

Golden Partners

Memphis, TN

June 23-25, 2017



Day 1 – Friday, June 23

Meals: on own

7:00 am

Travel from **Owensboro, KY to Memphis, TN**

1:30 pm

Mojo Tour - The Home of the Blues comes alive on this city tour aboard the nation's only music bus. All of the guides on this tour are professional Beale Street musicians who play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage, while entertaining you with comedy, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of your favorite Memphis personalities. Includes: Sun Studio, Beale Street, Stax Studio, The Lorraine Motel, Cotton Row, Peabody Hotel, Overton Park, Historic Central Gardens, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Early homes of Elvis, B. B. King, and Johnny Cash.

3:00 pm

Free time on **Beale Street**. 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.

5:00 pm

Meet the group at the **Peabody** to witness the **Peabody Duck March**. Back in the 1930's Frank Schutt, General Manager of The Peabody, and a friend Chip Barwick, returned from a weekend hunting trip to Arkansas. The men had a little too much Tennessee sippin' whiskey, and thought it would be funny to place some of their live duck decoys (it was legal then for hunters to use live decoys) in the beautiful Peabody fountain. Three small English call ducks were selected as "guinea pigs," and the reaction was nothing short of enthusiastic. Thus began a Peabody tradition which was to become internationally famous. In 1940, Bellman Edward Pembroke, a former circus animal trainer, offered to help with delivering the ducks to the fountain each day and taught them the now-famous Peabody Duck March. Mr. Pembroke became the Peabody Duckmaster, serving in that capacity for 50 years until his retirement in 1991.



6:00 pm

Free time to enjoy dinner on your own and the nightlife on **Beale St.**

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Day 2 – Saturday, June 24

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

8:00 am

Breakfast at the Hotel.

9:00 am

Depart for the **National Civil Rights Museum**. Located at the original Lorraine Motel, site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 assassination, this award-winning museum traces the history of the American Civil Rights Movement and honors its' leaders through interactive displays, artifacts, hands-on exhibits and audiovisual programs. The recent \$11M expansion involves the renovation of the Young Morrow building where the fatal shot was fired. "Exploring the Legacy" brings the history that followed King's assassination into the tour.

- 12:00 pm Group lunch Elvis style!
- 1:00 pm **Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley** now including the brand new Entertainment Complex. Your complete tour gives you access to Graceland Mansion, the audio tour with the new orientation film, Elvis' two custom airplanes, full access to the brand new state of the art visitor entertainment complex, the all new expanded Elvis Presley Car Museum, the new Elvis: The Entertainer Career Showcase Museum and new Elvis Discovery exhibits.
- 5:00 pm Depart for dinner.
- 5:30 pm Group Dinner at **Marlowe's Ribs and Restaurant**.
- 6:30 pm Tonight is at your leisure.
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Day 3 – Sunday, June 25

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

- 8:00 am Bags out and Breakfast at Hotel.
- 9:00 am Depart for the **Center for Southern Folklore**. This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "celebrating the arts, music, and heritage of the South from the cultural crossroads of Memphis." Full of great music, and arts and crafts by local artists, the center often hosts live music events, and storytelling sessions.
- 10:30 am Depart for **Jacksonville, TN**. Rest breaks enroute.
- 1:00 pm Group Lunch at the **Casey Jones Village Old Country Store Restaurant**.
- 2:00 pm Free time at **Casey Jones Village**, a family destination that includes: The Historic Casey Jones Home & Railroad Museum, The world famous Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store Restaurant, An authentically recreated 1890's Ice Cream Parlor & Fudge Shoppe, Southern Gift and Confectionery Shoppe, The convenient Old Country Store Dixie Cafe Take Out or Dine-In, Casey Jones Village Amphitheater, The Shoppes at Casey Jones Village, Casey Jones Mini-Golf, The Wellwood Store (Featuring master woodcarver Dee Moss), The Judge Milton Brown Pullman Railcar, The Providence House (a 175 year old events venue), The Village Chapel, a 100+ year old church from Haywood County.
- 3:00 pm Depart for home.
- 7:00 pm Approximate arrival time in **Owensboro, KY**.

