NASHVILLE/MEMPHIS and POINTS along the way

Take a “ROADTRIP” to visit some of the most interesting and UNUSUAL sites that the South Eastern states have to offer! You’ll have stops in Louisville, Nashville, Memphis and points along the way. This trip is all about the “RHYTHM”: Rhythm of the Horses as they run in the hills of a retirement farm; the Rhythm of the Engines at the Corvette Museum, and the custom airplanes that you’ll see; the Rhythm of the musicians and entertainers whose homes you’ll visit; The Rhythm of the behind the scenes people at the studios you will tour; The Rhythm of the chatter of the restaurants and musicians performing... All these Rhythm’s will have your heart purring upon your return!

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR CUSTOMIZED TOUR COULD INCLUDE:

NASHVILLE 2 NIGHTS: Stay at Gaylord Opryland

Private recording studio tour at BOLD Studio  75 minutes
Experience the REAL Nashville with NBC’s the Voice Runner Up & #1 Billboard Recording Artist MEGHAN LINSEY and award winning producer Tyler Cain. You will feel the heartbeat of Music City when you step into the doors of BOLD Studio for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Enjoy a 75 minute, intimate acoustic concert, full of behind the scenes stories with a triple CMA and ACM nominated artist, and find out why Rolling Stone Magazine compares her to the likes of Janis Joplin and Amy Winehouse.

This really is a true Nashville experience. Far from the commercial honky tonks, Tyler and Meghan put on a personal show for their guests that comes right from their hearts. They play their own creations and a few covers, and tell stories all along the way. It gives you a glimpse into the creative process that goes into songwriting, producing and mixing upcoming HITS. EVERY-ONE will take home a CD that they can get autographed.

The Musicians Hall of Fame is a premiere Nashville attraction and the one and only museum in the world that honors the talented musicians who actually played on the greatest recordings of all time. The museum is divided into cities that have a history of recorded music. Cities like Detroit, Nashville, Muscle Shoals, L.A, Memphis and N.Y. All of these places had musicians who were there when the recording industry was evolving and were able to play whatever was needed of them regardless of style.

Johnny Cash Sightseeing Tour. Your Tour Guide will meet you and take you to many of the locations the “man in black” held near and dear, including his Hendersonville, TN Homesite. We will also visit Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash’s, gravesites.

Following our time in Hendersonville, we will travel to the small rural town of Bon Aqua, TN to visit Johnny Cash’s Hideaway Farm and Storytellers Museum.

Here, your tour begins at the Storytellers Museum, where you will see rare video footage of the property’s history and its importance to Johnny Cash.

Then, you will be treated to a live performance by house musicians, such as Mark Alan Cash (Johnny’s nephew), David Langley and Rachel Dawson. Also, enjoy memorabilia from Johnny Cash, Minnie Pearl and the “one piece of a time car.”

Next, your group travels one mile down the road to The Hideaway Farm, where you can explore the farmhouse that Johnny Cash owned for over 30 years, the Cinnamon Hill Gallery (with never-before-seen photographs of Cash’s life and home in Jamaica), and the various cars in the collection.
After the tour, enjoy an included lunch in Johnny Cash’s barn. 
**Tour the Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline Museums, followed by visit to the Goo Goo Shop**

Explore Nashville’s newest music museums, dedicated to the life and musical careers of the late “Man in Black,” Johnny Cash, and country’s most legendary songstress, Patsy Cline.

Invented in 1912 in a copper kettle at the Standard Candy Company in Nashville, the Goo Goo Cluster became the world’s first combination candy bar. The unique confection combines caramel, marshmallow nougat, fresh roasted peanuts and milk chocolate into a tasty treat. Enjoy time to sample all the different varieties of Goo Goos in the very first Goo Goo Shop, located in Downtown Nashville.

**MOJO and MUSIC CITY TOUR OF NASHVILLE**

This 3-hour tour will take you through the heart of our downtown area and past many of our historic buildings. Your Singing/Songwriter will be entertaining you throughout the tour. You will drive past the Ryman Auditorium, the Mother Church of Country Music, and Tootsie’s world-famous Purple Orchid Lounge along Honky Tonk Row on Broadway. You will see the State Capitol where the deciding vote for the 19th Amendment was cast giving women the right to vote. A quick stop at Bicentennial Mall Park will give you an excellent overview of our state’s history and you may want to spend a few moments at Tennessee’s World War II Memorial which contains a 9-ton globe of the world.

