

Southern States of the USA - Jazz, Blues and Country Music (M-ID: 2566)

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from €6,795.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

15 days

04/14/2024 - 04/28/2024 15 days

Come along on a classic motorcycle tour through the United States of America. New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Daytona Beach, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Smoky Mountains are the highlights here.

Tour itinerary:

Day 01: Flight to New Orleans

Flight with a renowned airline from your chosen departure point to New Orleans (transfers possible). Upon arrival, you will meet your guide who will take you to a mid-range hotel in the French Quarter. The rest of the evening is free for you to explore Bourbon Street. Overnight stay in New Orleans.

Day 02: New Orleans, the "Big Easy"

The day is at your free disposal. In the morning you can take a walk with your guide through the French Quarter and to the French Market. This is combined with a paddle steamer tour, where you will have a Southern Fried Lunch and music on the Mississippi. Already a good introduction to "Nawlins" as the locals call their New Orleans. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. Get some of the unique spices and sauces for home and visit the popular Bourbon Street again, which offers something for every taste with its countless live music offerings. Overnight stay in New Orleans.

Day 03: Oak Alley Plantation - Natchez, 365 km

Today it is time to say goodbye to "Nawlins". Your luggage will be loaded into the tour vehicle and you will pick up your bikes. On the way out of town you will visit one of the unique cemeteries with the Hurricane Katrina memorial and then ride along the River Road to the Oak Alley plantation. There you will have an early lunch and for an entrance fee you can visit the most photographed plantation mansion in the world with its long oak avenue. If you have seen the movie "Interview with a Vampire", you already know this place very well. Along the Mississippi and the bayous you will pass Baton Rouge until you reach Natchez, your destination for today. If you have enough time, you can visit

Stanton Hall, which dates back to the antebellum period, otherwise it is on the agenda for a group photo the next morning. This is a perfect example of a plantation owner's summer home. Natchez still has more than 200 such homes from before the American Civil War. You will enjoy the sunset at the river at J.D.'s "Under the Hill Saloon" before you go to dinner and still have the possibility of a casino visit. Overnight stay in Natchez.

Day 04: Natchez Trace Parkway - Tupelo, 445 km

Today you start over the first part of the more than 700 km long Natchez Trace Parkway, which settlers, Native Americans and soldiers followed hundreds of years ago. Since 2005, the Trace Parkway has been open from Natchez to Nashville, but closed to heavy traffic. Passing Jackson you will ride through deep forests and swamps. On the way you will take a short tour on foot through a cypress forest, where you might even see alligators. You will spend the night in Tupelo, the birthplace of Elvis Presley.

If you arrive in time, you will stop at the Tupelo Hardware Store. This is where the King of Rock'n Roll got his first guitar bought. This is the place where the history of Rock'n Roll began.

Day 05: Elvis Presley - Graceland - Memphis, 185 km

In the morning you visit the birthplace and the memorial chapel of Elvis Presley in Tupelo. Around noon you will reach Memphis and Graceland - the mansion of the late Rock'n Roll idol. Here you have the opportunity to take an interesting audio tour (in German). In the late afternoon visit the Duck Parade at the Peabody Hotel and then of course Beale Street, in the capital of the blues. B.B. King's and many other clubs invite you to live music at its best.

Memphis is also known for its first class BBQ restaurants. Overnight stay in Memphis.

Day 06: Casey Jones - Nashville - Country Music, 380 km
Now that you have had jazz, Cajun and blues music, today is dedicated to country music. First you will visit the museum of the legendary railroad hero Casey Jones in Jackson. From there, you'll hit smaller and smaller back roads. Following the hilly landscape of Mississippi and Tennessee you will come back to the Natchez Trace Parkway. This is probably the most beautiful section of this beautiful road and already gives you a slight curve training and a foretaste of what will follow in the next days. In the evening the hotel offers a paid shuttle to Broadway, with its countless bars and saloons, this is a must. The Wildhorse Saloon is the largest and has room for over 3000 country music enthusiastic fans. Overnight stay in the Nashville area.

