

# New Orleans Fiesta Springtime Down South

**Presented by Wendt Touring**

**April 20 thru April 26, 2024 – 7 Days**

Come along and experience the unique charm and history of the Deep South as we journey to exciting New Orleans for an unforgettable springtime vacation. Visit the famous French Quarter, enjoy an authentic Mississippi River Boat Cruise, and stroll thru beautiful Bellingrath Gardens. Dine in some of New Orleans' best restaurants. Enjoy the antebellum architecture, antique shops, art galleries and the colorful night-life of Bourbon Street – all nearby our hotel. Join Us !

## **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Nashville – Memphis – Elvis Presley's Graceland – Mississippi River Cruise – French Quarter  
Bourbon Street – Royal Street – St. Louis Cathedral – Court of Two Sisters Restaurant  
Jackson Square – New Orleans School of Cooking – Riverwalk – Bellingrath Home Gardens  
Mississippi – Alabama – Louisiana – Tennessee – The Kentucky Bourbon Trail – Gulf of Mexico

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- ❖ Six nights lodging
- ❖ Seven meals – four dinners & three breakfasts
- ❖ All sightseeing, admissions, baggage handling and most gratuities
- ❖ Professional tour manager

## **TOUR FARE:**

\$1899.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$2499.00 per person based on single occupancy

*Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring*

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1: Cleveland – Nashville Tennessee:**

Travel south aboard a deluxe motorcoach into the Bluegrass State – Kentucky. Most of the world's bourbon is distilled, aged and bottled in Kentucky. Visit historic Jim Beam distillery located on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Later arrive into Nashville, commonly referred to as "Music City" USA. Tonight, enjoy an exciting Nash/Vegas style dinner with live entertainment. Overnight in Nashville.

### **Day 2: Nashville – Memphis Tennessee:**

This morning's sightseeing tour of Nashville includes the Grand Ole Opry, Music Row, the Wildhorse Saloon, Ryman Auditorium, The State Capitol, The Parthenon and more. Later we travel through "The Belt Buckle of The Bible Belt" into Memphis located on the mighty Mississippi River. Enjoy Memphis sightseeing including vibrant Beale Street. Tour famous Graceland: Elvis Presley's (The King) home is the centerpiece of a complex covering many aspects of his life; including his military service, film career and automobile collection. And yes, the Jungle Room is as kitschy as you've heard. Overnight and dinner in Memphis at the memorable Graceland Guest House.

### **Day 3: Memphis – Mississippi – New Orleans:**

Journey into the "Heart of Dixie" as we pass thru the state of Mississippi enroute to "The Crescent City" – New Orleans, Louisiana - where the fun never stops. New Orleans is a melting pot of peoples and cultures – which is celebrated throughout this magical and culinary city. Experience a special dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Perhaps the best and easiest way to experience the sounds, scents and beauty of the city is by boat. Tonight, enjoy a jazz cruise along the Mississippi River aboard the authentic stern-wheel steamboat Natchez! Three-night stay at a first-class hotel in the heart of New Orleans – The Wyndam.

### **Day 4: New Orleans Sightseeing:**

Highlights of today's sightseeing tour include; St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square, The Superdome, Bourbon Street, Canal Street, Napoleon House, The French Quarter, The Riverwalk, and the Historic Garden District. Later we tour Mardi Gras World where many of the colorful floats, costumes and props are housed. Springtime is a great time of year to visit. Tonight's special dinner is at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant (located on Governors Row) featuring a sumptuous display of gourmet dishes. Creativity, ingenuity and freshness abound. Overnight in New Orleans.

### **Day 5: New Orleans:**

Today is free to explore New Orleans on your own. Quaint shops, little eateries and strolling Dixieland bands are all nearby. The hotel is surrounded on all sides by the best New Orleans has to offer. Take a swamp boat tour thru the Bayou and Cajun country. Ride the St. Charles Avenue streetcar, enjoy jazz music at Preservation Hall or visit the award-winning National World War II Museum. The possibilities are endless. Overnight in New Orleans.

### **Day 6: New Orleans – Alabama – Tennessee:**

Depart New Orleans and head along the lovely Gulf Coast enroute to sparkling Bellingrath Gardens and Home in Mobile, Alabama. Created by a pioneer in the Coca-Cola- bottling industry, the 900-acre estate is stunning throughout. Overnight in Tennessee.

### **Day 7: Journey Home – Cleveland:**

As we journey home, enjoy the attractive countryside of Kentucky and Ohio. Early evening return.