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# HIGHWAY 61 *Blues Music* Tour of *America*

with **Jules Boult**

26 May – 14 June, 2023



Including  
2023  
**Chicago  
Blues  
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Take a journey with us from New Orleans to Chicago and beyond. As we head out on Highway 61 we will follow the historic migration of blues music, visiting iconic destinations like: New Orleans, Natchez, Indianola, Memphis, Nashville, Louisville and Chicago.



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*The 2023 Highway 61 Blues Music Tour of America will be a memorable experience with live performances, delicious local food and delicacies, and stay in heritage hotels. Visit Blues and the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Chicago via Highway 61. The tour concludes with 3 days*

**Itinerary**

**Day 1 Friday 26 May 2023**

**Los Angeles**

Depart Australia on our flight to Los Angeles. Arrive same day (we cross international dateline). *Morning:* Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of LA. *Afternoon:* Spend some time in the beachside suburbs of Santa Monica and bohemian Venice Beach before checking in to our hotel, in LA's Marina Del Rey district. *Overnight:* Marina Del Rey Hotel.

**Day 2 Saturday 27 May 2023**

**New Orleans**

*Morning:* Depart LA, on our flight to New Orleans – the Crescent City! *Afternoon:* Check in to our hotel, right in the heart of New Orleans' historic French Quarter. *Evening:* Explore the French Quarter, including colourful Bourbon Street. The French Quarter has many interesting blues and jazz venues, including Preservation Hall, the Funky Pirate Blues Club, and Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Piano Bar. *Overnight:* Wyndham Hotel French Quarter. (B)

**Day 3 Sunday 28 May, 2023**

**New Orleans**

*Morning:* Enjoy sightseeing coach tour of New Orleans, with local guide. Visit an above ground cemetery; see the mansions along St. Charles Avenue. *Late morning:* Our coach drops the tour group off near the Jackson Square precinct. You are free to have lunch and explore the surrounding area, featuring buskers, bars, cafes and The French Market. *Afternoon:* Enjoy a fabulous cruise and live music aboard a majestic Mississippi paddle wheeler (optional). *Evening:* Enjoy a creole group dinner. After dinner we visit the Frenchmen Street precinct, on the edge of the French Quarter. You'll hear some excellent music in this area, at venues like The Blue Nile, The Spotted Cat, and Snug Harbor Jazz Club. (B,D)

**Day 4 Monday 29 May 2023**

**New Orleans**

*Morning:* Visit the beautiful Louisiana swamp country. Enjoy a swamp tour, by boat. See amazing wildlife (alligators and birdlife) and distinctive swamp vegetation. *Afternoon:* On our return to New Orleans you will be free to have lunch and explore the fabulous antique shops, art galleries, museums, restaurants, & bars, and see the colourful street performers of the French Quarter. *Evening:* Visit The Bombay Club, an upscale bar and restaurant, for a pre-dinner performance featuring Jules with The New Orleans Redeemers. You can then stay on at the Bombay for dinner (optional), or visit other iconic music venues in the French Quarter, such as Fritzel's Jazz Club. (B)

**Day 5 Tuesday 30 May 2023**

**Natchez**

*Morning:* Depart New Orleans and drive to Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana. Morning tea at the State Welcome Centre. Then continue north, on Highway 61, to the historic town of Natchez, Mississippi, stopping at Frogmore Cotton Plantation, where you will be taken on a guided delta music and heritage tour. Learn about life, back when the blues was born. *Afternoon:* Check in to our hotel, on the banks of the Mississippi. Then, you may wish to explore one of Natchez's nearby antebellum mansions (optional). *Evening:* Enjoy dinner at our hotel and later, be entertained by Jules and guest blues musician at a local

juke joint. Later on you may wish to visit the Under the Hill Saloon, an historic riverfront bar on the banks of the Mississippi. *Overnight:* Natchez Grand Hotel. (B,D)

**Day 6 Wednesday 31 May 2023**

**Indianola**

*Morning:* Depart Natchez and continue along Highway 61, enjoying the fabulous Mississippi delta scenery that inspired more writers and musicians, per capita, than anywhere else in the US in the early 20th century. Stop in the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and visit the Vicksburg National Military Park (Vicksburg was the site of the Battle of Vicksburg, Civil War, 1863). *Afternoon:* Proceed to the small city of Indianola, Mississippi, where we visit the B.B. King Museum before checking in to our hotel. *Evening:* Tonight enjoy a southern style dinner (own expense) and jam at a local blues bar. *Overnight:* Hampton Inn by Hilton. (B)

