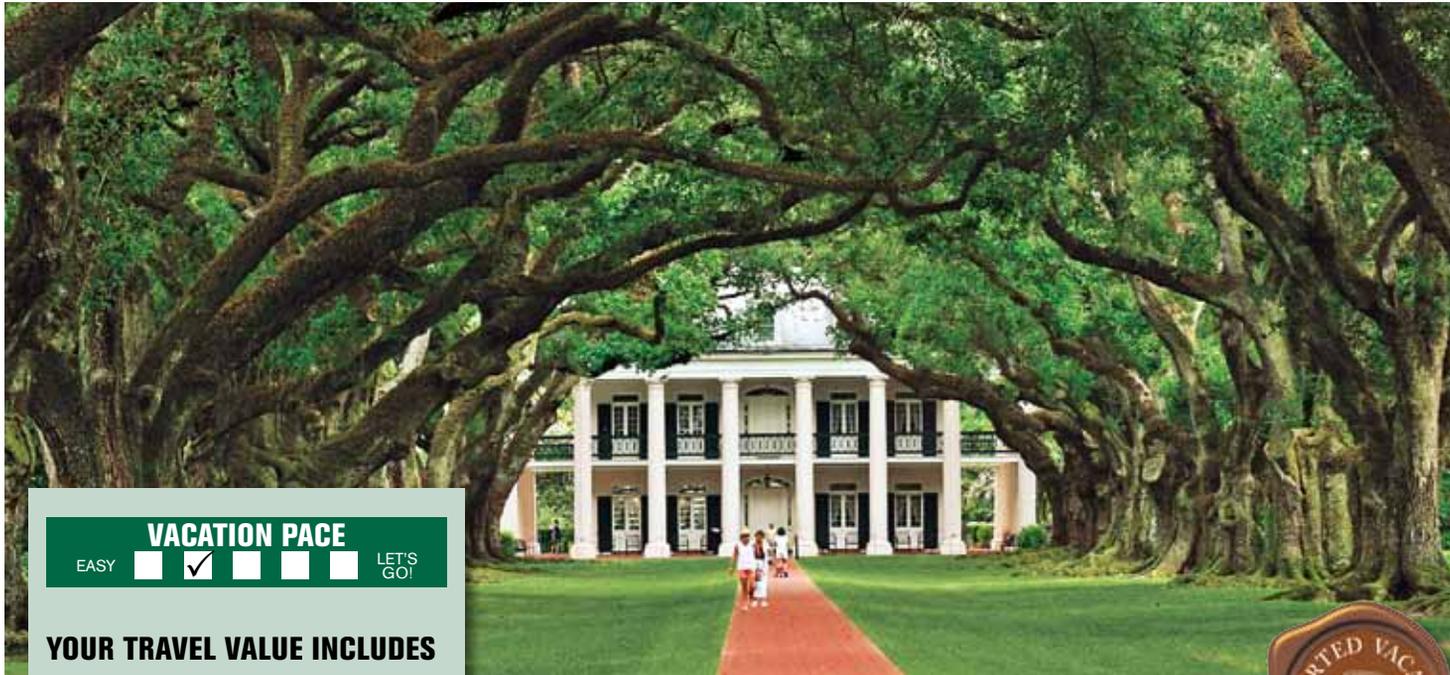


Taste & Sounds of the South

9 days Nashville/New Orleans • from \$1975



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LET'S GO!

YOUR TRAVEL VALUE INCLUDES

- Airport transfers on days 1 and 9, see page 9
- Twin-bedded rooms in hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and tips for baggage handling
- Welcome Reception with appetizers and wine
- 8 breakfasts (B), 1 Highlight Lunch (HL), 1 “You’re Personally Invited” Lunch (PI) and 3 dinners, including Highlight Dinners with wine (HD) and a Farewell Dinner with wine (FD)
- Services of a professional Tour Director
- Private luxury motorcoach with reclining seats, air conditioning and restroom facilities
- Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges
- Brendan provides headsets for included sightseeing, so you can easily hear your guide’s commentary
- – see pages 6 & 7
- Portfolio of travel documents
- Souvenir group photo

BRENDAN VACATIONS HOTELS

Nashville	Gaylord Opryland Resort (MD)
Memphis	Marriott Memphis Downtown (SF)
Natchez	Natchez Eola Hotel (F)
New Orleans	New Orleans Marriott (SF)

The grand entrance to Oak Alley Plantation

DAY 1 Arrive in Nashville

Welcome to Music City! A complimentary transfer takes you to the hotel. Your Tour Director will be on hand this afternoon to greet you and answer any questions you may have. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

DAY 2 Nashville, Lynchburg & Grand Ole Opry Sightseeing

Explore the world’s country music capital, starting with Music Row. This is the heart of Nashville’s entertainment industry and home to the record labels, radio stations and recording studios where such greats as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Roger Miller and Dolly Parton recorded the hits that defined the Nashville sound. Then head out to Lynchburg for a taste of life in the country and an introduction to America’s most famous whiskey, Jack Daniel’s. Embark on a guided tour to see how clear spring water, corn, rye and barley become smooth-sippin’ Tennessee whiskey. At a “You’re Personally Invited” Lunch, enjoy local specialties – each with a little extra flavor, thanks to Mr. Jack. Return to Nashville to attend a live taping

