

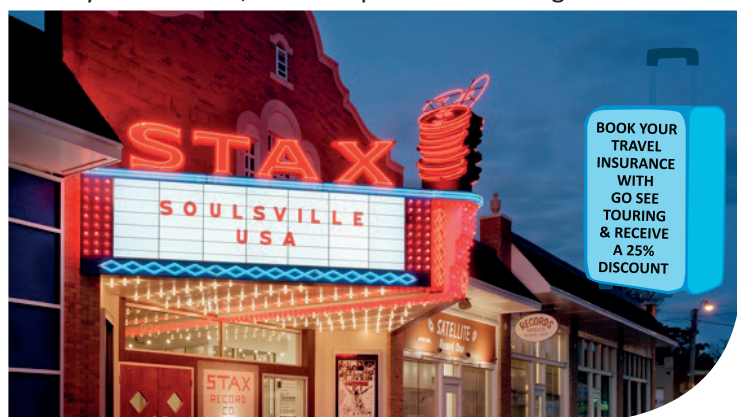


15th - 29th May 2017

Rodney Vincent invites you to join him on this journey to visit the places on his musical wish list. It's time to visit the home of rock 'n' roll, country music, jazz, gospel and the blues - to the deep south of the USA.

From Sydney fly directly to Dallas where you'll spend a couple of nights and take a glimpse of this amazing city. From there fly to Memphis where you'll visit Graceland, the Rock and Soul Museum and the fabulous Beale Street.

Tour by coach to Nashville to visit the Grand 'ol Opry and the Wild Horse Saloon. Flying down to New Orleans you'll visit Bourbon Street and take an airboat ride through the Louisiana swamps. Throughout the itinerary we've included dinners at iconic restaurants and cafés to keep your toes tapping as you travel around. Jazz dinners, country music shows and even a gospel breakfast. This trip is packed with wonderful experiences and music and promises the usual Rodney Vincent fun, friendship and lots of laughs.



TERMS & CONDITIONS: *Price is per person Twin Share fully inclusive. Single Supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. Deposit of AUD\$800 per person is required to secure tour. Travel Insurance is not included however is essential. Tour requires a minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fee, taxes or currency change. Go See Touring Pty Ltd T/A Go See Touring Member of Helloworld QLD ABN: 72 212 522 276

Rhythms of the South, USA

Hosted by Rodney Vincent

\$9,875

* per person Twin Share
ex MEL or SYD

\$1,500

* Single Supplement

INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

Return Economy Airfares
+ Taxes ex Melbourne or
Sydney

Domestic Flights + Taxes
within USA

14 Nights 3.5-4* Hotel
Accom

- 2 Nights Dallas
- 4 Nights Memphis
- 4 Nights Nashville
- 4 Nights New Orleans

Cooked Breakfast Daily
including Gospel

Brunch at House of Blues
10 x Dinners including:

- Blues City Café
- Majestic Grill
- Court of the Two Sisters
- Palm Court Jazz Café

Touring and Entrance Fees
including:

- Dallas Sightseeing
- Rock 'n' Soul Museum
- Beale Street
- Graceland
- Sun Studio
- Civil Rights Museum
- Gibson Guitars
- Casey Jones Railroad
- Wild Horse Saloon
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Grand ol' Opry
- New Orleans French Quarter
- Airboat swamp tour

USA Visa

Tipping Guides and Drivers
Porterage

Itinerary

Day 1 - Monday 15 May 2017 (D) Depart Melbourne 11:30AM or Sydney 3:05PM - Arrive Dallas Fort Worth (Texas) 1:35PM

On arrival in Dallas Fort Worth you'll be met by your guide and transfer to your hotel for check in. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Welcome dinner tonight will be at the Hard Rock Café (or similar).

