

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**ELVIS' GRACELAND, MEMPHIS & HOMETOWN OF TUPELO,
MUSCLE SHOALS, MUSIC & HELEN KELLER'S HOMESTEAD**

SUN-THUR SEPT 29-OCT 3, 2024

Departures, as applicable, from Beachwood/Orange, Independence, No. Olmsted, Middleburg Hts, Medina, Mansfield, Grove City.

Elvis Aaron Presley, known as "*The King of Rock and Roll*", was born in 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi, to Vernon and Gladys Presley. Here they lived in a very small house and things changed forever when his mother took him to the Tupelo Hardware Store (which we will be touring), to buy a gun and, as they were going in, he saw a guitar that he wanted much more than a rifle . . . and did his life ever change from that point on! Eventually he relocated to Memphis, Tennessee, a city we will also be visiting.



In 1953 Elvis, at the age of eighteen, walked into the Sun Records Studio and, for \$4, recorded the song "*My Happiness*" as a gift for his mother. A year later, he began his record career at the very same Studio. In 1955, Elvis purchased a pink Cadillac and, two years later, he purchased Graceland so that his parents could have the home that they deserved.

Best of all, this tour includes an afternoon at Elvis's Graceland Mansion in Memphis before our dinner along Beale Street. Afterwards we will travel to our home this evening, a casino-hotel in Tunica, Mississippi.

Our "*Elvis Experience*" continues the next day in Tupelo, where our Guide will be taking us to see many of the sites that influenced his early days as he became "*The King!*". We will start with a visit to his birthplace, a two-room modest home built in the "*shotgun style*", and touring the Park dedicated to his time in this town. We will also be seeing the Church which his family attended where he was first exposed to Gospel music that influenced his musical style and visiting Tupelo Hardware. We will, of course, be seeing the Elvis Homecoming Statue at Fairpark.

Our adventure continues as we tour "*Ivy Green*", in Tuscumbia, which was the home of Helen Keller, known as a symbol of courage in the face of overwhelming issues. Helen was just 19 months old when a high fever left her both deaf and blind.

MUSCLE SHOALS

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Over the years, her teacher, Anne Sullivan, taught her both braille, finger spelling and, eventually, how to speak. You will be hearing some most-interesting stories of her life as we tour the homestead.

We have also included a destination whose notoriety dates back to 1961, leading to the “*Muscle Shoals Sound*”. The town, nestled along the Tennessee River, was recognized for some of the earlier performers who recorded here, including Wilson Pickett, Bob Seger, Joe Cocker and Aretha Franklin, to name just a few of those who brought fame to these studios, one of which we will be touring and hearing about this fascinating legacy.



This tour also includes a number of other interesting places as we travel along. Come, join us as we explore Elvis’ life and so much more, including some local-flavor dining experiences.

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Package includes 9 meals

\$1224 per person in a double

\$1204 per person in a triple

\$1184 per person in a quad

\$1422 per person in single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.

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