



# Discover Southern Explorer - 13 Days (#15394)

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# **Overview**

Forests, swamps and bayous, combined with high mountain peaks, exciting Cajun-style cities and the laid-back relaxation of South Florida make this a very well-rounded tour.

# **Trip Highlights**

New York City - Washington D.C. - Roanoke - Gatlinburg - Nashville - Memphis - New Orleans - Pensacola - Orlando

# **Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01** 

Day 01: Arrive New York







Arrive in New York City and transfer independently to your hotel where you will meet with your Tour Director in the evening.

**Day 02** 

#### Day 2: New York City - Philadelphia - Washington, D.C.

Today our journey begins by leaving the city of Manhattan and travel to Washington, D.C. via Philadelphia, the birthplace of the nation, where you will stop to see Independence Mall and Liberty Bell.

**Day 03** 

#### Day 3: Washington, D.C.

Enjoy a city tour with such highlights as the U.S. Capitol Building, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, the F.B.I. Building, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the White House and Arlington National Cemetery, site of the JFK Memorial. Spend the remainder of the day exploring some of the many museums comprising the Smithsonian Institute or stroll the banks of the Potomac River.

**Day 04** 

#### Day 4: Washington, D.C. - Williamsburg - Roanoke

Depart this morning for Williamsburg, Virginia's colonial capital. Walk along the Duke of Gloucester Street to visit some of the impressive public buildings, colonial houses and the College of William and Mary (admissions not included).

**Day 05** 

#### Day 5: Roanoke - Blue Ridge Mountains - Great Smoky Mountains - Gatlinburg

Travel along portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway/Mountains before entering the breathtaking scenery of the Great Smoky Mountains and National Park, before arriving in Gatlinburg in the afternoon and explore some of the unique restaurants on main-street, during this evening leisure time.



**Day 06** 

#### Day 6: Gatlinburg - Nashville

Continue today through Knoxville, the state's third largest city before you arrive in the early afternoon in Music City USA, Nashville.

**Day 07** 

## Day 07: Nashville - Memphis

Travel across the countryside and arrive in Memphis, the city known for blues music, cotton and home of Sun Records. Take a city tour including Beale Street, the heart of the blues music scene. This afternoon, fans of "The King of Rock and Roll" have the opportunity to tour Graceland, former home of Elvis Presley (optional)

**Day 08** 

#### Day 8: Memphis - Jackson - New Orleans

Today's tour takes you to Mississippi, the Magnolia State. Pass through Jackson, the state capital, and continue to Louisiana and New Orleans, the home of the infamous Mardi Gras celebrations. Tonight, immerse yourself in Creole culture on board an authentic Mississippi Riverboat dinner cruise and enjoy the rhythms of a Dixieland jazz band (optional).

**Day 09** 

#### Day 09: New Orleans

A full day at leisure to take in the French flavor and grandeur of New Orleans. Explore the French Quarter with its trademark wrought iron balconies overlooking the narrow cobblestone streets. Stand atop one of the infamous New Orleans levees and gain the perspective of how these unique feats of architecture guard the city.

**Day 10** 

#### Day 10: New Orleans - Gulf Of Mexico - Pensacola

Travel along the Mississippi Gulf Coast through Mobile, AL to the city of Pensacola. Visit one of the top 10 rose gardens in America at the Bellingrath Home (admission included). While visiting Pensacola Beach, walk along side the swaying sea

oats, dipping your toes in the warm waters of the emerald green Gulf of Mexico.

#### **Day 11**

#### Day 11: Pensacola - Orlando

Travel along the Florida panhandle to Ocala, known for thoroughbred horse ranches. Continue through central Florida, heart of America's citrus industry, and on to Orlando for an evening arrival at your hotel.

## **Day 12**

## Day 12: Orlando

Day at leisure. Revitalize by the pool or visit one of Orlando's attractions: such as Disney World, Sea World, or Universal Studios (admissions not included).

#### **Day 13**

#### Day 13: Orlando - Kennedy Space Center Departure

Visit Kennedy Space Center, home of America's space program (admission included). Your tour ends here.

## **Inclusions**

- + 1 complimentary breakfast\*
- + Explore the birthplace of America in Philadelphia by seeing where it all started at Independence Hall and capturing a glimpse of the iconic Liberty Bell.
- + See the seats of power of the US Government with a grand city tour of Washington, D.C.
- + Stroll the National Mall witnessing its iconic Monuments Memorials.
- + Drive along picturesque byways crossing the Great Smoky Mountains.
- + Go Honky Tonkin' and enjoy American music during a tour of Nashville.
- + Take in more American music culture walking down Beale Street in Memphis, home of the Blues.
- + Get a hands-on taste of Southern charm of the American South at the Bellingrath Estate and he Bayou Boardwalk.
- + Dip your toes in the crystal clear and warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico in Pensacola.
- + Witness first hand the ingenuity of the American space program at the Kennedy Space Center.



# **Exclusions**

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

#### **Note**

Hotels Used OR Similar

New York - City Hyatt Grand Central

Washington D.C. - Washington Hilton

Roanoke - Holiday Inn Tanglewood

Gatlinburg - Edgewater Hotel and Conference Center Gatlinburg\*

Nashville - The Inn at Opryland, A Gaylord Hotel

Memphis - Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown

New Orleans - Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Pensacola - Courtyard by Marriott Pensacola

Orlando - Delta Hotels Orlando Celebration

Miami - Holiday Inn Miami Beach-Oceanfront

#### ALL DEPARTURE DATES ARE GUARANTEED TO OPERATE.

#### EXPERIENCE MORE (OPTIONALS) Rates available on request

- + Capture the stunning lit up landmarks of Washington, D.C. with a night tour.
- + How about a little bit more country at Nashville's Country Hall of Fame and experience music production first hand at Studio B.
- + Travel back in time by exploring Elvis Presley's eccentric estate, Graceland.
- + Immerse yourself in Southern history and hospitality at an Antebellum Estate and Plantation.







IMPORTANT NOTE: We have quoted rates for tour ending in Orlando for 13 Days/12 Nights. This tour can also end in Miami with an additional night stay 14 Days/13 Nights at a supplement cost. Rates available on request.

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.

# **Program Touring / Guide**

**Escorted Experience** 

# **Fixed Departure**

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