



Southern USA and New Orleans Spotlight

14 days / 13 nights

from \$5068.00* per person twin share

Explore the highlights of the south on this independent journey driving through Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Packed with history, glorious architecture, famous landmarks and friendly people to meet, it's no wonder the southern region of the United States holds so much appeal. Discover this charming corner of the US at your own pace.

Includes:

- 13 nights' 3-4 star accommodation
- 10 days' automatic compact car rental with GPS
- Sightseeing - refer to itinerary
- 1 lunch
- Airport transfer in New Orleans



Terms and Conditions: Prices are per person in Australian Dollars on a twin share basis and subject to availability and currency fluctuation. This is an independent itinerary with daily departures. Airfares are not included, seasonal surcharges and single supplements apply. Car hire is inclusive of all local taxes, fees and comprehensive insurance with zero excess. One way rental vehicle fee from Atlanta to New Orleans is not included in price and must be paid locally. Compulsory credit card fees apply. Costing based on low season departure in April 2020. Further terms and conditions apply, please discuss with your consultant.

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ITINERARY:

Day 1 ATLANTA

Upon arrival, collect your car and drive to your hotel in downtown Atlanta. If time permits, visit the World of Coca-Cola or the College Football Hall of Fame.

Day 2 ATLANTA

Spend the day exploring Atlanta from its place in the Civil Rights movement to the iconic attractions of today. Drive to the birthplace of Dr Martin Luther King Jr., see the Ebenezer Baptist Church where three generations of the King family preached and Dr King's burial site. This afternoon visit the headquarters of CNN and go Inside the CNN Studio to watch behind-the-scenes action of the newsroom.

Day 3 ATLANTA - SAVANNAH

This morning, depart for historic Savannah. The Historic District of Savannah is the largest registered urban National Historic Landmark district in the United States and its charm can be found in its 21 squares, filled with statues, fountains, and lush vegetation. Upon arrival, explore Savannah and learn about its Civil War history and important buildings spanning three centuries worth of architectural styles.

Day 4 SAVANNAH - CHARLESTON

346-year-old Charleston oozes Southern charm. From its cobble stone streets and rainbow coloured colonial homes to landmarks that pay homage to historic battles, the city has an abundance of fascinating sites. Travel through moss-draped, tree-lined roads to Boone Hall Plantation, one of America's oldest living and working plantations.

Day 5 CHARLESTON - ASHEVILLE

Asheville, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, boasts diverse outdoor adventures, a vibrant downtown and numerous historic and architectural attractions such as Biltmore, the largest home in the United States.

Day 6 ASHEVILLE

Scenic drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway are a must while in Asheville. See such sites as Grandfather Mountain. Towering above Northwest North Carolina, Grandfather Mountain is the region's premier and most ecologically diverse nature preserve.

Day 7 ASHEVILLE - NASHVILLE

Upon arrival in Nashville, explore the city to see such sites as the Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry and visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Rhinestone costumes, seasoned instruments and tear-stained lyric sheets are only the beginning. You will also visit Historic RCA Studio B - where Elvis and others recorded over 35,000 songs. This evening, at your leisure, enjoy the area between Broadway and 2nd Avenue, filled with entertainment venues, and nightclubs, known locally as "honky tonks".

Day 8 NASHVILLE - MEMPHIS

Memphis, the roots of Blues, Country and Gospel music formed in the 1930s. Visit The Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum and learn about Sun Studio and Memphis' musical heyday in the 70's. No trip to Memphis is complete without a visit to Graceland, home of Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Learn of life from humble beginnings through to his rise to superstardom. Tonight, spend time on Beale Street, the melting pot of delta blues, jazz, rock-n-roll, R&B, and gospel.

Day 9 MEMPHIS - JACKSON - VICKSBURG

Jackson is a treasure trove of African- American and Civil Rights history. Upon arrival, follow the Civil Rights Driving Route featuring sites such as Freedom Corner and explore the Farish Street Historical District. This evening will be spent in Vicksburg.

Day 10 VVICKSBURG - NEW ORLEANS

Explore the unique charm of 'The Big Easy'. With a spooky history and unique, ornate tombs, Lafayette Cemetery is a popular location for movies shot in New Orleans. The famous French Quarter neighbourhood is filled with nightclubs and bars; it is a great place to spend the evening.

Day 11 NEW ORLEANS

Return the rental vehicle before your afternoon walking excursion of the French Quarter, America's oldest and most unique living neighbourhood.

Day 12 NEW ORLEANS

Native guides will reveal the mysteries of the swamps and bayous and the Cajun 'joie de vivre' as you observe the nesting grounds of alligators, egrets, raccoons and snakes.

Day 13 NEW ORLEANS

Discover the fun, food and folklore at the New Orleans School of Cooking with a demonstration lesson and authentic New Orleans meal. (L)

Day 14 DEPART NEW ORLEANS

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