

Southern States Trip USA Jazz, Blues and Country Music (M-ID: 4209)

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from €5,595.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

15 days

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

10/06/2024 - 10/20/2024 15 days

10/20/2024 - 11/03/2024 15 days

04/13/2025 - 04/27/2025 15 days

10/05/2025 - 10/19/2025 15 days

10/19/2025 - 11/02/2025 15 days

How about a classic motorcycle tour of the United States of America?

New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Daytona Beach, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Smoky Mountains are the highlights here.

Daily tour overviews for the Southern States USA motorcycle tour:

Day 01 - Flight to New Orleans

Flight with a renowned airline from your chosen departure point to New Orleans (connecting flight possible). Upon arrival, you will be met by 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 short walk with your guide through the French Quarter and to the French Market. Afterwards, there is the possibility to take part in a double-decker bus tour through the city districts. This is combined with a paddle steamer tour, where you will also visit an American Civil War battlefield, a great combination. During the boat tour you can enjoy a Southern lunch and jazz music on the Mississippi River. This is the best way to get to know "Nawlins", as the locals call their New Orleans. The rest of the afternoon and evening is 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.

TOUR TIP: Mississippi Paddlewheel Steamer Tour

Day 03 - Lake Pontchartrain - Bayou countryside - Natchez, 315 km

Today it is time to say goodbye to "Nawlins". Your luggage will be loaded into the support vehicle and you will pick up your bikes. On the way out of town, you will cross the Causeway, the 40 km longest bridge in the USA, over Lake Pontchartrain. You will take your lunch break at one of the lake tributaries, and then continue the afternoon on varied country roads. On the winding Liberty Road you will reach Natchez, where you will stop at Stanton Hall, which dates back to the antebellum period. 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. See the sunset by the river at the historic "Under the Hill Saloon" before riding to dinner with the option of a casino visit. Overnight stay in Natchez.

Day 04 - Natchez Trace Parkway - Tupelo, 445 km

Today you start on the first part of the more than 700 km long Natchez Trace Parkway, which settlers, Indians 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 with a little luck you might even see alligators. Today 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, 240 km

In the morning you will 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 afternoon visit the Duck Parade at the Peabody Hotel or the Bass Pro Pyramid. In the evening, of course, Beale Street, in the capital of the blues, is on the agenda. 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, which can also be found on Beale Street. Overnight stay in Memphis.

TOUR TIP: Elvis Presley's Graceland

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 legendary Country Store at the museum of the legendary railroad hero Casey Jones in Jackson. From there, you'll hit smaller and smaller back roads. Following the rolling hills of Mississippi and Tennessee, you'll rejoin the Natchez Trace Parkway. This is probably the most beautiful section of this beautiful road and gives you a slight curve training and a foretaste of what will follow in the next few 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 - Lookout Mountain - Chattanooga, 280 km

Today the deepest Tennessee is on the program. You have the opportunity to visit the Jack Daniels distillery in Lynchburg during an optional tour. This is ironically located in a dry (non-alcoholic) county, of which there are still a few here in the Old South. You'll spend your lunch break in the beautifully restored town, just as you've seen it in countless commercials. Afterwards you will visit Lookout Mountain, the winding scenic road will lead you to the parking lot below the summit. Here you have the opportunity to visit Rock City, where after a short hike through rock caves, narrow gorges, past a waterfall and over a suspension bridge you reach the lookout point. Here, with good visibility, you can let your gaze wander over 7 U.S. states. The railroad town of Chattanooga, which needs no advertising thanks to the Glenn Miller song "Chattanooga Choo Choo", lies directly at your feet. Overnight stay in the Chattanooga area.

Day 08 - Cherohala Skyway - Deals Gap - the Tail of the Dragon, 295 km

Today, the attraction for motorcyclists par excellence is on the program. After an increasingly demanding ride along the winding Cherohala 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 that are attracted by it speak for themselves. So 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 the too reckless. You can spend your lunch break here and visit the store. Take a look at the picture wall there and get the ultimate proof, in the form of a small sticker for your helmet, that you did it. Afterwards, you'll head out on the 11-mile long dream track. In the afternoon you will ride

along the Foothills Parkway at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains to your destination for today. Overnight stay in the Townsend / Pigeon Forge area.

Day 09 - Great Smoky Mountains - 3000 curves - Blue Ridge Parkway, 310 km

In the morning we continue with the curves. You will cross the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and with a little 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 Indian 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 will 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. Here you have the opportunity 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.

OUR TIP: City Tour in Savannah

Day 11 - Saint Augustine - Florida, 350 km

In the morning you leave Savannah to ride through the inland marshlands towards the sunshine state of Florida. You will pass Brunswick and take a coffee break in St. Simon, on one of the offshore golden islands. After crossing the Florida border, you will reach the Atlantic Ocean. 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 that remind you of the Spanish explorers. Overnight stay in St. Augustine.

Day 12 - Daytona Beach - Orlando, 190 km

You'll 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 part of the tour takes you back on Interstate 4 to Orlando and you drop off your motorcycles at our local rental station around noon. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to visit one of the large outlet shopping malls. A shuttle service is offered on site for a fee. Overnight stay in Orlando.

Day 13 - Orlando - Theme Parks

The day is at your free disposal today. You have the option to visit one of the many theme parks, such as the NASA Kennedy Space Center. The I-Drive Shuttle can be used to go shopping in a nearby outlet mall. Overnight stay in Orlando.

