

ATLANTA ROUND TRIP

Music and Museums

Driving Distance: 1650 Driving Miles

Driving Time: 40 Hours Approx

Recommended Trip: 15 Days

- Day 1 Arrive in Atlanta and check into an hotel for your first night
- Day 2 Pick up your motorhome today. Visit the Carter Presidential Center, the World of Coca Cola Pavillion or the Cnn Center, home of the world's largest television network. Explore Underground Atlanta for great food and Jazz.
- Days 3/4 Collect your hire car from downtown and drive north through Chattanooga. Visit Ruby Falls or Lookout Mountain before continuing to the home of Country Music and the Grand Old Opry, Nashville. Another great stop en-route is the Jack Daniels' Distillery, where you can see traditional Tennessee bourbon being made. Visit the homes and museums of music giants, dance to country sounds, sail on the Cumberland River or lunch on the General Jackson.
- Days 5/6 Travel from Nashville along the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway to Tupelo, Mississippi for it was here that Elvis Presley was born. The museum, "Times and Things Remembered" contains one of the most unique collection of Presley memorabilia in the world. From Tupelo it is just 100 miles to Memphis. Commanding the Mississippi River from high bluffs, the million stong city of Memphis is by far the most exciting, atmospheric city in the south. Cotton was king here long before Elvis made his way from Mississippi, but today this city is renowned as the birthplace of Rock'n'Roll and the home of the Blues. Visit Graceland, Elvis' beloved home, Beale Street - where the music and party last all night and all year, the new Smithsonian Rock'n'Soul Museum at the Gibson Guitar Factory and the remarkable National Civil Rights Museum.
- Days 7/8 Drive to Natchez, Mississippi. This town's golden era came in the 19th Century when cotton became a leading industry and Natchez became an important river port. Fortunes were made and vast plantations with magnificent houses reflected the prosperity, for some, of the period. Escaping the ravages of the Civil War, Natches today offers some 50 ante-bellum houses and buildings that still grace its city streets. Natchez Under-the-Hill, on Silver Street overlooking the Mississippi, was once a lair for gamblers, thieves and riverboat roughnecks and is now a thriving entertainment area with restaurants, bars and casinos.

- Days 9/10 Travel today to Cajun Country, a land of towering sugar cane, winding bayous, Acadian cottages and crawfish ponds. Explore historic towns and cities with vibrant folklife, colourful traditions and a way of speaking that will make you wonder if you really are in the US.
- Days 11/12 Set out early for New Orleans. Start in the French Quarter, where old brick and iron balconied buildings reflect the French and Spanish influence. Stroll the narrow streets, visit antique shops and jazz clubs, experience Cajun and Creole cooking. Shop at Jax Brewery, Canal Place or the boutiques of Royal Street. Travel on the streetcar Name Desire, walk the historic Garden District or sail on the Mississippi River.
- Day 13 Drive to Biloxi on the Gulf Coast. Founded in 1699, Biloxi's Old World charm and a mild climate have made it a delightful resort city. Three centuries later, the town which served as the first capital of the Louisiana Territory offers visitors sandy beaches, championship golf courses, deep-sea fishing, tours of ante-bellum homes framed by moss-draped trees, art galleries, antique shops and oceanfront casinos. See the Old Lighthouse, relax on the beach, try your luck in the casinos, or venture into the Gulf of Mexico on a shrimping tour.
- Day 14 Drive to the birthplace of the Civil War and Civil Rights. Walk where Jefferson Davis, Dr Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks left imprints on history. See vintage houses in Old Alabama Town. View the inspiring Civil Rights Memorial and spend an evening at the renowned Alabama Shakespeare Theatre.
- Day 15 Drive along Georgia's Antebellum Trail, enjoying the scenery en-route to Atlanta. Return your motorhome before catching your flight home