Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce presents…

Discover America's Music Cities

May 17 – 24, 2020

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8 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... French Quarter, Choice on Tour, Swamp Tour, Mardi Gras World, Jazz Revue, Graceland, West Delta Heritage Center, Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry Show, Country Music Hall of Fame, Historic RCA Studio B, Whiskey Distillery

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Sunday, May 17, 2020 New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the “Jazz Capital of the World,” New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack.

Day 2: Monday, May 18, 2020 Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans It’s your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans’ famous French Quarter where you’ll see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city’s most recognizable landmarks; continue to the bustling French Marketplace where you’ll explore Pirates Alley and view the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide that begins along historic Esplanade Avenue and rolls on to see St. Louis Cemetery #3, which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city’s cemeteries; on St. Charles Avenue, marvel at gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Loyola and Tulane. Whichever you choose, you’ll stop to taste a true New Orleans favorite – beignets at the famed Café Du Monde. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 New Orleans Journey through Louisiana’s swamp on a cruise* narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Then, celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the spectacular floats for the famous parades. You’ll even get to indulge in a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock ‘n’ Roll and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, May 21, 2020 Memphis Put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland, the opulent home of the “King” himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis’ 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis’ life at Graceland, racquetball court, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. Then, head out on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. You may be tempted to sing along as local musicians board the coach to tell the stories of Memphis’ musical heritage and its rich history. The remainder of your afternoon and evening are free to enjoy this city’s vast musical offerings. You may wish to spend more time at Graceland, join an optional Memphis Musical History Tour with dinner, dance to live music, or spend the evening exploring Beale Street’s vibrant musical clubs! (B)

Day 6: Friday, May 22, 2020 Memphis - Nashville Roll along Music Highway to the “Music Capital of the World,” Nashville! We’ll make a stop at the West Delta Heritage Center to discover the roots of the country blues sound that originated...
in West Tennessee. The Queen of Rock, Tina Turner, was born here in Brownsville, so it’s only fitting that there’s an exhibit dedicated to her. Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry! What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.***

Day 7: Saturday, May 23, 2020 Nashville Today, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. Check out the museum’s vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments, artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits that relay the colorful histories of country music and its artists. Afterwards, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider’s look at Nashville’s oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio – you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then discover the flavor of the region at a family-owned distillery when you tour the facility and taste its Tennessee whiskey. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, May 24, 2020 Nashville - Tour Ends Your rockin’ musical journey comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It! The Ryman Auditorium
The “Mother Church of Country Music,” the “Carnegie Hall of the South,” the “Soul of Nashville”...welcome to Ryman Auditorium, a 2,000-plus seat venue in the heart of Nashville with a history as deep as country roots. Named for its founder, a wealthy riverboat owner, the Ryman first opened its doors in 1892 as the Union Gospel Tabernacle, but what many folks don’t know is that the Ryman was the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. In fact, the Opry’s formative years were spent on Ryman’s stage, having featured the debuts of music titans Earl Scruggs and Hank Williams, and hosting the very first meeting between Johnny Cash and June Carter. Even Patsy Cline became a member of the Opry at the Ryman in 1960. And while the Grand Ole Opry has lived at a new venue since the seventies, the Ryman remains a vital music venue on the Nashville circuit, and is a designated National Historic Landmark thanks to its pivotal role in the popularization of country music. See it for yourself when country music comes to life in the Ryman’s exhibit, “The Soul of Nashville,” and let the Mother Church move you!
Travel within USA

For travel completed by September 30, 2020, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights. Effective for travel October 1, 2020 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver’s license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the guest. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: https://www.dhs.gov/real-id

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The swamp tour is subject to change due to severe inclement weather. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute for another attraction if possible.

**On some dates, the Old Ryman Auditorium may be closed for special events.

***The Grand Ole Opry moves to the Ryman Auditorium during the months of November and December and throughout the year during special events.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of $500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 11, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 18, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until November 18, 2019.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Air Seat Request: (   ) Aisle   (   ) Window   (   ) Next To Traveling Companion

Departure airport for this tour:

AIR GATEWAY:

First:   Middle:   Last:

City:   Address:   State:   Zip Code:

Phone: (   )   Cell: (   )

EMAIL:

Email:   Nickname:

GENDER:

Gender:   Male   Female   Date of Birth: (month/day/year) /

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name:

Phone: (   )

ROOMING WITH:

First:   Middle:   Last:

Suffix:

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

If you choose not to purchase Collette’s Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit.

Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

Please choose one each of the following on tour activities:

1. (   ) Panoramic Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans

   (   ) French Quarter Walking Tour

2. (   ) Gaylord Opryland Resort – Standard (included)

   (   ) Gaylord Opryland Resort – Superior (additional charge of $40.00 double, $80.00 single required)

Total amount enclosed: $___

Cardholder Name:

Cardholder Address:

Cardholder Phone:

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date:

Amount charged: $___

Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the above conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date:

I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions. If paying by credit card, I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. See http://memberchoicevacations.com/about-us/terms-and-conditions for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/951750.

You can also find this information on your tour documents.