Driving down Music Row you will learn about the recording industry from songwriting to producing to the famous studios where much of our country music was recorded from 1950 – 1970. Organizations like ASCAP protect the artist/songwriter performance rights and insure they are paid for all airtime.

Because of Nashville’s commitment to education, they have long been known as the “Athens of the South.” There are 17 colleges and universities in Nashville including Vanderbilt University, the “Harvard of the South”. A quick stop at Centennial Park will bring you to an exact replica of the Parthenon which is a great backdrop for a group photo.

**Guided Tour of RCA Studio B, Home of 1,000 hits!** *(while on city tour)*

What started in 1957 as a sketch on a dinner napkin quickly became the birthplace to more than 35,000 legendary songs and more than 1,000 popular hits. Historic RCA Studio B celebrates its 60th Anniversary in 2017. Located on renowned Music Row, Studio B is one of the most famous studios in the world. Over 35,000 songs were recorded here by artists such as Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, and even more recently, Martina McBride and Carrie Underwood. Hear the stories behind the legendary recordings and view some of the original instruments used in producing over 1,000 hit records.

Also included in the City Tour Inclusions Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on your self-guided tour. The Country Music Hall of Fame honors legendary performers, songwriters and others who made a significant contribution to country music. Forming a bass clef when viewed from the air, the unique building is an iconic feature of the Nashville skyline. The Hall of Fame, surrounded by honky-tbons and other live entertainment venues where many of the honorees got their start, features a rotunda that chronicles the history of recording technology.

**Meals in Nashville:**

**Dinner at BB Kings, followed by Performance of Legends Behind the Lyrics**

Learn the inside scoop about the music business from one of Nashville’s most accomplished songwriters! The most authentic experience you can have in Music City!  Dinner includes some of BB King’s Favorites

**Dinner and ENTERTAINMENT at NASHVILLE NIGHTLIFE-** Come and experience a celebration of Country Music from both past and present, where you’ll experience the classics alongside of hits from the biggest superstars .

OR - A **Tribute To The King Through The Years “1953 - 1977”**

The legend lives on in Nashville’s first and only continuously running show paying tribute to Elvis in Music City where he recorded over 300 songs! This high energy, live musical biography starring John Beardsley transports the audience through six phases of Elvis Presley’s career. Included lunch at Johnny Cash’s barn.
FOLLOW THE ROAD FROM NASHVILLE TO THE KING OF ROCK AND ROLL’s HOME – MEMPHIS - AT LEAST TWO NIGHTS

Where in the world can you visit the home of the king of rock and roll, stand in the recording studio that birthed the million dollar quartet, tour the studio that pioneered the way for musicians of all backgrounds and color to record together and even have some guests ride in a pink Cadillac???  MEMPHIS OF COURSE!!!

STAY AT THE KINGS QUARTERS THE GUEST HOUSE AT GRACELAND

Full-service restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating
Themed sports restaurant/bar
Large outside pool and pool bar
Outdoor event/activity area
464-seat theater for live performances and movies
Shuttles to downtown Memphis/Beale Street
Choose your own ELVIS option on TV 24/7 (listen to your favorite decades of Elvis Music)

Elvis Presley’s Graceland Experience Tour.  Lunch included at Vernon’s Smokehouse.
Elvis Experience Tour includes:
• Graceland Mansion Audio-Guided Tour with New Orientation Film
• Full Access to State-of-the-Art Visitor Entertainment Complex  (200,000 sq. ft) with in-depth exhibits on his life and career

• Elvis’ Two Custom Airplanes
• Elvis Presley Car Museum

*Lunch Voucher included for Vernon’s Smokehouse.

Sun Studio Tour- explore the Birthplace of Rock 'N' Roll and home to the 'Million Dollar Quartet.'  Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, B.B. King, and Ike Turner all recorded in this studio.

