

magnificent work in progress where time just stopped and stood still. Our travels will take us on the beautiful Natchez Trace Parkway once a pre-civil war route which brought goods from the Mississippi River to Nashville. After lunch, we will see exhibits and artifacts from the siege of Vicksburg, plus a film recounting this campaign when we tour the Civil War Battlefield. Our overnight accommodations will be in Vicksburg.



Wednesday, March 20 Memphis, TN

Off to the music city of Memphis where we will have a tour of the largest entertainment complex of its kind – Graceland.

“Elvis Presley’s Memphis” enables music fans and pop culture enthusiasts to follow the life history of Elvis. Fully immerse yourselves in his life and career like never before - his roots, his influences, and his artistry.

At 5:00 PM, we will witness the world famous “Walk of the Ducks” at the Peabody Hotel, downtown Memphis. We will overnight at the Comfort Inn, located downtown Memphis.

Thursday, March 21 Hannibal, MO

Our travels continue northward to St. Louis. We will tour the magnificent Gateway Arch. This inverted catenary of gleaming stainless steel soars 630 feet above the Missouri River. It commemorates what was the gateway to the West for thousands of 9th-century pioneers. The arch stands 75-feet higher than the Washington Monument and incorporates 900 tons of stainless steel. A short film of the construction and the settlers of the West will be viewed before the journey to the top, via tram, for the views from the observation decks. Late this afternoon, we will travel to the historic city of Hannibal. This evening enjoy a cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat. Our two-hour



river cruise will include dinner & dancing for our last evening together. Tonight’s overnight stay will be in Hannibal, Missouri



Friday, March 22 Home

After breakfast, we’ll depart Hannibal with new friendships and fond memories, as our “Way Down Yonder” trip comes to a close. Relive your exciting days through memories, photos and all that Jazz!

Tentative pick-up locations for this tour:

**New Ulm, New Prague, Hutchinson,
Mankato & Owatonna**

*Finalized route & pick-up locations determined by
Wendinger Travel at time of invoicing.*



Your Trip Includes:

- Twelve days deluxe motor coach transportation
- Eleven nights accommodations based on two in a room
- Admissions: Gateway Arch, St. Louis, Graceland, Vicksburg Battlefield Tour, Longwood Mansion Tour, WWII Museum, Cajun Man’s Swamp Cruise, Tabasco Sauce Factory Tour, East Oil Museum, JFK Sixth Floor Museum, Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, New Orleans Jazz Dinner Cruise & the Mark Twain dinner cruise in Hannibal, MO.
- Dinner at a Antebellum Home in Natchez, MS
- Breakfast each morning (continental or buffet)
- Step-on-guide in New Orleans and Vicksburg
- Baggage handling of one suitcase per person
- Fully Escorted

Wendinger Travel recommends trip insurance to protect you and your investment. Our trusted partner, Travel Insured International, offers a variety of protection plans for your convenience.

General Information:

Tour Price: **\$3,149** per person based on two persons sharing a double room. Single accommodations are **\$1,252.00** additional charge.

Deposit and Payments:

A deposit of **\$400.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due January 5, 2024. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.5 % processing fee will be added.

Responsibility:

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Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be made up to 60 days prior to departure. Between 30-59 days prior 50% of the tour price will be refunded. 29 days before departure date no refund will be given.

Wendinger Travel presents
Way Down Yonder to

**the Beat of
New Orleans**

Including:

- *Oklahoma City
- * Dallas, Texas
- * Battlefield at Vicksburg
- * Graceland



March 11 - 22, 2024

\$3,149 per person

Itinerary

Monday, March 11

Emporia, KS

A grand old time is planned as we begin our journey to "Way Down Yonder", traveling by way of deluxe motor coach with a luncheon stop in Iowa. As we continue our travels south, we make our way to the City of Emporia, Kansas for our overnight stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Tuesday, March 12

Oklahoma City, OK

This morning, we will have a morning drive to the city of Hutchinson, Kansas, for a tour at the Strataca Underground Salt Mine. Travel 650 feet underground into an active salt mine! Experience a cool and soothing subterranean world formed by salt deposits in the Permian Sea long ago. See the



raw mine as it was left more than 50 years ago on the Salt Mine Express train ride and catch a guided tour on a tram to the Dark Ride. You won't want to miss a special gallery filled with authentic movie costumes and memorabilia. For lunch you will be treated to a family-style luncheon with all the home cooked fixins, topped off with your choice of pie. Our evening stay will be at the Sheraton downtown in the Bricktown area - a lively entertainment district complete with restaurants, shops, and access to the Bricktown Canal. The hotel is only steps away from the Myriad Botanical Gardens for an evening stroll.

