

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

BEST OF THE GULF COAST

SUN-MON MARCH 23-31, 2025

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

This nine-day tour is our most expansive and inclusive tour in 2025, if you are seeking the warmest weather during March. Our last tour in March experienced mid-70s as we traveled through the Deep-South Region of the Country, as we welcomed Spring just days earlier. Our *"Best of the Gulf Coast Tour"* is interesting with 18 meals included. Enjoy these great places: New Orleans, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; Mobile, Huntsville & Montgomery, Alabama; Franklin, Tennessee.

We will be enjoying the sights along the way as we travel to Franklin, where a relaxing meal and cocktails await us. This tour has us 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 Cavelier, 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 US in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. The nightlife is legendary in the French Quarter. After some cocktails that we have included, we will 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 will 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.

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'll 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.*

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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-two weeks prior to departure. Most tours return about 8 PM-10 PM, though this may vary.

We will be staying two nights in Mobile, the cultural center of the Gulf Coast and 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 Bellingrath Gardens & Home, built in 1935; located on Fowl River, this Estate has been long known for its blooms and beauty.



Departing Mobile, we have arranged a visit 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.

The next day has us visiting the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, the largest collection of space memorabilia in the world.

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 18 meals.

\$2564 per person in a double
\$2524 per person in a triple
\$2484 per person in a quad
\$3422 per person in a single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept credit cards.
Tours can be booked online 24 hours a day with a credit card.

