

Historic & Romantic South (M-ID: 2561)

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from €5,995.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

13 days

10/16/2024 - 10/28/2024 13 days

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Ride on the saddle of a Harley Davidson® through landscapes as you know them from "Gone with the Wind" or plantation misery à la "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and enjoy up close Dixieland, Blues, and Country Music.

We have put together a great package for you and prepared a very well-dosed mix of experiences.

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And here are the states we drive through:

LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA, AND TENNESSEE.

- A semi-guided tour is basically a guided tour that allows individual participants free space.

You ride either behind or in front of our experienced guide who sits in the support vehicle and guides you, or you ride the tour on your own terms and your luggage is automatically transported with you. However, in case of an emergency, you will have a contact person on site. You decide for yourself if you prefer the guided or the self-ride version. Our service and performance are unique!

- Tour itinerary:

Day 01: Flight to New Orleans

Welcome to New Orleans. The arrival is individual. If you have contracted us to organize your flights and transfers, we will be waiting for you at the airport. Otherwise, we will meet later at the hotel. In the evening, the first meeting of all participants with your tour guide will take place at the first tour hotel in the famous French Quarter for a "welcome drink" followed by a discussion about the course of the tour and lots of tips. Afterward, the rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in New Orleans.

TIP: If you would like to arrive a day or two in advance so that you can explore this wonderful city at your leisure, we can help you book flights, transfers, or extra nights at the hotel of your choice.

We can very easily take care of such requests for you.

- Day 02: New Orleans

The day is at your free disposal. You can spend the morning walking through the French Quarter, for example, or take a paddlewheel steamboat tour with music and lunch on the Mississippi River. In the evening, be sure to enjoy Bourbon Street. Here you will find countless live music offerings for every taste. Overnight stay in New Orleans.

- Day 03: New Orleans - Mobile (260 km)

In the morning we load the luggage in the support vehicle

and ride to the rental station to collect the motorcycle. After completing the formalities and the briefing, we say goodbye to New Orleans. Via Highway 90, also nicknamed "Route 66 of the South" and running through the states of Mississippi and Alabama. The gambling town of Biloxi is one of our stops today. Our onward journey on Highway 90 takes us through the coastal region of Mississippi to the state of Alabama. Overnight in the Mobile/Daphne area.

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Day 04: Mobile - Columbus (420 km)

After breakfast, we make our way across the Alabama backcountry. The route is varied and Atmore, Andalusia, Troy, and Hurtsboro are a few of the stops along the way. Our destination today is Georgia's third-largest city, Columbus. Overnight stay in the Columbus area. Tour length approx. 420 km.

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Day 05: Columbus - Anderson (185 km)

Today we enjoy "Georgia on my mind" on the road. Georgia is the only state that truly combines within its borders everything that makes the Deep South of the USA so appealing, plus the legendary Southern hospitality. Along the way we will encounter various plantation homes from the American Civil War era, some of which are already museums, allowing us (optional) a glimpse into the times of yore. Our destination for the day is Anderson in South Carolina, where we will also spend the night. Tour length approx. 395 km.

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Day 06: Blue Ridge Parkway - Great Smoky Mountains - Pigeon Forge (280 km)

First, on the agenda today is the world-famous Blue Ridge Parkway. We spend our lunch break at the worldwide unique motorcycle museum "Wheels through Time", which is located in Maggie Valley. Afterward, we will ride over countless passes and curves and cross the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Overnight stay today is in the area of Pigeon Forge, TN. Tour length approx. 280 km.

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Day 07: Tail of the Dragon - Cherohala Skyway - Chattanooga (309 km)

Today we have one of the most exciting routes from a motorcyclist's point of view. We reach the "Deals Gap" or the famous "Tail of the Dragon". The route has a total of 318 curves on a length of 17.6 km. Please pay attention, because we are guaranteed not alone on this road, but together with hundreds of other vehicles. But when we have passed them, you can buy at the store the ultimate proof of the ride a small sticker or patch. The onward journey takes us first on the beautiful and winding Cherohala Skyway to Chattanooga. This railroad town has no need for advertising thanks to the Glenn Miller song "Chattanooga Choo Choo". Overnight stay in Chattanooga. Tour length approx. 309 km.

