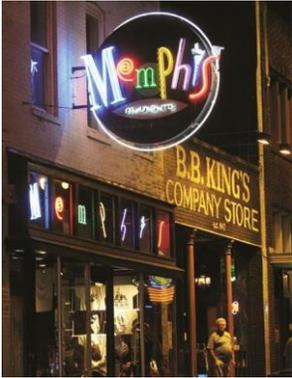


America's Music Cities

featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville



Highlights...

French Quarter • Choice of French Quarter Walking Tour or Panoramic Coach Tour of New Orleans • Swamp Tour • Mardi Gras World • Jazz Revue • Graceland • West Delta Heritage Centre • Grand Ole Opry Show • Ryman Auditorium • Country Music Hall of Fame • Historic RCA Studio B • Whiskey Distillery

8 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of Memphis where local musicians share the story of the city's musical heritage and history.
- ★ Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."
- ★ Tour the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley.
- ★ Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world.
- ★ Visit the historic Ryman Auditorium.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- ★ Stop to taste a true New Orleans favourite — beignets at Café Du Monde.
- ★ Indulge in a king cake tasting at Mardi Gras World.

Day 1: Sunday, November 3, 2019 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.

Day 2: Monday, November 4, 2019 Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter where you'll see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Continue to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba -OR- set out on a panoramic motorcoach tour of New Orleans with a local guide that begins along historic Esplanade Avenue and rolls on to see St. Louis Cemetery #3, which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. This romantic road eventually leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Loyola and Tulane. Whichever you choose, you'll stop to taste a true New Orleans favourite – beignets at the famed Café Du Monde. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 New Orleans Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise* narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Then, **celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World**, the working warehouse where artisans create the spectacular floats for the famous parades. You'll even get to indulge in a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee
Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, November 7, 2019 Memphis This morning, head out on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. You may be tempted to sing along as local musicians board the coach to tell the stories of Memphis' musical heritage and its rich history. **Put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland**, the palatial home of the King himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis' life at Graceland, racquetball building, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings. You may wish to spend more time at Graceland** or join an optional Memphis Musical History Tour with dinner. Tonight, dance to the live music or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's vibrant musical clubs! (B)

Day 6: Friday, November 8, 2019 Memphis - Nashville Roll along Music Highway to the "Music Capital of the World," Nashville! We'll make a **stop at the West Delta Heritage Centre** to discover the roots of the country blues sound that originated in West Tennessee. The Queen of Rock, Tina Turner, was born here in Brownsville, so it's only fitting that there's an exhibit dedicated to her. This evening, **take your reserved seat at the renowned 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. (B)

Day 7: Saturday, November 9, 2019 Nashville Your day begins with a **tour of the historic Ryman Auditorium**,**** the original home of the Grand Ole Opry! Then, **explore the Country Music Hall of Fame**, the largest museum of popular

music in the world. Check out the museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments, artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits that relay the colourful histories of country music and its artists. Afterwards, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio – you may even have the opportunity to

record your own hit! Then **discover the flavour of the region at a family-owned distillery** when you tour the facility and taste its Tennessee whiskey. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, November 10, 2019 Nashville - Tour Ends Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It!

The Ryman Auditorium

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 – 3	Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
Days 4, 5	The Guest House at Memphis, Tennessee	Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee
Days 6, 7	Gaylord Nashville, Tennessee	Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

*The swamp tour is subject to change due to severe inclement weather. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute for another attraction if possible.

**Your admission to Graceland includes the mansion tour only.

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

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

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.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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.

The Collette Chauffeur service (private return airport transfers) is included for guests who purchase international airfare through Collette as part of their tour. Guests must live within 40kms of Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Canberra, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, or Sydney international airports. For guests living between 40kms-70kms of these airports, this service is available for a small surcharge.

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling.

Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US, to check please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvissas.com.au/collette, alternatively check with your consulate for more information.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

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.