

## General Information:

**Tour Price:** \$2,898 per person based on two persons sharing a double room. Single accommodations are \$1,005 additional charge.

### Deposit and Payment:

A deposit of **\$300.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due **January 13, 2026**. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.3% processing fee will be added.

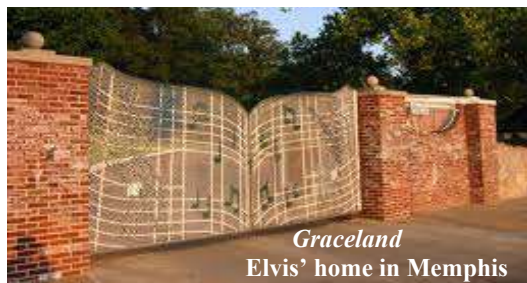
**Pick Up Locations:** The route is based on where the travelers are from, with pick up locations usually in Hutchinson, New Ulm, and New Prague.

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**Cancellation policy:** Your deposit is fully refundable up until 60 days before departure date. No refund will be given within 60 days before departure date.



*New Orleans Beignets*



### Your Trip Includes:

- Eleven days deluxe motor coach transportation
- Ten 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, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Hutchinson Underground Salt Mine
- Dinner in Natchez, MS
- Breakfast each morning (continental or buffet)
- Step-on-guide in New Orleans
- Cajun Dinner in Louisiana
- 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.*



**COMPLETE the *Wendinger Travel Reservation Form*, fill in name of this tour, the dates and the deposit amount, indicate your pick up point, and mail along with a check made out to Wendinger Travel to ensure your spot on this tour.**

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Wendinger Travel presents  
**Way Down Yonder to**

**the Beat of  
New Orleans**

Including:

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



**March 13 - 23, 2026**

**\$2,898 per person**



# Itinerary

## Friday, March 13

## St. Peters, MO

A grand old time is planned as we begin our journey to "Way Down Yonder", traveling by way of deluxe motor coach with an included buffet lunch in Iowa. After lunch, we'll continue through the state of Missouri for our overnight stay at the Drury Inn & Suites of St. Peters, MO; arriving in time for their "5:30 Kickback (KB)", offering complimentary hot food and cold beverages. (L, KB)

## Saturday, March 14

## Memphis, TN

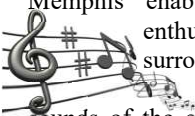
Today, we will tour the magnificent Gateway Arch. This inverted catenary of gleaming stainless steel soars 630 feet above the site of Pierre de Laclede's house and trading post. It commemorates what was the gateway to the West for thousands of 19th-century pioneers. The arch stands 75 feet higher than 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. After lunch, we will continue our travels south to Tennessee. At 5:00 PM, we would like to be present at the Peabody Hotel, in downtown Memphis for the world famous "Walk of the Ducks". Our evening stay will be in South Memphis at a Drury Inn & Suites once again enjoying their "5:30 Kickback". (B, KB)



## Sunday, March 15

## Vicksburg, MS

This morning, we will have a tour of the largest entertainment complex of its kind -- expanding larger than Graceland's previous visitor center. "Elvis Presley's Memphis" enables music fans and pop culture enthusiasts to follow the path that Elvis took, surrounding themselves with the things that he loved and experiencing the sights and sounds of the city that inspired him. Fully immerse yourselves in his life and career like never before - his roots, his influences, and his artistry. After lunch, we will continue south for our evening stay in Vicksburg. (B)



## Monday, March 16

## Natchez, MS

Today, we will see life-size exhibits and artifacts from the siege of Vicksburg, plus a film recounting this campaign when we tour the Civil War Battlefield. We'll enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel of Vicksburg. Our afternoon 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. Upon arrival in Natchez, we will tour the grandest octagonal house in America -- the six-story, 30,000 square foot Longwood Mansion. This wonder epitomizes the rise and fall of the south, depicting a magnificent work in progress where time just stopped and stood still. This evening, we'll enjoy an included meal in Natchez. (B, D)

## Tuesday, March 17

## New Orleans, LA

We'll travel this morning to the city of New Orleans, driving over the scenic 24-mile Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, which was affected by Hurricane Katrina. 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. Heading to our hotel, excitement mounts and we find ourselves on Bourbon Street where the party never ends, construction crews spend their paychecks like sailors on shore leave, and traditional Jazz invites us to enjoy the sights and sounds, and we may get a glimpse of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Bourbon Street. Our stay for the next two nights is at the Four Points by Sheraton, located in the heart of the French Quarter. (B)



## Wednesday, March 18

## New Orleans, LA

After breakfast, a step-on guide will join us for a city tour of New Orleans. Upon arrival back at our hotel, the remainder of the day is yours! Find time to try one of New Orleans legendary beignets in Jackson square. Bourbon Street beckons us for shopping, dinner, and the flavor of New Orleans night life. (B)



## Thursday, March 19

## Lafayette, LA

As we depart the French Quarter this morning, we continue the "Big Easy" and can relax while enjoying the sights and sounds of the Cajun Man's Swamp Cruise. After lunch, the Tabasco Sauce Factory "spices" up our tour before we travel to are overnight stay at the Drury Inn & Suites of Lafayette, LA. This evening, we are treated to a Cajun-style dinner with traditions of music, good food and good times. Fresh seafood is prepared according to the Chef's original recipes and Cajun music soothes the soul while we dine. (B, KB, D)

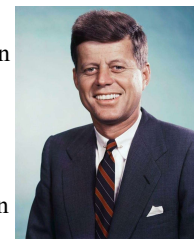
## Friday, March 20

## Dallas, TX

Today, we enter the booming state of 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 in time while touring the East Oil Museum in Kilgore, TX.

After lunch, we'll make our way to downtown Dallas to the site where John F. Kennedy 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. (B)



## Saturday, March 21

## Oklahoma City, OK

This morning, our motor coach will be heading north to Oklahoma City. We will have a photo stop of the Capitol Building before visiting the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum to explore the West. This afternoon, we will visit 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 audiotape provides sounds of the



explosion, panic and confusion of the day's events. Our evening stay will be at the Courtyard by Marriott 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. (B)

## Sunday, March 22

## Kansas City, KS

Our morning drive takes us through vast farming regions before reaching the city of Hutchinson, KS, where we will have a tour of the Underground Salt Museum. The Salt Mine is the only one of its kind in the western hemisphere, and we'll explore the story of salt in a subterranean environment few have seen before. The majority of the exhibits will take place 650 feet underground within a working salt mine. Our luncheon stop will be in Yoder, KS, an Amish community, for an included Amish meal at the Carriage Crossing Restaurant. Our final evening together will be in Kansas City, at the Drury Inn & Suites in the Kansas City vicinity; once again enjoying their "5:30 Kickback". (B, L, KB)

## Monday, March 23

## Home

After breakfast, we'll depart Kansas City 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! (B)

*Included meals are noted as*

*(B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, KB-Kickback and D-Dinner)*