

## RHYTHMS OF THE SOUTH



### Day 1: Atlanta Arrival

Arrive in Atlanta. Pick up your car and proceed to your hotel.

### Day 2: Atlanta

Enjoy a day in Atlanta, which started as railroad junction in the 1830s and quickly became the transport hub of the South. Its strategic importance was a large part of the reason it made such an inviting target for General Sherman's Union Army, which razed it during the Civil War. Visit Fairlie-Poplar, the African American Panoramic Experience, Grant Park or the Atlanta History Center.

### Day 3: Atlanta - Nashville

Along the way, stop to see the Chattanooga "Choo Choo" train. In Lynchburg tour the legendary Jack Daniel's whisky distillery. Proceed to Nashville in the evening.

### Day 4: Nashville - Memphis

Soak up the sounds in the country music capital by visiting the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Experience the South's tumultuous history at the Tennessee State Museum. Leave the city early enough to arrive in Memphis for a late dinner.

### Day 5: Memphis

Explore the birthplace of the blues by taking in a performance in one of the entertaining Beale Street blues bars. Drive out for a tour of Elvis Presley's home Graceland; see the original bomber, Memphis Belle; or monorail to unique Mud Island.

### Day 6: Memphis - Jackson

Jackson was founded in 1821 at the site of a trading post situated on a bluff on the west bank of the Pearl River. Jacksonians are extremely proud of their famed southern hospitality and attractions. Visit the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Smith-Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, along with the Old Capitol Museum and other venues.

Day 7: Jackson - New Orleans

Enjoy a drive through the heart of the old South en route to New Orleans. The city's unique geography, sandwiched between Lake Pontchartrain and the mighty Mississippi River, shaped the flavors of the only cuisine native to North America.

Day 8: New Orleans

The Big Easy is a melting pot of European culture and southern charm. Stroll through the French Quarter and admire its distinctive architectural styling, then experience the festive frenzy on Bourbon Street. Steamboat river tours onboard restored paddleboats are a great way to experience the mighty Mississippi.

Day 9: New Orleans - Pensacola

Drive from city life to beach blankets in only a few short hours. Relax on the white sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico and enjoy a swim in the warm blue water. Wander through Pensacola's Seville District or head to the premium beaches of Santa Rosa Island.

Day 10: Pensacola - Tallahassee

Travel along the Gulf coast through the untouched wildlife preserves and natural habitats that dot the landscape. Fishing villages and the Emerald Coast provide ample distraction on the way.

Day 11: Tallahassee - St. Augustine

Head into the heart of Florida and take in the beautiful scenic landscapes.

Day 12: St. Augustine - Orlando

Drive due south to one of the world's most exciting entertainment complexes. There are a wide variety of cultural attractions and elegant dining opportunities near downtown Orlando, in addition to the many theme parks in the surrounding area.

Day 13: Orlando Departure

Return your car at the airport before your departure flight.

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