**Day 7 Thursday 1 June 2023**

**Memphis**

*Morning:* Travel to Clarksdale, Mississippi. On arrival, visit the Devil's Crossroads, at the intersection of highways 49 & 61, the place where bluesman Robert Johnson sold his soul in exchange for the guitar prowess that made him one of the most revered blues musicians of the past century. Feel free to make a deal of your own, as you stand at one of the most legendary locations in blues folklore! We then visit Clarksdale's excellent Delta Blues Museum and visit Ground Zero Blues Club, for lunch. Visit the excellent Cat Head Delta Blues record/CD/book store and also Deak's Harp shop for all things blues music and a spontaneous blues performance. *Afternoon:* Continue on Highway 61 to Memphis, Tennessee – home of the blues and the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. *Evening:* Spend a fabulous evening in colourful Beale Street, famous for its live blues music venues, including B.B. King's, the Rum Boogie Café, & the Blues City Band Box (all venues optional). *Overnight:* Hyatt Centric Beale Street. (B)

**Day 8 Friday 2 June 2023**

**Memphis**

*Morning:* Visit the excellent Stax Museum of American Soul Music, which tells the story of soul music, particularly the important role played by Memphis and Stax Records. *Afternoon:* Visit Graceland, Elvis Presley's famous mansion. Our tickets allow admission to the mansion, his automobiles, his wardrobe, his gold records and much more. *Evening:* Enjoy a group dinner at a top Memphis restaurant. After dinner enjoy the general sights & sounds of Memphis or visit one of Jules' favourite blues music venues (optional). (B,D)

**Day 9 Saturday 3 June 2023**

**Memphis**

*Morning:* Enjoy a guided tour of Sun Studio (famous 1950s recording studio, where Howlin' Wolf, Elvis, Johnny Cash, and others recorded). Then visit Memphis's historic Cooper Young district for lunch. *Afternoon:* Visit the National Civil Rights Museum – the motel (now museum) where Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. *Evening:* Dinner in downtown Memphis, followed by a return to the live music venues in Beale Street (optional). (B)

**Day 10 Sunday 4 June 2023**

**Nashville**

*Morning:* We attend Al Green's colourful Full Gospel Tabernacle church service, including amazing live gospel music. Travel to Nashville, Tennessee... Music City USA! *Afternoon:* Enjoy a short, sightseeing coach tour of Nashville before checking in to our fabulous hotel, in the trendy and laidback Vanderbilt area; there are many options here for food and entertainment, including maybe a jam at a local honky tonk. Alternatively, you may like to make your way downtown, to the 'Broadway District' (about 1½ miles away; our hotel provides a free shuttle bus), where there are lots of 'honky tonks' (bars with live country music) and some blues music venues. *Overnight:* Embassy Suites Hotel. (B)

**Day 11 Monday 5 June 2023**

**Nashville**

*Morning:* Shake a leg: you're off to work at one of Nashville's professional recording studios! Join Jules in the studio to record and produce a song. We're calling ourselves 'The Nashville Redeemers'! You are invited to join in and see how it all happens behind the red light! *Afternoon:* Visit the excellent Opry Mills Shopping Mall, for lunch & shopping. Then visit the nearby Opryland Hotel. This amazing, opulent hotel features 9 acres of beautiful indoor gardens. Then travel to Nashville's downtown district, where you can visit the honky tonks, the excellent Country Music Hall of Fame, or the beautiful & historic Ryman Auditorium (home to the Grand Ole Opry show, 1943 to 1974) (all optional). *Evening:* Enjoy group dinner





## JULES BOULT

Jules Boulton is the celebrity host of the 2023 Highway 61 Blues Music Tour of America. He is an award winning blues singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and recording artist. Jules' musical career has taken him across Australia, the United States and Europe. Since 2011 he has released five albums to critical acclaim and been awarded a coveted Australian Blues Music Award. From 2015 to 2019 Jules toured the US annually, from New Orleans to New York, via the Mississippi delta, performing and recording with various musicians, including Kermit Ruffins, Mississippi John Horton, and The Oakridge Boys.

ence. Visit historic towns and regions. Enjoy outstanding musical and Jazz museums and soak up the musical heritage as we follow 4 nights in Chicago, for the outstanding Chicago Blues Festival.



at our hotel then visit downtown's famous Printers Alley nightclub district before convening for some high-class blues music at The Bourbon Street Blues and Boogie Bar. The name says it all! (B,D).

