

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

24-DAY MOTORCOACH or join group along the way for a 17-DAY FLY OPTION

If you haven't seen the "Deep South", you've been missing something very special!

Experience a Grand Circle Tour that journeys south through ten American states and features Texas, Louisiana and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Cities highlighted include Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston, Lafayette, New Orleans and Memphis. Re-live the grandeur and experience the unique attractions of "The Old South".

DEPARTURE: Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m., Lethbridge 2:30 p.m., Medicine Hat 4:45 p.m.

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- 1 **EDMONTON to CALGARY to SWIFT CURRENT:** *Sunday.* Your *Journey to the Heartland of America* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travelling companions enroute. A stop is made in Medicine Hat before crossing the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and arriving in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Join your fellow passengers for an informal WELCOME RECEPTION.
- 1 2 **SWIFT CURRENT to MINOT:** *Monday.* Saskatchewan passengers join the tour as you travel through Moose Jaw, Regina, Weyburn and Estevan before crossing the international boundary. Continue south through North Dakota to Minot.
- 2 3 **MINOT to WATERTOWN:** *Tuesday.* Travel to Fargo, enter South Dakota and overnight in Watertown.
- 3 4 **WATERTOWN to KANSAS CITY:** *Wednesday.* Follow the picturesque Missouri River along the western border of Iowa to Kansas City, Missouri, home of Hallmark, the world's largest greeting card manufacturer. **FLY PASSENGERS** arrive at Kansas City.
- 4 5 **KANSAS CITY to OKLAHOMA CITY:** *Thursday.* **FLY PASSENGERS** join the group. Travel through Kansas and part of Oklahoma on your way to Oklahoma City for overnight.
- 5 6 **OKLAHOMA CITY to FORT WORTH:** (2 nights) *Friday.* This morning we travel into Texas, the Lonestar State. Arrive in the dynamic Dallas/Fort Worth area known for millionaires and urban cowboys. This afternoon stroll through the national historic district of the FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS. Discover the mystique of cattle drives, the early days of cowboys, livestock and meat packing industries.
- 6 7 **FORT WORTH:** *Saturday.* Get ready to saddle up for a full morning exploring Dallas with your LOCAL GUIDE. You'll visit the outstanding John F. Kennedy Memorial exhibit, "THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM". Later this afternoon, we travel a short distance back to our Fort Worth hotel. You may want to return to the excitement of the stockyards on your own this evening.
- 7 8 **FORT WORTH to SAN ANTONIO:** (2 nights) *Sunday.* Leave the skyscrapers of Dallas behind and travel to San Antonio, a city which expresses the soul of Texas.



Oak Alley Plantation.

- 8 9 **SAN ANTONIO:** *Monday.* Enjoy a GUIDED TOUR of one of America's most unique cities. Some options for the afternoon: shop at the Mexican market, visit the Alamo and perhaps view the Imax film presentation of the famous battle. Balance of the day is free to explore the Riverwalk, San Antonio's shopping and entertainment center.



San Antonio, Texas Riverwalk.

9 10 **SAN ANTONIO to CORPUS CHRISTI:** (2 nights) *Tuesday*. On to beautiful Corpus Christi, located on the Gulf of Mexico, for two nights. You will see lots of crab boats here as crabbing is a major industry. The afternoon features a self-guided tour of the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. LEXINGTON, reported sunk no less than four times by the Japanese.

10 11 **CORPUS CHRISTI:** *Wednesday*. Enjoy an AREA TOUR of Corpus Christi, where every day is a tropical fiesta with over 130 miles of beaches. Balance of the day is free to enjoy the sub-tropical coastal climate.

11 12 **CORPUS CHRISTI to HOUSTON:** *Thursday*. Today travel to Houston, the fourth largest city in the U.S.A. and the center for space exploration, often referred to as "the closest thing to space on earth". Visit MISSION CONTROL CENTER at Johnson Space Center.

12 13 **HOUSTON to LAFAYETTE:** (2 nights) *Friday*. Welcome to Louisiana, a land of churning paddlewheelers, simmering gumbos and mysterious swamps. Travel to Lafayette, the heart of Cajun Country and the town immortalized in Longfellow's epic poem, "Evangeline". Explore VERMILIONVILLE, a Cajun-Creole Heritage Park. Celebrating the proud traditions and rich heritage of the Acadian Settlers of the 18th century, Vermilionville features 23 beautiful acres showcasing carefully crafted period homes that reflect historic Acadian/Creole life. Costumed craftspeople, interpreters and living historians are visible throughout the park, providing vivid demonstrations of art and skills that have been preserved and handed down from previous generations.

13 14 **LAFAYETTE:** *Saturday*. Join your travelling companions on a sightseeing boat for an adventurous SWAMP TOUR through moss-draped trees. Your guide will take you into the interior of one of America's greatest river swamps pointing out the local indigenous plants and wildlife.

14 15 **LAFAYETTE to NEW ORLEANS:** (2 nights) *Sunday*. Travel through the state capital, Baton Rouge, and visit beautiful OAK ALLEY PLANTATION. Enjoy the delightful experience of a CAJUN BUFFET. Arrive in New Orleans, the birthplace of Dixieland Jazz.



