

# Rhythms of the South

*This tour takes in three centers of American music, New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville: the cities whose music are the soundtracks of our lives. Most of the driving is city to city on easy to drive Interstate highways.*

## JOURNEY DETAILS

DURATION > 9 DAYS

DISTANCE > 1,447 MILES

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**DAY 1** > After picking up your motorhome, it's an easy 2½ hour Interstate drive into Alabama for your first night in the State Capital, Montgomery. 📍 155 miles to Montgomery ★ Visit Jefferson Davis' Confederate White House and Old Alabama Town.

**DAY 2** > Heading for New Orleans but you need a break. Mobile, Alabama, seems like a good place and the Shady Acres Campground will offer a warm welcome. 📍 185 miles to Mobile ★ Visit the Battleships at Memorial Park and the once English Conde-Charlotte House

**DAY 3** > Heading for the historic, gracious and unique city of New Orleans: the birthplace of jazz. You can walk from The French Quarter RV Park into the heart of New Orleans. Though the RV Park looks a little like a car park, it has full hookups and the Clubhouse is very 'New Orleans' with great facilities. The wonderful restaurants, the world famous music and nightlife for everyone might make you extend your stay here. 📍 157 miles to the French Quarter, New Orleans ★ Visit Jackson Square, Basin Street and Audubon Park. Cruise the Mississippi aboard a paddle steamer.

**Day 4** > North now into Elvis country. It's a long ride to 'Elvis Town' so we are breaking the journey just south of Jackson, Mississippi – another State Capital and staying at The Swinging Bridge RV Park. 📍 177 miles to Jackson ★ Visit The Old Capitol, Governors Mansion and the Capitol Building.

**DAY 5** > Leave the freeway traffic and take the very scenic Natchez Trace bound for Tupelo, Elvis Presley's birthplace and home town to the age of thirteen, After a stop to visit, your campsite is at Barnes Crossing, just minutes north of the town. 📍 160 miles to Tupelo ★ Visit Elvis's birthplace and the museum dedicated to his life

**DAY 6** > A couple of hours driving through the Holly Springs National Forest to Memphis. Where better to stay than within walking distance of Graceland, Elvis Presley's home. The Memphis-Graceland RV Park & Campground is located on 19 acres just off Elvis Presley Boulevard behind Elvis Presley's Heartbreak Hotel. 📍 110 miles to Memphis ★ Visit Graceland of course but also the Civil Rights Museum in what was the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was shot; Sun Studios and Beale Street immortalised by W.C. Handy blues

**DAY 7** > To the home of Country Music and the city that saw Dolly Parton and host of other great singers become international stars. Just north of Nashville is Goodlettsville and the Nashville Country RV Park and they organise tours through Grayline to major attractions such as the Grand Old Opry (Tues, Fri, Sat night), Country Music Hall of Fame and the Jack Daniels Distillery. 📍 230 miles to Nashville ★ Visit the Grand Old Oprey, the Jack Daniels Distillery and much more on tours leaving from the campground gates.

**Day 8** > Just over two hours to our last stop of this trip near Chattanooga. Raccoon Mountain RV Park & Campground is the closest campground to the area's major attractions: Tennessee Aquarium,



Trumpet player, New Orleans

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Lookout Mountain, Southern Belle Riverboat, IMAX Theatre, and downtown Chattanooga. Adjacent is Raccoon Mountain Caverns with 5½ miles of cave systems to explore. 📍 141 miles to Chattanooga ★ Visit the Lookout Mountain battlefields aboard the 'Incline Railway'. Explore the caves and caverns.

**Day 9** > Just over 2 hours/132 miles to drive to drop off your motorhome back at Cruise America in Forest Park, Atlanta.



Sun & shade

Photo: Jan Bourna



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Graceland, Memphis

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Paddle boat on the Mississippi / Photo: Stephen Finn