### Day 12 Tuesday 6 June 2023

Nashville

*Morning and afternoon:* Free time to explore the many sights and sounds of Nashville including the Johnny Cash Museum, the legendary RCA Studio B recording studio or the Gulch arts precinct. Alternatively make a visit to the Docks area and see the Nashville river life, take a river cruise or visit the river-side parklands. *Evening:* You may wish to attend the Grand Ole Opry... a live radio show/concert, showcasing country music's biggest stars. (Everything today, day & evening, optional.) (B)

### Day 13 Wednesday 7 June 2023

Louisville

*Morning:* We will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, famous for sporting legend Muhammad Ali, Bourbon and The Kentucky Derby. En-route we will visit the National Corvette Museum and Café in Bowling Green KY and historic Bardstown, located in the heart of Kentucky's Bourbon Country and one of the most beautiful small towns in America. We will enjoy a distillery tour and tastings on offer. *Afternoon:* Check in to our refined lodgings in downtown Louisville. *Evening:* Enjoy dinner in the 'precinct', then visit Stevie Ray's Blues Bar for a great night of blues music or explore the famous Fourth Street Live precinct, with its many bars and entertainment venues (Evening: everything optional, including dinner). *Overnight:* Seelbach Hilton Hotel (B)

### Day 14 Thursday 8 June 2023

Chicago

*Morning:* Head out to Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Visit the excellent Kentucky Derby Museum. *Afternoon:* Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we continue our journey north to Chicago! *Evening:* Enjoy a final group dinner at a local restaurant. Later, we head over to Buddy Guy's Legends blues club and a sensational night of blues music (optional). *Overnight:* Hampton Inn Majestic, adjacent to the home of the Chicago Blues Festival, Chicago. (B,D).

### Day 15 Friday 9 June 2023

Chicago

*Morning:* Sightseeing coach tour of Chicago, with local guide. Travel along the Magnificent Mile – part of Michigan Avenue where exclusive shops line the wide boulevard. Also see the impressive Fourth Presbyterian Church, built in Gothic Revival style, and the John Hancock Centre (100 stories high). Today

we attend the world's biggest blues festival in downtown Chicago! *Afternoon:* you will be entertained by the best blues artists from around Chicago. Grab your festival program, camera and dancing shoes... this will be a wonderful experience! *Evening:* Enjoy more free time at the Chicago Blues festival. (B)

### Day 16 Saturday 10 June 2023

Chicago

Today is the second day of the Chicago Blues Festival. Another opportunity for you to explore the many stages and stalls in search of your favourite flavour of blues, food and good times! (food is optional). All day and night you will be entertained by the best artists from around Chicago! Our hotel is about 5 minutes walk from the Blues Festival at Millennium Park, so please feel free to come and go. (B)

### Day 17 Sunday 11 June 2023

Chicago

Today is the third day of the Chicago Blues Festival and a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the finale of the blues festival. The biggest names in blues music perform on the last night of the festival. They may include Gary Clark Jr., Rick Estrin & The Nightcats and Lynne Jordan. Check your program, choose your stage and get down for the finale of the festival. (B)

### Day 18 Monday 12 June 2023

Departure

*Morning:* Free time for shopping and packing. *Afternoon:* Travel to Chicago airport. Commence flights back to Australia, via Los Angeles. Those doing New York Extension Tour fly on to New York. (B)

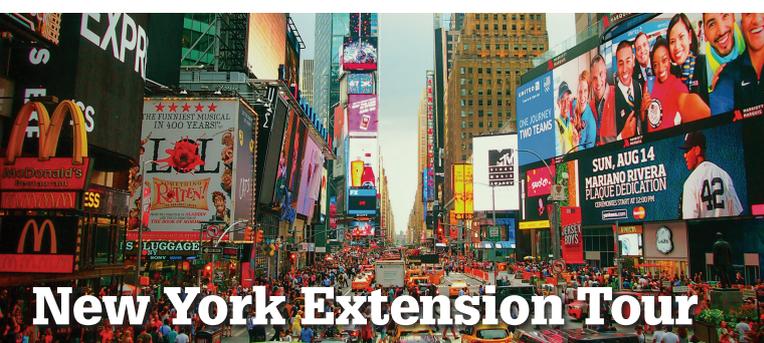
### Day 19 Tuesday 13 June 2023

In flight

### Day 20 Wednesday 14 June 2023

Arrive Australia

Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.