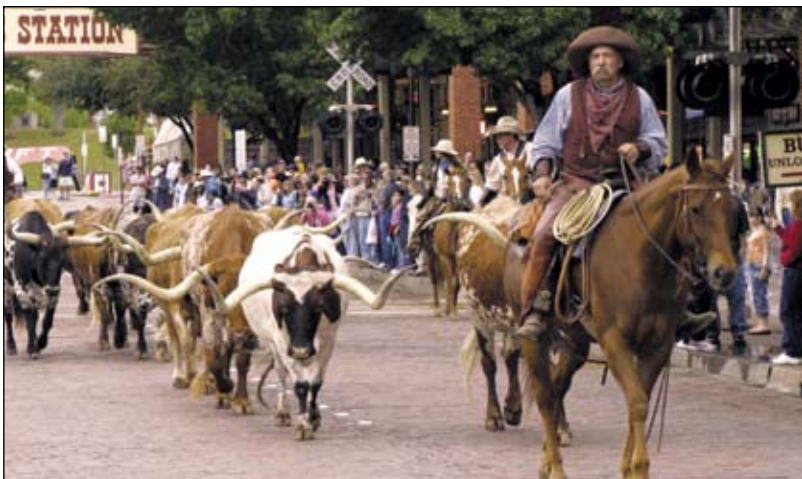
Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota.

15 16 **NEW ORLEANS:** *Monday*. A CITY TOUR details the landmarks, legends and architecture that made the "Crescent City" famous. In the afternoon enjoy a NARRATED CRUISE on the Sternwheeler Steamboat Natchez. You will have an opportunity to explore the charm of the French Quarter's narrow streets, quaint courtyards and sidewalk cafes.

16 17 **NEW ORLEANS to MEMPHIS:** (Two nights) *Tuesday*. Depart from the "Jazz Capital of the World" and continue to Memphis, Tennessee, home of Graceland and "the Blues".

17 18 **MEMPHIS:** *Wednesday*. Enjoy a GUIDED CITY TOUR that includes downtown Memphis, the Mississippi River, Cotton Row and a stop at the world-famous PEABODY HOTEL for the DUCK MARCH. The highlight of this day is a visit to GRACELAND MANSION, which includes a digital audio guide, narrated by Elvis' daughter, Lisa Marie.

18 19 **MEMPHIS to KANSAS CITY:** *Thursday*. Depart Tennessee and head north to Kansas City, Missouri, home of Hallmark the world's largest greeting card manufacturer.



Fort Worth Stockyards cattle drive.

19 20 **KANSAS CITY to MITCHELL:** *Friday*. **FLY PASSENGERS** depart from Kansas City. Continue your travels northward into South Dakota to Sioux Falls and then west to Mitchell, home of the CORN PALACE, for overnight.

20 21 **MITCHELL to HILL CITY:** *Saturday*. After a stop at the unique WALL DRUGS visit two of the world's greatest mountain carvings. MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL depicts four presidents' faces and is the world's largest mountain carving. It was sculpted from the granite of the Black Hills from 1929 to 1941. You will be inspired by this Shrine of Democracy, as you learn the story of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor who made it possible. Then visit CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL, an ongoing sculpture being carved in tribute to the North American Indian. Overnight in Hill City in the heart of the BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST.

21 22 **HILL CITY to BELFIELD:** *Sunday*. Make a morning stop at DEADWOOD, South Dakota, made famous by Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. This town is very reminiscent of the wild frontier and mining days. Enter North Dakota and continue your travels to Belfield, located on the edge of THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK, for overnight. Join your travelling companions this evening for a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

22 23 **BELFIELD to SWIFT CURRENT:** *Monday*. Depart Belfield and travel northward to re-enter Canada. Arrive at Swift Current for overnight.

24 **SWIFT CURRENT to CALGARY to EDMONTON:** *Tuesday*. Today is "Going Home" day with many memories of your travels through ten American states and two Canadian provinces.

DEPARTURE DATES 2013

Alberta 24 Days: ★February 24 **Saskatchewan** 22 Days: ★February 25
★Preferred date

17-day fly option. Leave from any city. Join the group in Kansas City.
Air ticketing is not advised until tour is guaranteed.

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS

	+G.S.T.		+G.S.T.
Quad:	\$2,639.00	Quad:	\$2,449.00
Triple:	\$2,899.00	Triple:	\$2,689.00
Twin:	\$3,369.00	Twin:	\$3,129.00
Single:	\$4,779.00	Single:	\$4,439.00
	\$12.57		N/A
	\$13.81		N/A
	\$16.05		N/A
	\$22.77		N/A

+GST ON CANADIAN PORTION

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: twin sharing per person.

Alberta \$67.00 pp

Saskatchewan \$63.00 pp

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodations and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admissions for all attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Reception •Fort Worth Stockyards •Guided tour of Dallas •The Sixth Floor Museum •Guided tour of San Antonio •U.S.S. Lexington Tour •Guided Tour of Corpus Christi •Mission Control Center •Vermilionville •Swamp Tour •Oak Alley Plantation •Cajun Buffet •Guided tour of New Orleans •Narrated Cruise •Guided tour of Memphis •Peabody Hotel •The Duck March •Graceland Mansion •Corn Palace •Wall Drugs •Mount Rushmore National Memorial •Crazy Horse Memorial •Black Hills National Forest •Deadwood •Theodore Roosevelt National Park •Meals Include: Continental Breakfasts: Alberta – 13, Saskatchewan – 11; Cajun Buffet and Farewell Dinner.