Enjoy free time on Beale Street and lunch on own today.  Beale Street is a street in Downtown Memphis, Tennessee, which runs from the Mississippi River to East Street, a distance of approximately 1.8 miles. It is a significant location in the city's history, as well as in the history of the blues. Today, the blues clubs and restaurants that line Beale Street are major tourist attractions in Memphis. Literally over a hundred places to eat, listen to music, watch people and relax. MORE than 80 brass musical notes are embedded in the sidewalks, honoring those who constitute Memphis’ rich music heritage, like Elvis, Isaac Hayes, B.B. King and so many more!!

The Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum’s exhibition about the birth of rock and soul music, created by the Smithsonian Institution, tells the story of musical pioneers who, for the love of music, overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world. Guests can hear over 100 songs recorded in and around Memphis from the 1930-70s. The Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum also features three audio-visual programs, more than 30 instruments and 40 costumes in seven galleries. ONE OF THE BEST INTERACTIVE MUSEUMS in the COUNTRY!!

Meals in Memphis:

12 of your guests will be picked up at the property in a PINK LIMO.  To and From Marlowe’s.
You will have to decide which 12 will get to go to the restaurant and which 12 will receive a ride back to the restaurant.

Enjoy dinner at Marlowe’s.  Marlowe’s is home to world-championship BBQ and loaded with Elvis memorabilia. Marlowe’s offers free Pink Limo rides from Graceland area hotels. Family owned and operated for 35 years.  Featured on Food Network, "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."
Breakfast at Arcade Restaurant with entertainment by international artist, Memphis Jones. Memphis’ Oldest Café, Serving delicious food since 1919, The Arcade offers home-cooked food in a family friendly atmosphere. During breakfast, your group will be entertained with the history of the Blues by international artist, Memphis Jones.

Additional stops enroute or on way home:

**Corvette Museum** - 1953 the Corvette has been America’s Sports Car. The National Corvette Museum was established as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit foundation with a mission of celebrating the invention of the Corvette; preserving its past, present and future; and educating the public about Corvette. The Museum opened in 1994 and is a 115,000 square foot facility located on a 55 acre campus. Bowling Green, Kentucky is home to the world’s only General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant.

A tour at Old Friends, a retirement and rescue facility for pensioned Thoroughbreds. Old Friends was founded after it was learned that the 1986 Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand had died in a Japanese slaughterhouse in 2002. Since then Old Friends has retired two mares (including Bonnie’s Poker, the dam of 1997 Derby Winner Silver Charm) and five geldings (including Seabiscuit star Popcorn Deelites).

There's no experience quite like a once-in-a-lifetime chance to spend BREAKFAST AT THE TRACK… a morning on the backside at Churchill Downs Racetrack where you can get a behind the scenes view of Thoroughbred racing at the "World's Most Legendary Racetrack.”

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After breakfast And you're off... for fun and excitement when you visit the Kentucky Derby Museum. Come and experience the most dynamic and unique celebration known worldwide as the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports™". Get an up close and personal view of the event that has WOW-ed the world for over 143 years. After your tour, enjoy lunch in the Derby Café.

**OTHER ADD ON OPTIONS:**

Performance of the Grand Ole Opry the world’s longest running live radio show. Nothing says “Nashville” like a night at the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today an entertainment phenomenon showcasing a mix of country music greats-- new stars, superstars, and legends. Known around the world as the show that made country music famous”.

**Tupelo day trip from Memphis:** “One Day with You” A Day visiting the Birthplace of the KING. While Elvis Presley became the biggest name in music history and achieved worldwide fame and fortune, his roots in the Northeast Mississippi city of Tupelo were humble. Guests will experience the rural setting of Elvis' upbringing and see where it all began in the two-room house where the King of Rock 'n' Roll was born on January 8, 1935, the church he attended in his youth, and see artifacts from his modest beginnings. You will eat lunch at Johnnie’s Drive-In and go inside Tupelo Hardware which is owned and managed by the same family who founded the store.

Breakfast will be served family-style and includes unlimited scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, grits, bacon, sausage, and drink.

**Dinner at Blues City Café. Considered the BEST MEAL ON BEALE:** Visit this old-school juke joint that specializes in Blues music and soul food of the Delta region. Enjoy the fabulous local musicians while you dine.

**Other musical related ROADTRIP RHYTHM stops can be made depending upon your departure points on this fun journey.**

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