Day 07: Jack Daniels - Chattanooga Choo Choo, 260 km
Today the deepest Tennessee is on the program. You will visit the Jack Daniels distillery in Lynchburg, which ironically is located in a dry (non-alcoholic) county. You will spend your lunch break in the beautifully restored town, just as you know it from countless commercials. Afterwards you continue to the railroad town of Chattanooga, which doesn't need any commercials thanks to the Glenn Miller song "Chattanooga Choo Choo". But before that, you'll visit Lookout Mountain. The winding scenic road takes you to the parking lot below the summit. Here you have the option of visiting Rock City, where a short hike through rock caves, narrow canyons, past a waterfall and over a suspension bridge will take you to the lookout. Here you can enjoy the view over 7 US states. Overnight stay in the Chattanooga area.

Day 08: Cherokeela Skyway - Deals Gap - the tail of the dragon, 300 km
Today is definitely the attraction for motorcyclists par excellence on the program. After an increasingly demanding ride along the winding Cherokeela Skyway you will reach "Deals Gap" or "the tail of the dragon". The route has a total of 318 curves over a length of 17.6 km. The crowds of motorcyclists attracted by this speak for themselves. As does the Tree of Shame, where the various motorcycle parts of those who have overdone it can be found. Be warned, the dragon bites and always catches those who are too reckless. You can spend your lunch break here and visit the shop. Have a look at the picture wall and get the ultimate proof, a little sticker for your helmet, that you did it. Then it's 11 miles down the mountain. In the afternoon, you'll ride the Foothill Parkway at the base of the Great Smoky Mountains to your destination for today. Overnight in the Townsend/Gatlinburg area.

Day 09: Great Smoky Mountains - 3000 curves - Blue Ridge Parkway, 310 km
In the morning you continue the curving. You will cross the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and with a bit of luck you will see one of the shy black bears that live here. Over countless passes and curves you will cross the mountains and visit Cherokee, the administrative seat of the Native American tribe of the same name. You will spend your lunch break in Maggie Valley, where you will also find the worldwide unique motorcycle museum "Wheels through time" by Dale Walksler. Afterwards you will continue your tour on the world famous Blue Ridge Parkway through

North Carolina. After leaving the Parkway you will cross the American Transylvania and reach the Anderson area in South Carolina. In the end you will have ridden more than 3000 curves in the last two days. Overnight stay in the Anderson area.

Day 10: Southern pearl - Savannah, 355 km
Today you start very early, through the states of South Carolina and Georgia, towards the Atlantic coast. Shortly after the lunch break you will arrive in Savannah via beautiful country roads. Here you have the possibility to take part in an English speaking trolley tour through the city. Movies like "Gone with the Wind" and "Forrest Gump" were filmed here. Of the original 24 city parks, 23 still exist today. Of course, you will spend the evening in the old town and directly on the riverfront. Overnight stay in Savannah.

Day 11: Saint Augustine - Florida, 345 km
In the morning you leave Savannah to ride through the inland marshlands towards the sunshine state of Florida. You will pass Brunswick and stop for coffee in St. Simon, on one of the offshore golden islands. After you have crossed the Florida border, you will reach the Atlantic Ocean after a short time. You will follow the Atlantic Ocean until your lunch break. Afterwards you will take a ferry across the bay to Jacksonville Beach. Today's final destination St. Augustine, which is the oldest city in the USA, will be reached in the afternoon and you will still have time for a swim at the nearby beach. In the evening you will take a city tour on foot for orientation in the historic old town. Here you can buy the best hand-rolled cigars and souvenirs reminiscent of the Spanish explorers. Overnight stay in St. Augustine.

Day 12: Daytona Beach - Orlando, 200 km
Leave St. Augustine in the morning and follow the scenic coastal road to the Daytona Beach area. Here you can visit Destination Harley®, the largest Harley-Davidson® store in the world. The last leg of the tour is a short stretch of interstate and you'll return your bikes to our Orlando rental facility at noon. In the afternoon you have the possibility to visit one of the big outlet shopping malls. A shuttle is offered on site. Overnight stay in Orlando.

