records'. As a large river port, it was one of the most important links in the cotton trade before the Civil War. Memphis is also known as the "home of the blues." A brief city tour will take you to the city's liveliest street, Beale Street, where the blues and other types of music are played nightly in almost a dozen clubs. Travel along historic Front Street, known as Cotton Row in the days when cotton traders and merchants conducted business here. Of course, no visit to Memphis would be complete without a visit to Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley (optional).

Day 11**Day 11: Memphis - Nashville**

Continue on to Nashville, known as the capital of country music. The city earned its title with the very first airing of the WSM Barn Dance radio program, the forerunner of the Grand Ole Opry. The newly renovated Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville, once home of the Grand Ole Opry, the studios near Music Row, and Opryland itself attest to Nashville's reputation as the most important city in country music.

Day 12**Day 12: Nashville**

Begin your day in this dynamic and thriving cultural and state capital of Tennessee with a morning city tour. While exploring the city's landmarks, perhaps you'll discover a new country music classic before they even hit the charts while visiting one



of the many recording studios around town. Perhaps enjoy dinner and a show in the evening as a optional excursion.

Day 13**Day 13: Nashville - Chattanooga - Atlanta**

Leaving Music City, we head to Chattanooga, home to the famous Choo Choo and which has received national recognition for the renaissance of its beautiful downtown and redevelopment of its riverfront. In the afternoon, our trails lead us back to Atlanta where you may want to check out one of the sites you were not able to experience at the start of the tour like the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, and CNN Centre.

Day 14**Day 14: Atlanta Departure**

Morning at your leisure before departure. Your Tour Director will be available to assist you in arranging individual transfers to Atlanta International Airport or with sightseeing recommendation for the day should you want to enjoy this great city further. We hope you have had a memorable journey and look forward to you the opportunity to host your next visit to America.

Inclusions

- + 6 complimentary breakfasts*
- + Welcome reception and meeting of fellow travelers
- + Visit Stately Oaks Plantation and museum, the inspiration for "Tara" from Gone with the Wind.
- + Sightseeing tour of Atlanta including MLK's boyhood home and visitors' center.
- + Tour historic Charleston and see the iconic piazzas of the beautiful homes.
- + Travel to Beaufort, the filming site of the movie Forest Gump.
- + Trolley Tour the historic downtown district of Savannah.
- + Experience historic landmarks of the Civil Rights Trail in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama.
- + See New Orleans, home to jazz and beignets
- + See and visit a lavish Antebellum-styled Mansion in Natchez.
- + Sightseeing of Memphis: including the Lorraine Hotel, MLK assassination site, and Beale Street, home of the Blues.
- + Tour Nashville and go Honky Tonkin'
- + See the renowned Chattanooga Choo Choo.



Exclusions

International airfares

Optional activities

Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

Note

Hotels Used or Similar

Atlanta - Holiday Inn Express and Suites Atlanta Downtown*

Charleston - Cambria Hotel Charleston Riverview

Savannah - Best Western Savannah Historic District*

Montgomery - Courtyard Montgomery

New Orleans - Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Natchez - Hampton Inn & Suites Natchez*

Memphis - Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown

Nashville - The Inn at Opryland, A Gaylord

Hotel Atlanta - Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta Airport*

*Complimentary breakfast offered by a hotel may be discontinued at any time with or without notice.

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

ALL DEPARTURE DATES ARE GUARANTEED TO OPERATE.

EXPERIENCE MORE (OPTIONALS)

+ Tour and explore Boone Hall Plantation

+ Take a riverboat dinner cruise of Savannah

+ Traditional Steamboat Jazz Cruise on the

Mississippi River

+ Swamp tour in New Orleans

+ Explore Elvis Presley's magnificent Estate: Graceland

+ Tour Nashville's Country Hall of Fame and Studio B



Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

07 Sep, 2024

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AUD 4,557 P P twin share

AUD 6,476 P P single

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