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Day 08: Lynchburg - Nashville (280 km)

This morning we ride up Lookout Mountain. This winding scenic road takes us to the parking area below the summit. Here we have the opportunity to visit Rock City, where after a short hike through rock caves, narrow canyons, past a waterfall and across a suspension bridge we reach the lookout. Continuing through deepest Tennessee brings us to Lynchburg, where we may visit the Jack Daniels Distillery

(optional). This distillery is ironically located in a "dry county" (alcohol-free county), of which there are still a few here in the old South. We then spend our lunch break in the beautifully restored town, just as we know it from countless commercials. Our destination today is the capital of country music, Nashville, where we will also spend the night. But until we get there, we will visit one or the other bar or saloon (optional) and have fun with the music. Tour length approx. 280 Km.

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Day 09: Nashville - Memphis (385 km)

The ride west takes us across the Tennessee River and through vast rural areas. In Jackson you have the opportunity to visit the legendary Country Store near the museum of the famous railroad hero Casey Jones (optional). And then we reach Memphis, the home of the blues and the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Especially (but not only) on Beale Street you can hear live music behind every door all year round. Hip blues bars line the sidewalks and musicians gather for impromptu jam sessions. An optional tour of Sun Studio lets you visit the place where the careers of B.B. King, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash or Jerry Lee Lewis began. The Stax Museum of American Soul Music presents memorabilia of soul legends like Tina Turner or Isaac Hayes. Memphis is also known for its world-class BBQ restaurants. Overnight stay tonight is in Memphis. Tour length approx. 385 Km

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Day 10: Graceland - Clarksdale (140 km)

An absolute must on a visit to Memphis is Elvis Presley's Graceland. On the extensive estate you can visit the King's former home, a museum about his career as well as his cars and several of his luxuriously equipped airplanes (optional). We then ride south on U.S. Highway 61, also known as the Blues Highway, until we reach Clarksdale. Here, at the intersection with U.S. Highway 49, we find the place where, according to legend, musician Robert Johnson gave his soul to the devil in exchange for becoming an excellent blues musician. Legends like John Lee Hooker, Sam Cooke or Ike Turner were born in this small town. Of course, we also have time to visit the Delta Blues Museum. The museum dedicated to blues music. In addition to an extensive collection of blues memorabilia, the museum also exhibits art related to the blues, including works by sculptor Floyd Shaman and photographer Birney Imes. Overnight in Clarksdale. Tour length approx. 140 km.

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Day 11: Mississippi Blues Trail - Natchez (350 km)

Today we continue south on the Mississippi Blues Trail. We pass the town of Vicksburg, which gained sad fame during the American Civil War. This is where the legendary Battle of Vicksburg took place, which marked the surrender of the Confederates and the end of the Civil War. If we have made good time, here you will have the opportunity to learn more about the great battle as you tour the vast Military Park (optional). Continuing on, we discover rural Mississippi and the pretty and historic town of Port Gibson, en route to Natchez, the oldest permanent settlement on the Mississippi River. In the era of the cotton barons, Natchez was home to more millionaires than any other place in the United States. Nowhere else are there so many Southern mansions from this era in one place. See the sunset at the brest on the river at the historic "Under the Hill Saloon" before going to dinner or visiting a gambling casino. Overnight stay in Natchez. Tour length approx. 350 km.

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Day 12: Oak Alley Plantation - New Orleans (325 km)

Along the Mississippi River and the bayous we pass Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana until we reach the world-famous Oak Alley Plantation. There, for an entrance fee (optional), we can visit the most photographed plantation mansion in the world with its long oak alley. Afterward, we ride through the River Road to New Orleans, where we first return our bikes. Afterward, we transfer to our hotel and enjoy the evening around the French Quarter. Overnight stay in New Orleans. Tour length approx. 325 Km.

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Day 13: Return flight

If you prefer to stay here a few days longer, let us know and we will prepare the right package for you, whatever your wishes are.

Otherwise, the transfer to the airport and your flight back to Europe will take place today.

