

# JAZZ BLUES AND ROCK 'N' ROLL, 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

Chicago > Memphis > New Orleans

## Overview:

This nine-day rail journey is perfect for music lovers! Launch your vacation in Chicago and explore its famous blues scene and all the popular sites. Then, enjoy a relaxing train ride as you head to Memphis, birthplace of Rock 'N' Roll. Don't forget to soak in the lovely landscape along the way. See all Memphis has to offer, including Elvis's famous mansion, Graceland. Your last stop is New Orleans, birthplace of Jazz. Treat your ears and palate with a jazz brunch at the famous Court of Two Sisters restaurant. Take in the picturesque sights of New Orleans and the French Quarter from the deck of an old-fashioned paddlewheel boat. This trip is a truly music lover's dream come true!

## Highlights:

- Multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour
- Sightseeing city tour of Memphis with admission to Graceland
- Battlefield Cruise in New Orleans aboard a paddlewheel boat
- Sightseeing city tour of New Orleans

## Package Also Includes:

- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations from Chicago to Memphis and Memphis to New Orleans onboard the City of New Orleans®
- 7 nights' hotel accommodations; 1 night onboard Amtrak
- 3 meals (2 dinner, 1 brunch\*)
- Jazz brunch at the Court of Two Sisters

\* Dinner at a popular restaurant substituted when brunch in New Orleans is unavailable.

## TRIP ITINERARY

### DAY 1 CHICAGO

Welcome to Chicago! Explore the Windy City on a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour covering 13 magnificent miles of this amazing city, making it the best way to visit all the top attractions and destinations. Hop-off at any of the stops along the tour to enjoy the sights at your leisure. Later in the day, scope out the city on your own. We suggest taking a walk down Magnificent Mile. (Overnight in Chicago)

### DAY 2 CHICAGO

Continue your sightseeing tour on your multi-day tour. Be sure to stop by the iconic attractions Chicago has to offer, like the Skydeck Chicago, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, 360 Chicago, and much more. Dinner this evening at a popular restaurant in Chicago is included. (Overnight in Chicago) **D**

### DAY 3 OVERNIGHT ABOARD AMTRAK®

Travel to the station and board Amtrak's City of New Orleans® for a relaxing overnight trip down South to Memphis. Your journey on this train route takes you through the heart of our nation's musical heritage - from Chicago with its world-class Chicago Symphony Orchestra and still vibrant electric blues scene, to the jazz clubs of New Orleans (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

### DAY 4 MEMPHIS

You'll arrive in Memphis early in the morning. Travel on your own to your hotel, which is located in the heart of downtown. Today you'll have some free time to explore the sights and sounds of this musical city. If you're looking for places to go,

check out the music scene on Beale Street or head to the Peabody Hotel to see the famous ducks. (Overnight in Memphis)

#### **DAY 5 MEMPHIS**

Today, enjoy a tour of Memphis, including the iconic Graceland. This narrated tour will help you discover downtown, the Mighty Mississippi, Beale Street, Peabody Hotel, Sun Studio, and many more wonderful attractions! On your Graceland tour, you'll get up close and personal to the things Elvis cherished most in the world and truly get a glimpse of his life at Graceland. Stop in the Meditation Garden to see the final resting place of Elvis and his parents. This evening, enjoy your included dinner at a popular Memphis restaurant. (Overnight in Memphis) **D**

#### **DAY 6 MEMPHIS > NEW ORLEANS**

Travel on your own to the station and board Amtrak to New Orleans. Take in the Southern scenery as you travel the history-laden musical roads of Mississippi to New Orleans - the birthplace of jazz. Upon your arrival, you will travel to your hotel, where you can settle in for the night or start exploring this lovely city. (Overnight in New Orleans)

#### **DAY 7 NEW ORLEANS**

Start the day with a jazz brunch at the famous Court of Two Sisters restaurant. After a leisurely morning, you'll set off for your included New Orleans city tour. Absorb the sights and sounds of the world-famous French Quarter and historic Jackson Square. Explore the historic cemeteries, often referred to as "Cities of the Dead." Marvel at the fascinating stories of voodoo and piracy on Bayou St. John, the waterway used by Jean Lafitte and his band of pirates. View the longest bridge over water in the world, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and much more. (Overnight in New Orleans) **BR**

#### **DAY 8 NEW ORLEANS**

Enjoy a Battlefield Cruise and take in the picturesque sights of New Orleans and the French Quarter from a unique vantage point: the outside deck of an old-fashioned paddlewheel boat! Take in the amazing views of the French Quarter and the Port of New Orleans from the river as the boat's captain entertains you with a detailed narration of New Orleans landmarks, history and river lore. Disembark at the site of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans. (Overnight in New Orleans)

#### **DAY 9 YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN NEW ORLEANS**

**Legend for meals: B - Breakfast, BR - Brunch, L - Lunch, D - Dinner**

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Package prices are per person, double occupancy, tax included. Prices do not include rail from your hometown. Please call for pricing. Package prices are subject to change without notice, and all reservations are based upon availability at the time of booking. Amtrak travel is for Coach accommodations unless otherwise noted. Upgrades to Roomette or Bedroom accommodations on board Amtrak are available. Call for pricing. Other restrictions may apply. Activities referenced in the itinerary during free time are for suggested purposes only and are not included. Seasonal activity (if applicable): During the off-season, some tours may not be available. In this case, a similar tour will be substituted. Passports (if applicable): Passports are required when crossing the Canadian border. Amtrak and Amtrak Vacations are registered service marks of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

<b>Included Cities</b>	<b>Moderate Hotel</b>
Chicago	Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza
Memphis	The Crowne Plaza Memphis
New Orleans	Wyndham French Quarter New Orleans

Alternate Hotels Are Available!

<b>DEPARTURE CITY</b>	<b>DEPARTURE TIME</b>	<b>ARRIVAL CITY</b>	<b>ARRIVAL TIME</b>
CHICAGO	8:05PM	MEMPHIS	6:27AM +1

MEMPHIS	6:50AM	NEW ORLEANS	3:32PM
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### AMTRAK UPGRADE FEES

Upgrade	Per person in double
Roomette	\$40.00
Bedroom	\$120.00

### SELLING POINTS:

#### **Chicago**

- Home of popular attractions including Sears Tower, the fourth largest building in the world, and the Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the oldest zoos in the country
- Perfect for theatre lovers to see shows at Broadway, The Chicago Opera Theater and many other performing arts centers in the area
- Millennium Park is an architectural wonder and the venue for many concerts and events in the area
- Famous for excellent steaks and deep dish pizzas

#### **Memphis**

- Birthplace of the Blues and home of Elvis Presley
- Popular for multiple music events at the Memphis Music Hall of Fame (blues), Sun Studio (rockabilly), and the Rock 'n' Soul Museum

#### **New Orleans**

- Famous for its French, Spanish, and African influenced cuisine, such as gumbo and crawfish etouffe
- Rich in history as the area served as the location for many battles during the War of 1812 and the Civil War
- There is no shortage of nightlife in the historic French Quarter housing multiple bars and nightclubs all along Bourbon Street