

America's Music Cities

featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

Highlights...

French Quarter • Jazz Revue • Grammy Museum • Graceland • Civil Rights Tour • Ryman Auditorium • Grand Ole Opry Show • Country Music Hall of Fame • Historic RCA Studio B • Choice on Tour: Goo Goo Cluster Candy or Johnny Cash Museum



8 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 3 Dinners

Collette experiences

- Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of Memphis tracing its ties to the Civil Rights Movement.
- Tour the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio.
- Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."

Must-see inclusions

- Discover historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry.
- Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world.

Culinary inclusions

- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavors, and sounds of New Orleans on your own today before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: New Orleans

Explore the many sides of New Orleans and how jazz began and thrives here. Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and Esplanade. Then, it's on to a walking tour of the French Quarter viewing St. Louis Cathedral, Pirates Alley and more. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a New Orleans-style dinner before continuing on to Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 3: New Orleans - Oxford, Mississippi

Leave New Orleans on a high note and head to the next music landmark. Explore the history of one of the world's most prestigious awards in music at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Later, arrive in the charming college town of Oxford for a laid-back evening. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Oxford - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel before jiving along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis's 14-acre estate, including his home, private jets, and Meditation Garden. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Memphis

This morning, embark on a civil rights history tour via coach and follow the route of Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Take time to explore the National Civil Rights Museum and grab lunch on your own. Later, get acquainted with the musical history of Memphis with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world before continuing on to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, highlighting the musical journey of this popular city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville – the "Music Capital of the World." Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry. *** Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! After one more lunch together, it's **your choice!** Join a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop - OR- visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash, a "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" honoree and the biographical inspiration for the blockbuster film, *Walk the Line*. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

The "Mother Church of Country Music," the "Carnegie Hall of the South," the "Soul of Nashville"...welcome to Ryman Auditorium, a 2,000-plus seat venue in the heart of Nashville with a history as deep as country roots. Named for its founder, a wealthy riverboat owner, the Ryman first opened its doors in 1892 as the Union Gospel Tabernacle, but what many folks don't know is that the Ryman was the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. In fact, the Opry's formative years were spent on Ryman's stage, having featured the debuts of music titans Earl Scruggs and Hank Williams, and hosting the very first meeting between Johnny Cash and June Carter. Even Patsy Cline became a member of the Opry at the Ryman in 1960. And while the Grand Ole Opry has lived at a new venue since the seventies, the Ryman remains a vital music venue on the Nashville circuit, and is a designated National Historic Landmark thanks to its pivotal role in the popularization of country music. See it for yourself when country music comes to life in the Ryman's exhibit, "The Soul of Nashville," and let the Mother Church move you!

Your itinerary at a glance

Days 1, 2	Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA or The Royal Sonesta, New Orleans, LA
Day 3	Courtyard by Marriott, Oxford, MS
Days 4, 5	The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN
Days 6, 7	Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. During the one-hour walking tour of New Orleans' French Quarter, you will need to walk over uneven, bumpy sidewalks. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There will be no portage service at your hotel in Oxford, so luggage will need to be managed independently in and out of the hotel. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we **include** roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your **own air**, we are pleased to provide you the option of **purchasing** these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

*On some dates, the old Ryman Auditorium may be closed for special events.

**The Grand Ole Opry may move to the Ryman Auditorium during the months of November and December and throughout the year during special events.

Your hotel in Oxford, Mississippi does not have portage service so you will need to manage your luggage to and from your room.

Optional Hotel Upgrade Available

May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 \$110.00 per person, double, land only

During your stay in the Nashville, you may choose to enjoy views of one of the Gaylord Opryland Resort's beautiful atrium by upgrading your accommodations to a superior room. Please inquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

Important reservation information:

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; a cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the traveling client will be charged the full portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a

need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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