- Typing errors as well as changes are reserved. -

Countries	USA / United States of America
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	yes, incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€5,995.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€4,195.00
per person single room	€7,195.00
Surcharge for motorcycles from the Grand Touring Class	€170.00

Included

Scheduled flight in economy class with a renowned airline from/to Frankfurt to New Orleans (connecting flight)

12 nights in motels/hotels according to the itinerary

10 days motorcycle rental (see under More Details/ surcharge of €170 per motorcycle only in Grand Touring class)

Welcome Drink

Breakfast - if offered by the hotels (A frank word on the subject of breakfast in the USA: We would like to point out that breakfast as an included service in American or Canadian hotels is not a matter of course. There are all different varieties of breakfast. Some hotels offer coffee and some kind of roll, toast or a piece of cake, plus maybe some jam. If one is lucky, there is some fruit or dairy products. Some accommodations only offer coffee with a coffee maker in the room. Other hotels offer a varied breakfast. Many hotels decide in the middle of the season to launch this service, to abolish it or even to change it. There is generally everywhere a possibility to buy breakfast for little money. We write in the services "Partial breakfast", because we can not guarantee which hotel all of a sudden decides for it or against it).

All free miles

LDWZ insurance (comprehensive insurance)

VIP check in for the rental

TOP PROTECTION: Deductible 0,00 EUR (Explanation for the reduction of the excess to 0,- USD: In case of damage you have no excess. The deductible in case of theft is a maximum of 1000 US \$ on site and must first be paid by the customer in case of damage (theft). After the tour, the damage will be submitted and after inspection, the costs will be reimbursed by our German insurer. Please note: in order to avoid much higher costs, you must present the motorcycle key and a police report at the rental station in the event of theft, among other things.

TOP PROTECTION: Flat Tyre Protection (Our Flat Tyre Protection includes 100% tyre repair/working time. Any recovery/towing costs are covered up to a maximum of 100 USD. Costs above this are to be paid by yourself! An additional emergency towing service coverage is included in your tour price. Therefore these additional costs are not applicable for you.)

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance

TOP PROTECTION: Emergency assistance and emergency towing service.

Tour escort from/to New Orleans during the motorcycle tour by an experienced motorcycle guide

Escort vehicle during the entire tour period

Luggage transfer during the tour - 1 piece of luggage of 23 kg per person plus a small piece of hand luggage (We would like to ask you to refrain from using hard-shell suitcases, as they can cause problems during transport in the escort vehicle)

Drink service during the riding days (chilled drinks at net cost price)

Guidebook and maps per rider

Exclusive annual edition tour t-shirt

Link to the free download of the tour pictures/videos as a reminder

Not included

Personal expenses

Travel cancellation insurance, foreign health insurance (we recommend the travel cancellation insurance as well as the foreign health insurance)

Petrol

Entrance fees for the attractions or National, State and Navajo Parks

Parking garage fees, road/bridge fees

Costs for optional excursions, tips

Anything not specified under features

Additionally bookable services:

Flights from all European airports on request.

Airport transfers from 45 € per person per way, on request.

For an additional charge of 125 EUR we can give you a motorcycle model warranty by the rental company on your initial request. You will find the exact description of this service under the tab "Machines, etc."

170 EUR surcharge for model in Grand Touring class

More details

Total distance: 3070 km

Minimum number of participants: 12 persons (including pillion riders). We have not yet had to do this, but: if the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour up to four weeks before the start of the tour. Alternatively, the tour can be carried out with only one tour guide in the escort vehicle in order to avoid a tour cancellation (if it is calculable for us).

Maximum number of participants: 16 persons (including pillion riders)

Motorcycles on this tour:

Please note: Not all types are available at all motorcycle stations. As we are not the direct service provider for the motorcycles, we cannot guarantee for the "first motorcycle wish".

So that everything is clear in advance: Our partner requires the specification of a substitute desired machine mandatory at the time of booking and gives us a MOTORCYCLE CLASS GUARANTEE. This means that we will confirm your initial request (if available on the day of booking) and as an alternative a guarantee within the booked / requested category.