OUR TOUR TIP: Day trip by bus to the Space Coast to NASA's newly remodeled Kennedy Space Center.

Day 14 - Return flight to Europe

The morning is at your leisure and it is time to say goodbye. In the course of the day the shuttle transfer to the airport in Orlando and the return flight to your chosen departure point (connecting flight possible).

Day 15 - Arrival in Europe

Arrival at your chosen departure point in the morning. End of the trip.

- Program 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
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Prices for the dates:

14.04.2024 - 28.04.2024

06.10.2024 - 20.10.2024

20.10.2024 - 03.11.2024

per person for 2 persons in double room with 1 motorcycle €5,595.00

per person for 2 persons in double room with 2 motorcycles €6,795.00

per person in single room with 1 motorcycle €7,995.00

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Surcharge for motorcycle models with top case like Electra Glide, Road Glide Ultra €180.00

Optional: Model reservation for desired motorcycle (Please specify your desired motorcycle when booking). €125.00

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Flight surcharge ex Germany - from: €100.00

Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland - from: €200.00

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ESTA (United States Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application service per person, including processing and ESTA fee: €50.00

ATTENTION: Prices for 2025 are available on request approx. 1 year in advance!

Included

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

All European and U.S. air safety fees

Kerosene surcharges as of 09/2023

Air traffic tax for departures ex Germany

13 nights in motels/hotels according to itinerary

Partial breakfast (mix of continental and American)

Motorcycle rental (BIG TWIN) for the specified period incl. free miles, liability insurance

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

TOP PROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for tire damage

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance

24/7 German-speaking assistance

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

Support vehicle with a second guide during the whole motorcycle tour

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

1 surprise dinner

Souvenir photo in DIN A-3 format

1 exclusive tour T-shirt/Polo per tour participant

Guidebooks and maps

Not included

Personal expenses

Helmet rental

Hotel parking fees

Gasoline, oil

Motorcycle- and rainwear

Entrance fees for attractions or parks

Tips

Travel insurance, etc.

Towing insurance / Road Side Assistance

Surcharge for models with topcase (180,00 Euro)

More details

Upon request:

All our guided tours can of course also be offered as self-guided tours, or they can be customized and elaborated for you. You will then receive enough maps and information material for such a tour, as well as a detailed consultation. Please enquire!

1/2 double rooms are available upon request, subject to availability.

All prices include flight ex Frankfurt

Prices for other European departure points are available on request.

SPECIAL: These tours are designed to be combined with our "Fun-Ride" tour (from the Atlantic Ocean via the Florida Keys to New Orleans). Special prices for this are available on request

A major credit card is required

Minimum number of participants: 12 people

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the trip up to four weeks before the start of the trip.

Important info:

The following motorcycle models are available on request. Please let us know two desired types when booking. However, no guaranteed commitment can be made for the machine model. With the registration we need a copy of your driver's license and passport. All models come mostly directly from Harley-Davidson® authorized rentals™ partners and are current model years in top condition.

ELECTRA GLIDE®/ROAD GLIDE ULTRA® - Very comfortable touring machine, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, part ABS, windshield, 2 side cases, top case, audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 people.

STREET GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, windshield, 2 side cases, audio system. Well suited for 2 people.

HERITAGE SOFTAIL® - Classic touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107/114, 1750/1870 cc V-twin engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, ABS, windshield, 2 side pockets. Well suited for 2 people

ROAD GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, windshield, 2 side cases. Well suited for 2 people.

ROAD KING®, LOW RIDER®, Sportster®, Indian motorcycles® as well as various other model variants are available on request!

Entry requirements:

For entry into the USA/Canada, German, Austrian and Swiss citizens require a valid machine-readable European passport. In addition, an electronic entry form ESTA must be filled out at least 72 hours before entering the USA. You can find the link here: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> - Visa Waiver Program. (As of January 2009 - subject to change). As a non-German citizen you may need a visa to enter the USA/Canada.

An honest word among bikers: We ride, depending on the tour, between 120 and 540 km per day, in the charming and beautiful scenery. The approximate daily number of kilometers you can take from the respective daily program. This may mean getting out early and arriving late on a few days. Motorcycle riding in a unique landscape is absolutely in the foreground so a certain team spirit is the first priority and also a certain adaptation to the group is necessary. If you let yourself go for it, you will surely experience the adventure of your life and have a lot of fun.

Travel conditions:

Our general travel conditions apply. These will be handed over to you by your booking office. If you have not received them, please inform your booking office or the tour operator before booking. They will then be sent to you immediately.

Distance: 3200 km

Minimum age: 18+

A note on entry (ESTA): The electronic ESTA entry procedure required for the USA has been subject to a fee since 08 September 2010. The fee for this is 21 US\$, payment is possible by credit card and Paypal. We recommend to do this here Official ESTA Application Website, U.S. Customs and Border Protection in German language, because there are many rip-off sites on the net. Please apply for this at least 3 - 4 months in advance, because in case of rejection, it takes some time to apply for a visa.

Road Side Towing Assistance (bookable with surcharge, please request) included: (1) Emergency Road Side Assistance. E.g. out of gas? Forgot to turn off the ignition, battery dead? No problem, the delivery is free of charge, only the costs for the gasoline or the battery have to be paid. (2) Emergency Towing Service. The bike breaks down with a self-inflicted (not covered by warranty) mechanical problem, e.g. diesel tanked, tire punctured, or accident? The bike will be picked up free of charge by a towing service and taken to the nearest garage or rental station that can take care of the problem.