WHERE YOU'RE GOING





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DAYS

Looking for the ultimate southern road trip? Take a venture to the deep south for 13 days of mouthwatering eats, bright lights, breathtaking national parks and music-filled late nights. This trip will see you shimmying around the sights and delights of New Orleans, Nashville, Memphis, Austin and more – all to the sultry sound of sweet southern jazz and twittering songbirds.

DAY 1

DALLAS-FORT WORTH TO AUSTIN

Fort Worth

Feel the famed Southern hospitality as we meet up with the rest of our Contiki family in the 'bigger is better' scene of Dallas. From Fort Worth we'll head to the decidedly more laid-back vibes of Austin.

Austin

This evening you'll have a chance to get to know your new travel crew with a free night of exploring.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Austin Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

• See the State Capital Building, Moon Towers & The Driskill Hotel

Historic building, the only known surviving moon towers in the world, plus a paragon of Texas hospitality. What more could you want here in Austin?

• University of Texas Visit

Follow in the footsteps of Farrah Fawcett and Matthew McConnaughey on a trip to the University of Texas.

• Visit Congress Avenue

See the buildings, bridges, barbershops and more!

DAY 2

AUSTIN

Austin

Today is all yours baby so take it easy as you experience the Texan Life. You have the option of taking a kayaking trip on Lady Bird Lake to view those skyscrapers from a new angle, picking out some new cowboy boots for yourself, or taking a paddle board ride on the water. In the evening you'll enjoy an authentic & mouthwatering Texan BBQ. You can't say we don't treat you! Make sure to preserve your energy for a night on the town - Austin has a world famous music scene for a good reason.

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Austin Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

• Authentic Texas BBQ

From ribs to sausages, the steaks may be high – but nowhere does BBQ like Texas, and tonight we'll experience it for ourselves.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Kayaking -

Kayak on Lady Bird Lake with a Guide.

Adult: 60.00 USD

DAY₃

AUSTIN TO SAN ANTONIO

Austin

Having conquered Austin, we'll venture onto San Antonio...

San Antonio

Welcome to a charming melting pot of Spanish, Mexican & American infusions. After eating our way around the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico and enjoying a walking tour to get our bearings, the evening is yours to soak up and enjoy shops, restaurants & music.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites San Antonio Rivercenter (or similar)

Included Experiences

• San Antonio Walking Tour

Get to know San Antonio on foot, with visits to the Alamo and the famous San Antonio Mission River Walk.

DAY 4

SAN ANTONIO TO HOUSTON

San Antonio

Leaving San An feeling like a local, it's time to make our way to Texas' largest city.

Houston

With huge belt buckles & portion sizes to match, Houston city certainly lives up to its larger than life reputation.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Holiday Inn Houston Downtown (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

NASA Space Centre Entry -

Budding astronauts will be thrilled with a behind the scenes pass to space exploration for the day.

All prices are in local currency.

Adult: 29.00 USD

DAY 5

HOUSTON TO NEW ORLEANS

Houston

Bellies full of BBQ, we'll head to the romantic metropolis of New Orleans.

New Orleans

The love-child of French & Caribbean culture, New Orleans will steal our hearts as soon as we arrive.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

La Quinta Inn and Suites New Orleans Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

• Try the Famous Beignets

Sample the delicious doughy goodness that is a staple of the city's food culture.

• Discover New Orleans

Get to know New Orleans, with an orientation tour including the French Quarter – and the chance to sample the doughy and delightful New Orleans beignets.

DAY 6

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans

We'll kick off the festivities today with a swoon-worthy walking tour of the French quarter, jamming in Jackson Square before sampling beignets & marveling at elegant, pre-war mansions, all to the sweet sounds of Southern jazz, of course. Then it's time to head for the New Orleans school of cooking to trade tales with your new friends over some traditional qumbo.

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel

La Quinta Inn and Suites New Orleans Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

The New Orleans School of Cooking

Tonight we'll sample local creole specialties, plus the famous Southern hospitality.

DAY 7

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans

Now that you know New Orleans like one of the locals, it's your day to do your own thing. Stroll down Frenchmen street for the sounds of jazz and funk, head to the vast grassy oasis of the city park or check out the New Orleans museum of art for an extensive collection of gorgeous French masterpieces.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

La Quinta Inn and Suites New Orleans Downtown (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ride on an Airboat -

Adult: 89.00 USD

DAY 8

NEW ORLEANS TO MEMPHIS

New Orleans

Bidding farewell to New Orleans, we're off to another musical mecca...

Memphis

Welcome to Memphis. It's time to pay homage to 'The King' today, as we're going to Graceland, the iconic home of Elvis. We'll head to sun studios, the place where Elvis recorded his very first song. What a day; and we're not even done with Memphis yet.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

• Memphis Walking Tour

Follow in the footsteps of B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Elvis as we sway from the riverfront to rock 'n' roll studios.

DAY 9

MEMPHIS

Memphis

Now we're nice and intimate with Memphis, it's your own day to explore. Take a taste of traditional food in downtown, visit the museum of soul music, check out the famous zoo and aquarium or take a tour of the Wiseacre brewery. No matter what you choose to do today, you'll fall in love with this melodic city.

Meals

Dinner

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown (or similar)

Included Experiences

• Visit the Legendary Sun Studios

Visit the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Where Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash recorded their major records.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Visit the Rock & Soul Museum -

Take a tour through music history at the Rock & Soul Museum, Memphis.

All prices are in local currency.

Adult: 13.00 USD

Visit the Home of Elvis Presley -

Visit the home of The King - Graceland. All prices are in local currency.

Adult: 82.00 USD

DAY 10

MEMPHIS TO NASHVILLE

Memphis

See ya, Memphis, Nashville is calling!

Nashville

Pull those boots out. Home to some of the musical greats, this city also played a crucial role in the civil rights movement.

Hotel

Comfort Inn Stadium (or similar)

DAY 11

NASHVILLE

Nashville

Today you have the day for yourself to really get down and dirty with Nashville. Tour and taste all the southern delicacies, some classic whisky at Uncle Nearest Distillery is the perfect place to start.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Comfort Inn Stadium (or similar)

Included Experiences

• Uncle Nearest Distillery Tour MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Whiskey fans, prepare to be whisked away on this unique distillery tour.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Whiskey Tasting at Uncle Nearest Distillery -

Enjoy a tipple of whiskey from the first-known African American master distiller, Nearest Green. *All prices are in local currency.*

Adult: 20.00 USD

DAY 12

NASHVILLE

Nashville

Today is yours to explore Nashville - truly a musical paradise. Whether you choose to take a trip to the Ryman Auditorium or a tour around the Country Music Hall of Fame, you'll get the low down on this city's musical past.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Quality Inn Nashville Downtown Stadium (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Country Music Hall of Fame -

Adult: 28.00 USD

Visit the Ryman Auditorium -

One of Tennessee's many music venues, the Ryman Auditorium is a historic live-performance hall which you'll have a chance to visit!

All prices are in local currency.

Adult: 25.00 USD

DAY 13

END NASHVILLE

Nashville

Thanks for the hospitality Nashville! Tissues on deck & souvenirs in tow, it's time to say our goodbyes. This has been the journey of a lifetime, so make sure to keep in contact for a reunion trip soon...

Meals

Breakfast