













DAY 1 Wednesday October 1, 2025 Chicago

Today we depart on our flight to Chicago. Due to the International Date Line, we arrive on the day we depart. We are transferred to our hotel from the airport.

DAY 2 Thursday October 2, 2025 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). In the afternoon we will enjoy a tour of Chess Records (currently Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation), which played a major role in shaping rock 'n' roll. The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, and Bo Diddley recorded here. Evening: Enjoy a welcome included 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). (B,D)



DAY 3 Friday October 3, 2025 Detroit

This morning we will travel from Chicago to Detroit by coach. In the afternoon we will go on a sightseeing tour of Detroit. The tour will include highlights such as the iconic Detroit Institute of Arts, the historic Fox Theatre, and the bustling Eastern Market with its colourful murals and unique shops. Strolling through the revitalized downtown area will reveal a dynamic blend



of historic landmarks, cutting-edge street art, and lively cafes, all set against the backdrop of Detroit's iconic skyline and the Detroit River. In the evening, enjoy optional live music at a local jazz or R&B club. (B)

DAY 4 Saturday October 4, 2025 Detroit

Today we will go on a guided tour of the Motown Museum, Hitsville U.S.A., the birthplace of Motown Records, where you'll see Studio A and where artists like Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and The Supremes recorded their hits. Then, we will visit the Detroit Historical Museum for an indepth look at the city's role in shaping American music and culture. After lunch, we will then visit the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation to see classic cars that inspired rock 'n' roll songs and fuelled American pop culture. In the evening, enjoy optional live music at a local Jazz or R&B club. (B)

DAY 5 Sunday October 5, 2025 Cincinnati

Today we travel to Cinncinnati, a vibrant city along the Ohio River, known for its historic architecture, rich arts scene, and diverse culinary offerings. We will enjoy a short sightseeing tour on arrival including a visit to the American Sign Museum featuring neon signs and advertising displays from the golden age of rock 'n' roll. (B)

DAY 6 Monday October 6, 2025 Nashville

Today we travel to Nashville, the home of country Today we travel to Nashville, the home of country music. On arrival we will have a sightseeing coach tour of Nashville, with local guide, including the downtown area, Music Row area (recording and publishing companies), and exclusive residential area (see homes of the rich and famous). This evening why not take in some fabulous live music in Nashville's main entertainment precinct (around 'Broadway' and '2nd Avenue'). There are lots of great 'honky tonks' (live music bars) in this area, including the legendary Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (optional). (B)



DAY 7 Tuesday October 7, 2025 Nashville

This morning, we visit the outstanding Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum where we will see Elvis's HOF plaque and his "solid gold" Cadillac. We then visit the RCA Studio B. Perhaps America's best known music studio and where Elvis recorded roughly half the songs from his career. During the tour, make sure you get your photo taken sitting at the 1942 Steinway Piano that Elvis played all those years. This afternoon we visit the beautiful and historic Ryman Auditorium (Grand Ole Opry venue 1943-1974), for a fascinating tour. Elvis preformed here once on October 2, 1954. This evening, we will attend Nashville's famous Grand Ole Opry show, featuring a host of country music's biggest stars. (B)

DAY 8 Wednesday October 8, 2025 Nashville

This morning, we will visit the Patsy Cline Museum, which celebrates the life and legacy of the iconic country singer, showcasing personal artifacts,



Jim Porter

Jim Porter has been the President of The Elvis Presley Fan Club of Australasia for 30 years. He is well respected in the Elvis world and is friends with many people that played a part in Elvis' life and career. He has been interviewed by numerous newspapers, travel magazines, and radio stations, and appeared on television shows, both nationally and internationally, talking about his love and knowledge of Elvis. Jim has been leading Elvis tours to the USA, Mexico and Hawaii since 1988, having frst visited Graceland and the USA in 1984. Having a vast knowledge of both Elvis and the USA and local sites and cuisines and believing in the personal touch, Jim is able to suggest places of interest and restaurants that meet your tastes, budget and needs. He looks forward to meeting you and sharing an incredible tour of Elvis' life and music as we tour America.

costumes, and memorabilia that provide a glimpse into her groundbreaking career and enduring influence on music. After lunch we will visit the Johnny Cash Museum, which offers an intimate and comprehensive look at the life, music, and legacy of the iconic "Man in Black.". This evening you may like to visit a Honky Tonk and make the most of the spectacular live music. (B)



DAY 9 Thursday October 9, 2025 Memphis

This morning we will travel from Nashville to Memphis by coach. In the afternoon we will have an overview tour of the city of Memphis. We will see famous Beale St, which is the main entertainment district of Memphis, the Mississippi Port which has been revitalized in recent years, and more. We then have a guided tour of Sun Studio (famous 1950s recording studio, where Elvis, Johnny Cash, and others recorded). This evening, we have dinner at an excellent Memphis restaurant, followed by further exploration of the live music venues in Beale St. (B,D)

