

# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## Pre-Departure Itinerary

### America's Music Cities

New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

Sunday, April 10 – Sunday, April 17, 2011

A Cultural vacation doesn't have to mean jetting off to Europe for a performance at La Scala -- not when the American South has given birth to so many of the sounds and styles beloved by music lovers worldwide. The Club's newest tour showcases three American cities known as musical Meccas for fans of blues, jazz and country music. Your eight-day journey begins in New Orleans, the "Jazz Capital of the World" and home to such landmarks as St. Louis Cathedral and the bustling French Quarter -- you'll take in a live jazz revue, learn to cook New Orleans-style and view beautiful Gothic mansions. In Memphis, you'll dine on world famous Beale Street and listen as local musicians rhapsodize about Memphis' blues and rock n' roll history, before donning your blue suede shoes and touring Graceland, the 14-acre estate of the King, Elvis Presley. Finally, go a little bit country as you wrap up your trip in Nashville where you'll: take in a show at the legendary Grand Ole Opry, tour historic RCA Studio B where Elvis, Dolly Parton and others recorded, and explore the Country Music Hall of Fame. Don't miss this opportunity to surround yourself with the sweet sound and songs of the South.

#### Rates

**\$2049** per person double occupancy

**\$2019** per person triple occupancy

**\$2649** for single reservations

*Add \$ 50 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$140 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking.*

#### Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to New Orleans and Nashville to Boston
- Seven nights' first class accommodations:
- Ten meals: seven breakfasts, three dinners
- Sightseeing and touring
- Round-trip train airport/hotel transfers

#### Features

New Orleans: French Quarter walking tour, New Orleans School of Cooking demonstration, jazz review, New Orleans tour including Lake Ponchartrain, Memphis: Beale Street restaurant dinner, Memphis city tour led by local musicians, visit to Graceland: Nashville: Grand Ole Opry Show, Nashville tour including RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Wildhorse Saloon dinner

#### DAILY ITINERARY

##### Day 1: Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Flight to New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time for a cultural getaway to the "Jazz Capital of the World" -- New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and a purely soothing, incomparable soundtrack.

#### Trip Planner

**Days 1-3** Ramada Inn on Bourbon, New Orleans

**Days 4-5** Holiday Inn select, Memphis, TN

**Days 6-7** Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

## **Day 2: Monday, April 11, 2011 - French Quarter**

Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter where you will see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Continue on to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley, the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba. Stop to taste a true New Orleans favorite at Café Du Monde. Tonight, roll up your sleeves and prepare to discover how to cook New Orleans-style! During a unique cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, your chef will indulge you in everything that Louisiana cuisine has to offer. By your visits end, you'll actually make your own bread pudding dessert! Following dinner, discover why New Orleans is known as the "Birthplace of Jazz" when you take in a toe-tapping jazz revue. **(B,D)**

## **Day 3: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - French Quarter**

Enjoy a tour of New Orleans along historic Esplanade Avenue. See St. Louis Cemetery #3, which opened in 1854 and features some of the most elaborate crypts found in New Orleans' cemeteries. Then, relax during a tranquil drive along the shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain. This romantic road eventually leads to the majestic St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions as well as Tulane and Loyola, two famous universities in New Orleans. The evening is yours to discover this great city at your own pace. **(B)**

## **Day 4: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 - New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee**

Travel north, en route to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in Memphis' energetic musical scene as you feast on southern cuisine on world-famous Beale Street. **(BD)**

## **Day 5: Thursday, April 14, 2011 - Memphis**

This morning, embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. Local musicians board the coach and tell the story of Memphis' musical heritage and history as you view the city's many highlights... you may even be tempted to sing along! Then, don your blue suede shoes when you visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. The rest of your evening is free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings on your own. Dance to the live music that may fill the open air or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's vibrant musical clubs! **(B)**

## **Day 6: Friday, April 15, 2011 - Memphis - Nashville**

Journey to the "Music Capital of the World" – Nashville. 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, April 16, 2011 - Nashville**

This morning a local guide officially welcomes you to Nashville by sharing its history and lore during a fascinating sightseeing tour. View the Old Ryman Auditorium, the State Capitol, Music Row and the Parthenon - a full scale replica of the Athenian original! Tour the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining record studio where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits! Learn the secrets of how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio, where you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. The museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments are artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits relaying the colorful histories of country music and its artists. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at the famous Wildhorse Saloon, home of a 3,300 square foot dance floor that is used every night of the week by dancers and revelers! **(B,D)**

## **Day 8: Sunday, April 17, 2011 - Nashville - Tour Ends**

New Orleans' jazz and food, the country music of Nashville and the sounds of Memphis comprise a journey full of experiences that will have you humming and smiling long after you return home. **(B)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*