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Explore the History of the Blues with the FF of Memphis

June 10-17, 2025

Journey #25243

Cost: \$775 (plus meals)

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1-Tuesday (Homestay)

Ambassadors arrive

Welcome party (with blues musician[s])

Day 2-Wednesday (Homestay)

Presentation on history of the blues (at historic Elmwood cemetery)

City tour with Mojo Music Tours

Tour Sun Studio

Dinner (on own) at Itta Bena restaurant

Night out on Beale Street (with special recognition at BB King's club)

Day 3-Thursday (Hotel stay)

Depart Memphis

Visit Gateway to the Blues museum (Tunica, Mississippi)

Arrive Clarksdale, Mississippi

Visit "crossroads" where bluesman Robert Johnson purportedly sold his soul to the devil

Tamale lunch at Abe's Barbeque

Overnight at the historic Clark House (Clarksdale, MS)

Reception with local history expert

Day 4-Friday (Hotel stay)

Visit Hopson plantation for history lesson (Clarksdale, MS)

Tour Delta Blues Museum/blues guitar lesson (Clarksdale, MS)

Dinner/blues music at Ground Zero owned by Morgan Freeman (Clarksdale, MS)

Overnight at the historic Clark House (Clarksdale, MS)

Day 5-Saturday (Homestay)

Tour B.B. King museum (Indianola, Mississippi)

Tour Highway 61 Blues Museum (Leland, Mississippi)

Return to Memphis via Holly Springs, MS

Blues music by Grammy award winner Cedric Burnside (Holly Springs, MS)

Arrive Memphis



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Day 6-Sunday (Homestay)

Attend African American church for gospel roots of the blues (Memphis, TN)
Tour Rock 'n' Soul Museum (Memphis, TN)
Tour Graceland (Memphis, TN)
Hands-on lesson on writing blues music
Supper/tour at historic Ernestine and Hazel's (Memphis, TN)

Day 7-Monday (Homestay)

Tour National Rights Museum (Memphis, TN)
Visit Blues Hall of Fame (Memphis, TN)
Farewell party

Day 8-Tuesday

Ambassadors depart

Note: Much of the journey will follow the "Blues Trail" through Memphis and the Mid-South area. Stops will be made at key sites.

Cost of \$775 includes:

- 5 nights of home hosting
- two-night's lodging in Clarksdale, MS
- transportation
- Entrance fees to sights listed on itinerary
- Host club fees
- FFI fees

Cost does not include:

- Transportation to Memphis
- Most meals, estimated to cost an additional \$200
- travel insurance