Day 13: Orlando - Theme Parks
The day is at your free disposal today. You have the option of visiting one of the many theme parks such as the Kennedy Space Center, Disney®, Seaworld® or Universal Studios®. The hotel offers a shuttle service to some of the parks. Overnight stay in Orlando.

OUR TOUR TIP: Day trip by bus to the Space Coast to the interesting Kennedy Space Center or visit the Seaworld® amusement park.

Day 14: Return flight to Europe
The morning is still at your disposal and it is time to say goodbye. During the day, the shuttle transfer to the airport in Orlando and the return flight to your chosen departure point (transfer connection possible).

Day 15: Arrival in Europe
Arrival at your chosen departure point in the morning. End of the trip.

- The program is subject to change -

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	€6,795.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€4,395.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€7,995.00

Included

Scheduled flight with renowned airline in economy class from/to Frankfurt to New Orleans/Orlando (transfers possible)

13 overnight stays in motels/hotels as per itinerary

Motorcycle rental (BIG TWIN) for the indicated period incl. free miles

All European and American air safety charges

Kerosene surcharges as of 07/2019

Air traffic tax for departures ex Germany

Partial breakfast - mix of continental and American (A frank word about 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 different varieties of breakfast. Some hotels offer coffee and some kind of rolls, 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).

Liability insurance

TOP PROTECTION: LDW/CDW insurance (exclusion of liability in case of accidental damage or theft) WITHOUT deductible (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: Tyre Damage Waiver (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

24 h Roadside Assistance

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

Escort vehicle with second guide during the whole motorcycle tour

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, since they can cause problems during transport in the escort vehicle)

Farewell dinner

Souvenir photo in DIN-A-3 format

1 exclusive tour T-shirt/Polo per tour participant

Travel guide and maps

Not included

Personal expenses

Hotel parking fees

Gasoline, oil

Motorcycle clothing, rainwear

Entrance fees for attractions or parks

Tips

Travel insurance

Additionally bookable services:

Flight surcharge ex Germany from 100 EUR.

Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland from 200 EUR.

Prices for other departure points on request.

Supplement for Rail & Fly in 2nd class - 85 EUR per person.

More details

Tour duration: 15 days

Total length: 3100 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)

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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.

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

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 top case. Please note: the models of this class can be booked with an extra charge for the rider. 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

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 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®

CRUISER TOURING 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 at home. 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®

INDIAN TOURING CLASS: The second American motorcycle brand. Long disappeared from the market, but again has a firm grip on its fans. The Indian® motorcycles are equipped with comfortable seat backs for the passenger. These American machines are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides. Not available everywhere. **IMPORTANT:** Indian® Roadmaster® and Challenger® have a surcharge and are in the Grand Touring class. Indian® Chieftain® and Chief Vintage® are in the Street Touring class. Please ask us about this beforehand:

Indian® Chief Vintage®

Indian® Challenger®

Indian® Roadmaster®

STREET CLASS: The quintessential 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 at home. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windshield. 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 about it beforehand: The quintessential 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 at home. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windshield. 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 about it beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® Sportster 1200®

Indian® Scout®

TRIKE CLASS: Some tours can also be ridden on a HARLEY DAVIDSON® TRI-GLIDE® ULTRA for an additional charge (depending on the station from 120 EUR/rental day). Appropriate experience is a basic requirement. Very limited availability of maximum 1-2 trikes per station. Not available everywhere. Please send us your request:

Harley-Davidson® TRI-Glide® Ultra

Harley-Davidson® Freewheeler®

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.

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.

Insurance:

We generally recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance.

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On request:

1/2 double room can be booked on request. If a 1/2 double room is already available, we will confirm your booking that way. If the 1/2 double room is not yet available, 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 supplement.

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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 entry regulations in the USA.