## New York Extension Tour

### Day 1 Monday 12 June 2023

New York

*Morning:* Today we fly to New York, arriving in the afternoon. *Evening:* Attend The Iridium Blues/Jazz club (optional) near our hotel, where musicians such as blues legends Jimmie Vaughan, Charlie Musselwhite, and Canned Heat regularly perform. The Iridium is a musical landmark famously known as a destination for intimately experiencing the best rock, jazz, and blues artists in the world. *Overnight:* Hotel Edison New York. (B)

### Day 2 Tuesday 13 June 2023

New York

*Morning:* Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of New York with local guide. Visit the Midtown area, Central Park, Harlem, Wall Street financial district, and Ground Zero (World Trade Centre Site). *Afternoon:* Free

time. You may wish to visit the Empire State Building (optional). Observatories on the 86th & 102nd floors offer spectacular views of New York. Alternatively, you may like to go shopping. New York is a shoppers' paradise; in addition to famous department stores, like Macy's, Bloomingdale's, and Saks Fifth Avenue, the Big Apple has every kind of shopping experience you could imagine. *Evening:* Attend a Broadway musical, theatre production or blues club of your choice. (Optional) (B)

### Day 3 Wednesday 14 June 2023

New York

*Morning:* Enjoy guided tour of Radio City Music Hall. You will go behind the scenes and discover the art deco masterpieces including the palatial 60-foot high foyer and visit Radio City's secret apartment, The Roxy Suite. Get exclusive views of the majestic auditorium and learn the history of the iconic Great Stage. *Afternoon:* Visit Manhattan's Greenwich Village area where, in the 60s and 70s, musicians such as Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Peter, Paul & Mary, Joan Baez, and Simon & Garfunkel used to perform. Greenwich Village still has many excellent live music venues. *Evening:* We will have our End-of-Tour Dinner in the Village before taking in some live music at one of the Village's legendary blues venues, e.g., Terra Blues. (Optional) (B,D)

### Day 4 Thursday 15 June 2023

Departure

*Morning:* Free time for shopping and packing. *Mid-Afternoon:* Transfer to airport. Commence return trip to Australia. (B)

### Day 5 Friday 16 June 2023

In flight

### Day 6 Saturday 17 June 2023

Arrive Australia

Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.



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**26 May – 14 June, 2023**

**Included in the tour price:**

- Return economy-class airfare to USA (ex Sydney/Melbourne), plus economy class air travel, Los Angeles to New Orleans and Chicago to Los Angeles. (Those going on the New York Extension Tour don't have to pay for Chicago to Los Angeles.)
- 17 nights' accommodation in centrally located first-class and moderate first-class hotels, with private facilities, on twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals as per the itinerary (as indicated by B.L.D., etc.). Breakfast daily; 5 dinners.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Admission to all music concerts/events mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'. Chicago Blues Festival is a free event.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person.
- Tour escorted throughout by well-known Australian & International entertainer, Jules Boulton.
- Tour managed throughout by professional Travelrite International tour manager.

**Not included in the price:**

- Travel insurance.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and morning teas that are 'included' are marked B, L, D, and Morning Tea, in the itinerary.
- Entrance to concerts/entertainment events (1) not mentioned in the itinerary, or (2) mentioned in the itinerary, but marked 'optional'. Some entertainment venues, in places like Beale Street (Memphis), the Broadway District (Nashville), and the French Quarter (New Orleans) have a modest cover charge, but many have free admission.
- International airport and departure taxes above the rate quoted.
- Domestic flight connections to and from departure cities (& arrival cities) in Australia.

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| <b>Tour Price:</b>                      |                  |
| Per person twin-share                   | \$ 10,670        |
| Air taxes and fuel surcharges at 1/5/22 | \$ 325           |
| <b>Total per person twin-share</b>      | <b>\$ 10,995</b> |
| Single supplement                       | \$ 2,995         |

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| <b>New York Extension Tour Price:</b> |          |
| Per person twin-share                 | \$ 2,295 |
| Single supplement                     | \$ 495   |

**Included in the New York Extension Tour:**

- Economy-class air travel from Chicago to New York, and from New York to Los Angeles.
- 3 nights' accommodation in first-class hotel in Manhattan, New York.
- Breakfast daily; 1 dinner.
- Guided tour of Radio City Music Hall.
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Sightseeing coach tour of New York, including local guide.
- Hotel/airport transfers.
- Extension tour escorted by Jules Boulton and managed by Travelrite tour manager.

**Not included in the New York Extension Tour:**

- Admission to The Iridium. Also, tour group members will be required to spend a minimum of \$15 on food or drink at The Iridium.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts and dinners that are 'included' are marked B & D in the itinerary.

**Extending:** You can stay longer in the USA for minimal extra cost. **Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.**

## General Information and Booking Conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

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**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

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