

RHYTHMS OF THE SOUTH

This tour takes in three centers of American music, New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville: the cities whose music are the soundtracks of our lives and in addition a visit to America's most visited national park The Great Smoky Mountains - world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and the beauty of its ancient mountains. Most of the driving is city to city on easy to drive Interstate highways.



Motorhome Itinerary

Day 1 > After picking up your motorhome, it's an easy 2½ hour Interstate drive into Alabama for your first night in the State Capital, Montgomery.
 ⚡ 155 miles to Montgomery ★ Visit Jefferson Davis' Confederate White House and Old Alabama Town. <https://www.zemanrv.com/resorts/the-woods-rv-resort>

Day 2 > Heading for New Orleans but you need a break. Mobile, Alabama, seems like a good place and the Shady Acres Campground will offer a warm welcome. ⚡ 185 miles to Mobile ★ Visit the Battleships at Memorial Park and the once English Conde-Charlotte House.
www.shadyacresmobile.com

Day 3 > Heading for the historic, gracious and unique city of New Orleans: the birthplace of jazz. You can walk from The French Quarter RV Park into the heart of New Orleans. Though the RV Park looks a little like a car park, it has full hookups and the Clubhouse is very 'New Orleans' with great facilities. The wonderful restaurants, the world famous music and nightlife for everyone might make you extend your stay here. ⚡ 160 miles to the French Quarter, New Orleans ★ Visit Jackson Square, Basin Street and Audubon Park. Cruise the Mississippi aboard a paddle steamer or take a day tour to the swamps and beautiful Plantations in the area (www.grayline.com).
www.fqrv.com



Photo: Tennessee Department of Tourism



Graceland, Memphis Photo: Tennessee Department of Tourism

Day 4 > North now into Elvis country. It's a long ride to 'Elvis Town' so we are breaking the journey just north of Jackson, Mississippi - another State Capital and staying at Timberlake Campground.

⚡ 180 miles to Jackson ★ Visit the superb Mississippi Civil Rights Museum to learn about how the movement changed the nation.

www.therez.ms.gov/Pages/Timberlake.aspx

Day 5 > Leave the freeway traffic and take the very scenic Natchez Trace bound for Tupelo, Elvis Presley's birthplace and home town until the age of thirteen. After a stop to visit, your campsite is at Barnes Crossing, just minutes north of the town. ⚡ 160 miles to Tupelo ★ Visit Elvis's birthplace and the museum dedicated to his life.

www.cgbarncrossing.com

Day 6 > A couple of hours driving through the Holly Springs National Forest to Memphis. Where better to stay than within walking distance of Graceland, Elvis Presley's home. The Memphis-Graceland RV Park & Campground is located adjacent to Elvis Presley's Memphis (with its many attractions) and across from the Graceland Mansion. ⚡ 110 miles to Memphis ★ Visit Graceland of course but also the Civil Rights Museum in what was the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was shot; Sun Studios and Beale Street immortalised by W.C. Handy, the so-called "Father of Blues". www.graceland.com/rv-park-campground

Day 7 > To the home of Country Music and the city that saw Dolly Parton and a host of other great singers become international stars. Just north of Nashville is Goodlettsville and the Nashville Country RV Park and they organise tours through Gayline to major attractions such as the Grand Old Opry (Tues, Fri, Sat night), Country Music Hall of Fame and the Jack Daniels Distillery. ⚡ 230 miles to Nashville ★ Visit the Grand Old Opry, the Jack Daniels Distillery and much more on tours leaving from the campground gates.

www.nashvillecountryrvpark.com



Trumpet player, New Orleans Photo: New Orleans CVB

Day 8/9 > You are now heading towards the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park! Spend the next couple of days enjoying all the great attractions that the Smokies have to offer including scenic helicopter tours, nature centers, whitewater rafting, Ripley's Aquarium, Dollywood, Splash Country and The Titanic Museum.

⚡ 255 miles to Cosby, Tennessee ★ Enjoy the wonderful hikes and magnificent scenic drives of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Complete your stay with a visit to Dollywood including Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner show - Dinner never was so much fun!

<http://smokymountainpremierrvresort.com>

Day 10 > About 3 hours to our last stop of this trip near Chattanooga. Raccoon Mountain RV Park & Campground is the closest campground to the



Journey Details

DEPART	Atlanta, New Orleans or Nashville
DURATION	11 days
DISTANCE	1,745 miles

area's major attractions: Tennessee Aquarium, Lookout Mountain, Southern Belle Riverboat, IMAX Theatre, and downtown Chattanooga. Adjacent is Raccoon Mountain Caverns with 5½ miles of cave systems to explore. ⚡ 180 miles to Chattanooga ★ Visit the Lookout Mountain battlefields aboard the 'Incline Railway'. Explore the caves and caverns.

www.raccoonmountain.com/campground/

Day 11 > Just over 2 hours/130 miles to drive to drop off your motorhome back at Cruise America in Atlanta.



Paddle boat on the Mississippi / Photo: Stephen Finn