Memphis & More!

April 30-May 04 (Mon-Fri)

Graceland

This "Fit for a King Getaway" would please Elvis himself! From the most popular attractions in Memphis and Tupelo to the historic antebellum city of Holly Springs, MS; this spring time tour is a number 1 hit! **Day 1:** Travel day through southern Missouri and Arkansas, making our way into Memphis tonight. A real plus to this tour is that we only unpack one time! **Our downtown hotel offers a hot breakfast every morning.** You can walk to Beale Street or catch the trolley which is less than a block away. **Day 2**: We start with a **3 hour Memphis city tour with a local native guide.** Afterwards, we'll enjoy an **included lunch on Beale Street.** Then**,** we visit the most famous recording studio in the world, **Sun Studio**, the birthplace of Rock-N-Roll! Sun Studio is not just about Elvis. Jerry Lee, Johnny and Carl are a big part of this studio, as well. Touch Elvis' microphone and you'll feel the urge to shake! The stories and artifacts in this museum will take you back to the good ole' days of the beginning of rock n roll. Next, created by the Smithsonian Institution, the **Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum** offers a historical experience of rock and soul music, of the musical legends who overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create America's music, and of its influence on world culture. Listen to the music that takes you back and see numerous items on display. This museum is done in a way that only the Smithsonian Institute could create. Tonight, we'll enjoy an included "**Memphis BBQ dinner on Beale Street.** We'll find out how Memphis BBQ differs from KC BBQ. **Day 3:** The next morning we leave the city life and head south to Tupelo and Holly Springs MS. Our **local native guide will take us on a guided tour of Tupelo**. We'll also see where Elvis went to elementary school. The most significant landmark of Tupelo is **Elvis' Birthplace & Museum**, a modest, two-room house where the King of Rock & Roll was born in 1935. The museum houses many artifacts from his early life in Tupelo. Step inside the **chapel** and listen to his gospel music. Honey Baked Ham Company will have our **included box lunch** waiting for us at the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau. We'll watch clips of interviews and get to know Elvis! After lunch, we tour the **Tupelo Automobile Museum**, which houses over 120,000 square feet of auto displays and open viewing restoration bays. Over 100 antique, classic and collectible automobiles, chronologically displayed, illustrate the progress of over 100 years of automobile design and engineering. Your self-guided tour begins with an 1886 Benz, representing the birth of the automobile, and culminates with a never-driven 1994 Dodge Viper! The collection, valued at over $6 million, includes a rare Tucker, a Lincoln previously owned by Elvis, other movie and celebrity vehicles, Hispano Suizas, a Duesenberg, and many more rare brands and American favorites. Next, we stop at the **Tupelo Hardware Store** and see where Gladys bought Elvis' first guitar when he was a child. The story is heartwarming. As we make our way back to Memphis we stop in Holly Springs, MS. Holly Springs is the site of a number of well-preserved antebellum homes and has a strong tradition of historic preservation. Our **local guide will take us on a city tour of Holly Springs** before we enjoy our guided tour of **Montrose**, a beautiful 1858 Greek revival antebellum home! Our **included dinner** tonight in Holly Springs will be a true southern meal! **Day 4:** The next morning we visit the crowning jewel, Graceland! The **Graceland Mansion platinum tour** takes us on an audio guided visit inside Elvis' home and outside his grounds where he and his family are buried. We'll also board Elvis' two custom airplanes, see two brand new exhibits, "Elvis Icons" and "Elvis Lives: the King and Pop Culture." In the Elvis Automobile Museum you will find the Cadillac he purchased for his Mom along with his other numerous cars and bikes! Afterwards, we'll have an **included lunch** at an Italian restaurant that Elvis frequented near Graceland. Following lunch is the **Stax Museum of American Soul Music.** See numerous artifacts, stage costumes, instruments, and more from the "soul music" entertainers. From Otis Redding's' "Sittin' on the dock of a bay" to many other great songs and great performers, we'll be transformed back in time to the awesome sounds of soul! Our last tour of the day, **The National Civil Rights Museum**, located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr., chronicles key episodes of the American civil rights movement and the legacy of this movement. See inside MLK's hotel room just as he left it. Step on a bus just like the one Rosa Parks rode. This museum is filled with many exhibits regarding Civil Rights. See where the assassin fired his gun and the bullet that ended MLK's life. This museum is one of the most visited museums in the world! It is amazing! **Day 5:** It's time to say farewell to Memphis. Today we travel home with fond memories of this one of a kind "Fit for a King" Getaway!

Lorraine Motel-Civil Rights Museum

Tupelo Auto Museum

$839 Double $1087-Single $756-Triple $715-Quad

INCLUDES:

- ✓ Motor Coach Transportation
- ✓ Tour Director
- ✓ (4) Nights Hotel Accommodations (Comfort Inn Downtown Memphis)
- ✓ Baggage Handling
- ✓ (9) Meals: (4) Breakfast (3) Lunches (2) Dinners
- ✓ Memphis City Tour With Local Guide & Gratuity
- ✓ Sun Studio
- ✓ Smithsonian's Rock-N-Soul Museum
- ✓ Tupelo City Tour With Local Guide & Gratuity
- ✓ Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum
- ✓ Tupelo Auto Museum
- ✓ Tupelo Hardware Store
- ✓ Holly Springs City Tour With Local Guide & Gratuity
- ✓ Antebellum Home Tour
- ✓ Graceland Platinum Tour
- ✓ Stax Museum of American Soul Music
- ✓ National Civil Rights Museum
- ✓ $25 Group Getaways Green
- ✓ Tax

As long as we still have space, the price is guaranteed through March 15. All unused space will be released on that date. To avoid an increase in price, make your reservation by no later than March 15. This is a very popular time of year to visit so the hotels sell out quickly!

The average temperature in the area during our visit is a low of 62 degrees and a high of 81 degrees!

Reservations: Call 913-369-3939
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Deposit Due: $100 Per Person Plus Insurance Within 5 Days of Making Reservation
Final Payment Due: March 15
Cancel Policy: By Mar 15- Full Refund / After Mar 15- No Refund
Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance: $53-Double-Triple-Quad, $67-Single
Pick Up Locations: Topeka-Lawrence-Overland Park