

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**BEST OF THE GULF COAST**

**SUN-MON MARCH 3-11, 2024**

**Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Hts, Mansfield, Grove City.**

This nine-day tour travels to the Southeast Region of the Country with its typical temperatures, as Spring approaches, in the low 70s, much appreciated based on the temperatures Ohio is experiencing during March. Our *"Best of the Gulf Coast Tour"* is relaxing, inclusive, interesting and has 20 Meals included in 2024. Enjoy these great places . . . New Orleans, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; Mobile, Huntsville & Montgomery, Alabama; Franklin & Nashville, Tennessee; and Bowling Green & Newport, Kentucky.

Sunday, Franklin We will be enjoying the sights along the way as we travel to Franklin, where a relaxing meal and cocktails await us.

Monday through Thursday Morning, New Orleans We will be arriving for a three-night stay in New Orleans. Known as the *"Big Easy"*, it has been influenced by several countries over the years. Robert Cavellier, Sieur de La Salle claimed it for France and laid out a grid of streets including Vieux Carré that is now in the French Quarter. Later, France ceded Louisiana to Spain to keep it out of the hands of the British, making Louisiana a Spanish colony. Nueva Orleans traded with Cuba and Mexico. Enjoy the Spanish influence of wrought-iron balconies, courtyards and above-ground cemeteries. In 1800, the land returned to the French, only to have Napoleon sell Louisiana to the United States in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. The nightlife is legendary in the French Quarter. After some cocktails that we have included, there will be time to enjoy the evenings at places like Pat O'Brien's, a favorite "establishment", with its "flaming fountain" and "Hurricanes", just blocks from Harrah's Casino.

We'll tour the city with our Guide, concluding with the elegant Jazz Brunch at the historic Court of Two Sisters. Since Mardi Gras is almost synonymous with New Orleans, even though the parades owe their origins to a group from Mobile, Alabama, we will be visiting Mardi Gras World, viewing floats and seeing how they are made. Enjoy Café du Monde in the French Market with a café au lait & beignet at a coffee shop that dates back to 1862. We will be cruising the Mighty Mississippi, with an on-board luncheon and, afterwards, admissions are included at the National WWII Museum with its historic exhibits from the "war that changed the world" including the importance of submarines to our win. There is even an old-time soda shop inside the museum.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:30 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

Thursday through Saturday Morning, Biloxi & Mobile It's a short 90-minute drive east to Biloxi, known for its beaches and casinos, it is also home to one of the first cast-iron lighthouses built in the South, dating back to 1848. You will be greeted with a great luncheon along Beach Boulevard. Following lunch there will be two choices to select from:

- *Several hours of gaming at the beautiful Beau Rivage Resort & Casino with its MGM Rewards. Currently this casino offers complimentary beverages to all guests playing on the gaming floor and at video poker bars (always subject to change, of course).*
- *Or, if you prefer, you will be visiting Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library that is now a Mississippi Historic Landmark.*

This evening will be the first of two nights in Mobile. A casual dinner will be greeting us and, perhaps, you may enjoy a beer, wine or cocktail and the hotel pool. Mobile has long been the cultural center of the Gulf Coast and was the location of the first Mardi Gras in the South. We will be stepping aboard the *USS.*



*Alabama*, anchored in the harbor, visiting the Aircraft Pavilion and a submarine, the *USS. Drum*, the first Navy ship named after a type of fish. We will be touring and dining at Bellingrath Gardens & Home, built in 1935; located on Fowl River, this Estate has been long known for its blooms and beauty.

Saturday, Montgomery Our first visit will be at the 1930s courthouse that was the model for Harper Lee's courtroom in the Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This afternoon we will visit Rosa Parks Museum located at the corner in Montgomery where she was arrested; it chronicles her Civil Rights activities and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. A special dinner has been included for our passengers in Montgomery this evening!

Sunday, Huntsville & Nashville Today has us at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, the largest collection of space memorabilia in the world. Later in the day we will be arriving in Nashville, long known for its entertainment. In keeping with that theme, we will be dining at Ole Red, created by Blake Shelton, and enjoying the performance during our meal.

Monday, Homeward Bound We will be continuing northward with a brief stop at a car museum and a mid-day luncheon to say Good-Bye to all our new friends as we discovered the "*Best of the Gulf Coast*".

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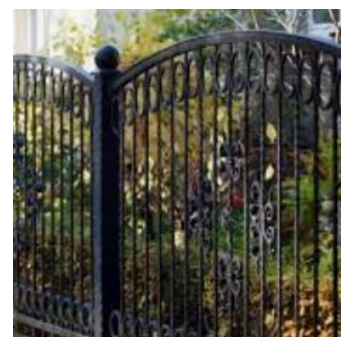
**Package includes 20 meals.**

**\$2934 per person in a double**

**\$2894 per person in a triple**

**\$2854 per person in a quad**

**\$3734 per person in a single**



**Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept credit cards.**  
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