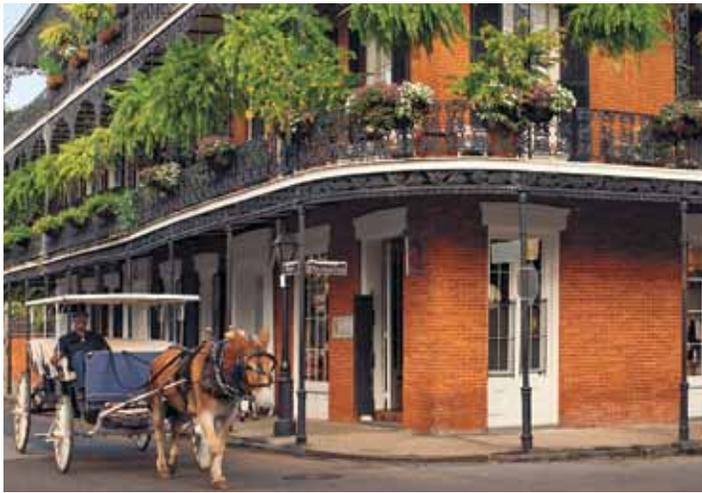
of the Grand Ole Opry, home to America’s longest-running live radio program in famed Ryman Auditorium. (B,PI)

DAY 3 Nashville / Memphis

No visit to Nashville is complete without a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. See memorabilia from stars such as Hank Williams, Loretta Lynn and Garth Brooks as you explore this shrine to country music. Then travel from the home of country to the birthplace of the blues and rock ‘n’ roll. In Memphis, take a stroll down Beale Street past Sun Studios, see the hotel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated and savor the late-afternoon light on the Big Muddy. (B)

DAY 4 Graceland Excursion

Graceland is as much an object of pilgrimage as a museum dedicated to the late, great Elvis Presley. From the flowers and painted signs outside the gates to the tear-streaked cheeks of the fans inside, see the effects that Elvis and his music had on popular American culture. Marvel at the Jungle Room, the private jets, custom cars and walls full of



The vibrant French Quarter of New Orleans



gold and platinum records. Stroll around the grounds and you just might find yourself humming “Blue Suede Shoes;” if so, don’t worry, there’s free time this afternoon to pick up a pair before joining your traveling companions for a down-home Memphis Barbecue Highlight Dinner. (B,HD)

DAY 5 Memphis / Natchez

Journey to Natchez, the first settlement on America’s great river. Founded by the French in 1716, Natchez was home to a flowering of antebellum culture. See the gracious homes overlooking the river and enjoy a tour of palatial Stanton Hall, built by a plantation owner. This evening, don your ruffled gown or frock coat and step back in time at an elegant Highlight Dinner held at one of Natchez’s mansions. (B,HD)

DAY 6 Natchez / Oak Alley / New Orleans

Head out to see the great cotton fields of the south. Stop at Frogmore Cotton Plantation & Gins to learn about the “White Gold” of the Mississippi Delta. With your costumed hosts, tour a reconstructed 19th-century plantation and compare it to the modern-day operation that produces more than 900 bales each day. Then, marvel at Oak Alley Plantation’s regal canopy of 300-year-old live oak trees. In this grand dame of antebellum mansions, learn about the lives of the plantation owners. Late this afternoon, arrive in New Orleans and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 New Orleans Sightseeing & at Leisure

Delight in a hearty New Orleans breakfast and coffee before today’s exploration of the “Crescent City.” Join a Local Guide and see the atmospheric French Quarter and Jackson Square, originally called Place d’Armes when it was the center of the old city, and tour one of the above ground cemeteries. Then travel out to the lovely Garden District, home to one of the best-preserved collections of southern mansions in the United States. This afternoon, enjoy some time on your own: grab a po’ boy, stroll down Bourbon Street or hit the lively waterfront area. (B)

DAY 8 New Orleans School of Cooking & at Leisure

Enjoy a leisurely morning before visiting the New Orleans School of Cooking located in the heart of the French Quarter. Discover the secrets of Creole cuisine during a fun and interactive cooking class. Later, enjoy your culinary creations at a Highlight Lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore on your own. If you’re feeling adventurous, head out to the bayou for a

guided tour deep into the swamps, and look out for alligators. Or stay downtown and stroll Magazine Street, visit Marie Laveau’s Historic Voodoo Museum or catch a little jazz piano while cooling off and watching the world go by. This evening, join your Tour Director and traveling companions for a Farewell Dinner of traditional Creole cuisine at the famed Court of the Two Sisters, a New Orleans landmark. (B,HL,FD)

DAY 9 Depart New Orleans

Say *au revoir* to the “Big Easy” this morning. A complimentary transfer is provided to New Orleans International Airport. (B)



“Every day on tour was another ‘wow!’ From the Grand Ole Opry to Graceland, the gracious antebellum plantation homes to New Orleans, we loved each sight and sound. Plus, the food was incredible.”

Hilda Hernandez
Escorted
Reservations Agent
Brendan Vacations



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STARTS NASHVILLE	ENDS NEW ORLEANS	TWIN SHARE
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Thu May 24	Fri Jun 01	\$1999
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Thu Sep 13	Fri Sep 21	\$1975
Thu Sep 20	Fri Sep 28	\$1975
Thu Sep 27	Fri Oct 05	\$1975
Thu Oct 04	Fri Oct 12	\$1999
Thu Oct 11	Fri Oct 19	\$1999
Thu Oct 18	Fri Oct 26	\$1999
Thu Oct 25	Fri Nov 02	\$1999

Single room supplement: \$615.
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2nd Tour Discount: save up to \$99.
Young Traveler Discount: \$198.

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