

## GROUP TRAVELMASTERS PRESENTS: NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS Motorcoach Tour



### Day 1 -

Leave your hometown by Deluxe Motorcoach. In Hannibal, MO have lunch (included) at The Ole Plantation Restaurant. Continue to Cape Girardeau, MO and check into the Drury Inn & Suites. Have the Kickback Supper (included) at the Drury Inn.

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### Day 2 -

Have breakfast (included) and leave Cape Girardeau, MO. Arrive in Nashville at the Belle Meade Plantation for a luncheon (included). After lunch, take a guided tour of the 1853 Greek-Revival Mansion reveals a century of Belle Meade Plantation's history. It is told through the eyes of the Harding and Jackson Family and the skilled laborers who collectively worked to make the Plantation America's premier Thoroughbred Horse Farm. After the guided Our Group Tours are exceptional and feature the intimate stories of the various people that created Belle Meade Plantation. Throughout the 45-minute guided tour of the 1853 Greek-Revival Mansion, a century of Belle Meade Plantation's history is told through the eyes of the Harding and Jackson Family and the skilled laborers who collectively worked to make the Plantation America's premier Thoroughbred Horse Farm. After the guided tour of the Mansion guests are encouraged to enjoy the self-guided portion of the tour through the eight historic buildings on site including a massive 1800's Carriage House and Stable. Lodging for the next two nights is at the Club-Hotel

Nashville Inn & Suites. Dinner (included) is at the Santa Fe Cattle Company, then experience the Grand Ole Opry – Nashville’s must-see attraction and the world’s longest running live radio show. As the home of country music, the Opry offers an incredible mix of talent to create an American experience like no other!

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### **Day 3**

Have breakfast (included) at hotel. Take a personally guided tour of historic RCA Studio B, Home of 1,000 Hits, where music legends recorded timeless songs. Stand right where Elvis himself stood to record over 200 songs. Next visit the Country Music Hall of Fame, where you can hear rare recordings of country’s legendary performers, see behind-the-scenes films by today’s stars, along with costumes, instruments and personal treasures from country music’s past and present. Enjoy a home-style barbeque buffet lunch (included) at the Wildhorse Saloon. There will also be some line-dancing lessons for those who want to participate. Next take a guide tour of the Ryman Auditorium. Ryman Auditorium is a National Historic Landmark and must see for anyone visiting Nashville. Most famous as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943-1974, its history as Nashville’s premier theater and central gathering place started even before construction was complete in 1892. You’ll discover the divine inspiration behind the building’s construction as the Union Gospel Tabernacle in the 1880’s in our welcome video. Explore its rich entertainment history and how the Ryman became known as the “Carnegie Hall of South”, “Mother Church of Country Music”, and “Birthplace of Bluegrass”. After the hour guided tour, visit the gift store. This evening there will be some free time on family friendly historic 2nd Avenue (downtown). You can shop, dine (on own) and see the music honky-tonk venues where many country stars were discovered.



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### **Day 4 -**

Have breakfast (included) at hotel and travel to Memphis for lunch (included) Vernon’s Smokehouse. This afternoon tour Sun Studio. The Sun Sound began when Sam Phillips launched his record company in February of 1952. He named it Sun Records as a sign of his

perpetual optimism: a new day and a new beginning. Sam rented a small space at 706 Union Avenue for his own all-purpose studio. The label was launched amid a growing number of independent labels. In a short while Sun gained the reputation throughout Memphis as a label that treated local artists with respect and honesty. Sam provided a non-critical, spontaneous environment that invited creativity and vision. Then, in 1954, Sam found Elvis Presley, an artist who could perform with the excitement, unpredictability and energy of a blues artist but could reach across regional, musical and racial barriers. He helped form the beginnings of the Sun Sound by infusing Country music with R&B. Elvis' bright star attracted even more groundbreaking talent to the Sun galaxy. Listed among his contemporaries and lab mates were Johnny Cash, the inimitable Jerry Lee Lewis, and the "Rockin' Guitar Man", Carl Perkins. These four soon became known as the Million Dollar Quartet. Right behind them came Roy Orbison, Charlie Rich, Bill Justis, Harold Jenkins (a.k.a. Conway Twitty) and other equally memorable musical talents. All eventually sold on Pop, R&B and Country charts and grew to international fame. Rockabilly became the major evolution in the Sun Sound. Lyrically it was bold. Musically it was sparse. But it moved. Check into the Comfort Inn and have dinner (included) at King's Palace on Beale Street. This evening take free time to enjoy Beale Street.

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### **Day 5 -**

Have breakfast (included) at hotel and transfer to Graceland for The Elvis Experience. The all-new Graceland visitor entertainment complex will offer a fully immersive Elvis and pop culture experience to celebrate the most popular entertainer of all time. After touring the Graceland Mansion, you will visit the entertainment complex. Guests enjoy exciting and engaging exhibitions, attractions and visitor experiences in a 200,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, climate-controlled facility. Explore exhibits showcasing Elvis' career, his automobiles, his wardrobe, his gold records and much more from the Graceland Archives. A lunch voucher (included) can be used during your visit at Graceland. Mid-afternoon leave Memphis and travel to Cape Girardeau, MO. Check into the Drury Inn & Suites Cape Girardeau. Have a Kickback Supper (included) at the hotel.

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**Day 6 -**

Breakfast (included) at hotel. Have lunch (included) at The Mark Twain Dinetette in Hannibal, MO. Estimated return time home is 6:30 p.m.

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## **Tour Conditions**

**Net Price based on 30 paying passengers:**

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**Includes:**

- Motor Coach Transportation
- Lodging for 5 nights at outlined hotels (includes drivers' room)
- Meals as indicated by [B-breakfast, C-coffee, L-lunch, D- dinner (all meals except one dinner!)]
- Sightseeing attractions as outlined
- Free trip for the group leader (who will be the Tour Director)
- Tour Planning services of Group TravelMasters
- Gratuities on included meals and attractions. Driver and escort tips are not included in the price