Wednesday, March 13

Dallas, TX



This morning, our day begins at the National Memorial and Museum in remembrance of the victims, survivors and rescuers of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing which occurred on April 19, 1995. Each of 168 lives lost is represented by a chair made of bronze, stone and glass. The museum's galleries serve as a timeline of that event, beginning with that morning. The audiotope provides sounds of the explosion, panic and confusion of the

day's events. As we depart Oklahoma City, we will have a photo stop of the Capitol before our travels south to downtown Dallas to the site where JFK was assassinated and visit the Sixth Floor Museum located in the former Texas School Book Depository where that tragic day is documented. Tonight, our accommodations will be in the Dallas vicinity.



Thursday, March 14

Lafayette, LA

Today, we will continue to travel across Texas! It is 800 miles wide and nearly that far north to south, consisting of a sunny seacoast to mile-high mounts, dense forests to cactus-studded deserts, and exciting cities. Step back time while touring the East Oil Museum in Kilgore, TX. This fascinating museum houses the authentic recreation of oil discovery and production in the early 1930s from the largest oil field inside U.S. boundaries. The museum houses a full-scale town of stores, people, animals, and machinery depicting the lively activity

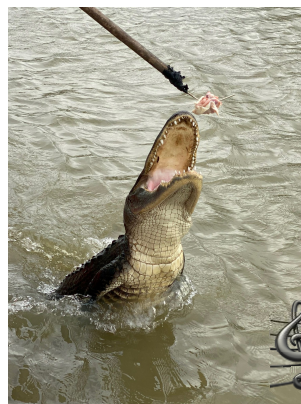


of a town booming in oil. After lunch, we will make our way to our overnight stay at the Drury Inn & Suites of Lafayette, LA; arriving in time for their "5:30 Kickback", offering complimentary hot food and cold beverages.

Friday, March 15

New Orleans, LA

Have you ever wondered "how is hot sauce made?" We'll travel to Avery Island to show you how they make the famous TABASCO® Pepper Sauce from seed to sauce. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about McIlhenny Company, its family, and the history of the TABASCO® Brand. After lunch, you can relax while enjoying the Cajun Man's Swamp Cruise. Located quietly inside the most beautiful



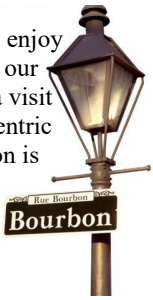
swamps and bayous with Spanish moss Louisiana has to offer. Late this afternoon, we will arrive in the heart of the French Quarter for our 3-night stay located right on Bourbon Street at the Four Points by Sheraton. Tonight, savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline aboard the Dinner Jazz Cruise. The Riverboat CITY of NEW ORLEANS decks, engine room, and bars will be open for your enjoyment, including the cruise, buffet dinner, and jazz entertainment.



Saturday, March 16

New Orleans, LA

After breakfast, with our step-on guide you will enjoy the best of what the city has to offer throughout our morning city tour. Our adventure will include a visit to one of the many historic cemeteries with eccentric tomb designs and unique artwork. The afternoon is yours to explore the French Quarter, including visiting Cafe du Monde for their scrumptious Beignets, a walk through Jackson Square to the many restaurants and pubs that serve the local flavor.



Sunday, March 17

New Orleans, LA

Today, we will visit the National World War II Museum and listen to the story of the American Experience in the war that changed the world; why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today. All generations will have a better understanding of the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. This afternoon you could take a horse drawn carriage ride, enjoy some shopping in the French Market before gearing up to celebrate St. Patrick's Day "New Orleans's Style", where the party never ends.



Monday, March 18

Natchez, MS

Before we depart New Orleans, we will visit the most unique attraction in America's most uniquely attractive city. It's always Carnival Time at Mardi Gras World, where you can see float makers at work, try on costumes, discover fascinating history - even sample king cake! As we travel north we will be



driving over the scenic 24-mile Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, which was affected by Hurricane Katrina. Our afternoon travels will take us north to Natchez. After settling into our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express, we will enjoy an included meal in a historic Antebellum home in Natchez, MS

Tuesday, March 19

Vicksburg, MS

We will be joined by a step-on guide as we tour Natchez and visit the grandest octagonal house in America, the Longwood Mansion, a six-story, 30,000 square foot Antebellum Home. This wonder epitomizes the rise and fall of the south, depicting a