DAY 10 Friday October 10, 2025 Memphis

Today, in one of the highlights of the tour we visit Graceland, Elvis Presley's famous mansion. Our Elvis Entourage VIP Tour tickets allow admission to all the main attractions at Graceland, including the mansion, grave site, Automobile Museum, Elvis's custom airplanes museum and Elvis The Entertainer Career Museum, etc. We will also see an exclusive exhibit for VIPs only. There will be time for lunch in one of the cafes or restaurants at Graceland. In the afternoon we will return to the hotel. (B)



DAY 11 Saturday October 11, 2025 Memphis

This morning we first visit the outstanding Stax Museum of American Soul Music. The afternoon is then free to explore Memphis. You could visit the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum or the excellent National Civil Rights Museum (the motel – now a museum, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated). (B)

DAY 12 Sunday October 12, 2025 Tupelo

This morning, we will visit Lauderdale Courts, Humes High School, Overton Park Shell, and Audubon Drive, which were key landmarks in Elvis Presley's rise to fame. From living in public housing and performing his first major show to attending school and later moving to a home that symbolised his success, these places tell the story of his early years in Memphis. We depart Memphis, on the way visiting Jerry Lee Lewis Ranch, which offers a glimpse into the life and legacy of the legendary rock 'n' roll pioneer, showcasing his personal memorabilia and historic home. In the afternoon we arrive in the town of Tupelo, the birthplace of Elvis Presley in northern Mississippi. (B)



DAY 13 Monday October 13, 2025 Tupelo

This morning, we first visit the Elvis birthplace and museum. It was in the two-bedroom house constructed by his father, grandfather and uncle that Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935. We then see the Elvis Museum that details his life and the original Assembly of God church that Elvis attended which has now been relocated to the museum site. It was here that Elvis was first exposed to the rich Southern gospel that became a staple of his musical repertoire. We then see the Elvis homecoming statue and the Tupelo Hardware store where Elvis's first guitar was purchased for him. (B)

DAY 14 Tuesday October 14, 2025

Today we will travel from Tupelo to New Orleans. On the way, visit the excellent Jimmie Rodgers Museum, in Meridian, Mississippi. Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933), known as The Singing Brakeman, was one of the first superstars of American country



music. Next to the museum see the beautiful Dentzel Carousel, manufactured in 1896 for the 1904 St. Louis Exposition. (B)

DAY 15 Wednesday October 15, 2025 New Orleans

This morning we have an overview tour of New Orleans, birthplace of jazz, with a local guide. We will visit an above ground cemetery, see the beautiful mansions on St Charles Avenue and then explore the French Quarter, including a walk along famous Bourbon Street. In the afternoon Jim Porter will take us to the locations used by Elvis on the film "King Creole" including the balcony where Elvis Presley sang "Crawfish". Evening: Explore the French Quarter, including colourful Bourbon Street. (B)

DAY 16 Thursday October 16, 2025 New Orleans

This morning, you will be free to explore the fabulous antique shops, art galleries, museums, restaurants, bars, and colourful street performers of The French Quarter. This afternoon we will enjoy a historic cruise and lunch aboard a majestic Mississippi paddlewheeler. In the evening there will be a chance to take in the outstanding traditional jazz music at Fritzel's jazz bar or Preservation Hall (both optional). (B,L)

DAY 17 Friday October 17, 2025

Morning: This morning we visit the beautiful Louisiana swamp country and enjoy a swamp tour, by boat. You will see amazing wildlife (alligators and birdlife) set amongst the distinctive swamp vegetation and bayou communities. We continue onto Houston. This afternoon we will enjoy an included farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 18 Saturday October 18, 2025 Departure

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Houston. We will visit the Historic District, featuring landmarks like Market Square Park and historic architecture, and Hermann Park. In the afternoon we will be transferred to the airport and will board our flight back to Australia. (B)

DAY 19 Sunday October 19, 2025 In flight

DAY 20 Monday October 20, 2025 Australia

This morning we arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.



Included in the tour price:

- Return economy-class airfare to USA from Sydney/Melbourne/ Brisbane.
 Economy-class air travel within the USA.
- 17 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class and moderate firstclass hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- · Meals: Breakfast daily, three dinners and one lunch.
- 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'.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Tour escorted throughout by Jim Porter.







General information and booking conditions

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- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.
- Entry to concerts/entertainment events, other than those listed in the itinerary. Entry to any other musical entertainment to be paid direct. Some entertainment venues, in places such as Beale Street (Memphis), 'Broadway' district (Nashville), and the French Quarter (New Orleans) may have a modest cover charge, but many have free admission.
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