Class mix in booking is not allowed.

OPTIONAL MOTORCYCLE MODEL GUARANTEE: If the desired model is available, our partner will confirm the booking for the desired model, however, he reserves the right to offer an alternative model from the same category, if your desired model is not available. This can happen, for example, if the previous renter returned the motorcycle with damage. If choosing a specific model is very important to you, then this model will be guaranteed to you for an extra charge of 125 EUR per rental.

In the unlikely event that this service does not work out on the spot, you will get a motorcycle from the same category and the fee will immediately be returned to you.

Motorcycles at our partner - the motorcycles in the overview sorted by classes:

HD GRAND TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are best equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with very comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags and a top case. Please note: the models of this class can be booked with an extra charge. You will find the exact amount in the inclusive services of your tour:

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Classic

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Limited

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide® Ultra

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HD STREET TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are also equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger, but without the top case and touring seats. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags:

Harley-Davidson® Street Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road King®

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HD CRUISER TOURING CLASS: The quintessential American bike. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides:

Harley-Davidson® Heritage Softail®

Harley-Davidson® Low Rider®

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Indian® Chief Vintage®

Indian® Challenger®

Indian® Roadmaster®

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STREET CLASS: The quintessence of American bikes. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides. Not available everywhere and not possible for every tour. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® Sportster 1200®

Indian® Scout®

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HD THREE WHEEL CLASS: Some tours can also be ridden with a HARLEY DAVIDSON® TRI-GLIDE® ULTRA for an additional charge (depending on the station from 120 EUR/rental day). Appropriate experience is a prerequisite. Very limited availability of maximum 1-2 trikes per station. Not available everywhere. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® TRI-Glide® Ultra

Harley-Davidson® Freewheeler®

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Important to know:

A valid credit card (VISA / MASTERCARD or American Express) is required for the motorcycle pick-up. Deposit: 100 USD. The deposit can only be paid by credit card.

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An honest word among bikers:

With the next lines we would like to prepare you in the best way for the adventure of your life. You are either about to book one of the most beautiful types of travel, or you have already done so. The biggest difference between our type of holiday and a general package tour is that you are actively involved. Riding a motorcycle is one of the best things in life. At least for us bikers. The focus of the trip is motorcycling through unique landscapes. We have designed the programs in such a way that both riding fun and experience are present in sufficient quantity. Team spirit and adaptation in the group are absolutely necessary just as you need to bring a certain basic fitness and experience so that we can reach the destination together happy and healthy. If you have any doubts about your health, fitness or experience levels, please contact us beforehand. We want to achieve the best holiday experience for you too. The daily stages are on average 250 - 400 kilometers long. That sounds a lot, but it can't be compared to the same route in Europe, considering that there are often 80 kilometers without passing through a town and a whole day without traffic lights during the program. There are also hardly any traffic jams. We are rarely in the saddle for more than five hours throughout the day. We reach our daily destination between 4 - 6 p.m., depending on the season. Depending on the weather and daily temperatures, it can happen that we have to leave a little earlier or reach our daily destination later. However, if we want to experience a picture book sunset with full intention, it will be a little later.

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Insurance:

We generally recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance.

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Upon request:

1/2 double rooms can be booked upon request. If a 1/2 double room is already available, we will confirm it to you in your booking. If the 1/2 double room is not available at that very moment, then we will confirm a single room first. As soon as we have a booking for the second half of the room, we will immediately credit you the single room surcharge.

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Information on ESTA:

German travelers still need approved ESTA to enter the country.

For travelers to the USA, registration via the electronic ESTA system has been mandatory since 20.01.2010. Officials at the immigration counters can refuse entry to the USA to passengers without ESTA authorization. Authorities recommend that travelers apply for entry authorization via the ESTA website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta> at least 72 hours before departure. The ESTA fee of \$21 per ESTA application. ESTA authorization must be applied for online no later than 72 hours prior to travel. The ESTA authorization does not constitute a visa, visa-required travelers do not need an ESTA authorization, but a visa.

Entry requirements:

Please pay attention to the changed entry regulations in the USA.