Accommodation: Wyndham Park Central or similar

Day 2 - Tuesday 16 May 2017 (B) Dallas Tour

Today tour visits downtown Dallas downtown Dallas where you'll see some of the city's most famous attractions, neighborhoods, and places of interest, including the Perot Museum, Klyde Warren Park and the site of the JFK assassination. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Day 3 - Wednesday 17 May 2017 (B, D) Depart Dallas Fort Worth - Arrive Memphis (Tennessee)

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Memphis. The flight takes around an hour and half. Once in Memphis you'll be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner tonight is at the Blues City Café (or similar). **Accommodation:** Guesthouse at Graceland or similar

Day 4 - Thursday 18 May 2017 (B) Rock 'n' Soul Museum/Beale Street Walking Tour

This morning visit the Rock'n' Soul Museum. This exhibition about the birth of rock and soul music, created by the Smithsonian Institution, tells the story of musical pioneers who, for the love of music, overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world. This afternoon taking a walking tour of Beale Street. This 2.9k stretch of restaurants, bars, and clubs is now considered "The Official Home of the Blues."

Day 5 - Friday 19 May 2017 (B, D) Graceland/Peabody Ducks

Today make the ultimate rock 'n' roll pilgrimage to Graceland - the home to the one and only Elvis. Embark on an unforgettable journey that shows you just how Elvis is still the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Late this afternoon visit the famous Peabody Hotel to see Peabody Duck March. As the ducks visit the fountain at 5:00PM.

Day 6 - Saturday 20 May 2017 (B, D) Sun Studio/Gibson Guitars/Civil Rights Museum

This morning delve into more than 50 years of fascinating history on your guided tour of Sun Studio. Step back in time to when legends like Elvis, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis recorded albums that made their mark on the history of music. Take a complete tour of the Gibson Beale Street Showcase in Memphis. This memorable tour of Gibson's Memphis guitar factory consists of an intimate viewing of the facility as Gibson's skilled Luthiers craft some of the finest guitars in the world. Later today visit the National Civil Rights Museum is a complex of museums and historic buildings which trace the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the 17th century to the present. Dinner tonight is at the Majestic Grill (or similar).

Day 7 - Sunday 21 May 2017 (B, D) Drive Memphis to Nashville

Today you'll drive from Memphis to Nashville a trip that takes around 5 hours. You'll stop today at the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum. On arrival in Nashville check into your hotel and dinner tonight will be at Bucca di Peppo (or similar). **Accommodation:** Country Inn and Suites or similar

Day 8 - Monday 22 May 2017 (B, D) Johnny Cash Museum/Wild Horse Saloon

This morning is at leisure. This afternoon visit the Johnny Cash museum before going on to the famous Wildhorse Saloon, a live music and dance destination that is known for offering world class live entertainment.



Day 9 - Tuesday 23 May 2017 (B) Country Music Hall of Fame

Today visit the Country Music Hall of Fame - a must for all fans of country music. Located in downtown Nashville, this state of the art building shaped like a classic Cadillac tail-fin is completely dedicated to music; from the windows that mirror the configuration of piano keys to the diamond-shaped radio mast and the round discs surrounding the tower symbolizing records and CDs. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Day 10 - Wednesday 24 May 2017 (B, D) Grand 'ol Opry

Today is at leisure for you to shop or explore Nashville on your own. Dinner tonight is at Moreton's Steakhouse (or similar) before a back stage tour and show at the famous Grand 'ol Opry where for more than 85 years, country's best have mesmerized audiences.

Day 11 - Thursday 25 May 2017 (B, D) Depart Nashville - Arrive New Orleans (Louisiana)

This morning you'll transfer to the airport for your flight to New Orleans. On arrival in New Orleans you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Dinner tonight will be at the Court of Two Sisters (or similar). **Accommodation:** Country Inn Metairie or similar

Day 12 - Friday 26 May 2017 (B, D) Walking Tour Bourbon Street/French Quarter

Today experience the convergence of colonial empires on this walking tour of New Orleans' exquisite French Quarter. With an expert guide, learn about French, Spanish and Creole influence on this famous neighborhood, from cloistered courtyards and intricate ironwork to beignets and jambalaya. Dinner tonight will be at Bubba Gump (or similar).

Day 13 - Saturday 27 May 2017 (B, D) Swamp Tour/Jazz Dinner

Today tour the swamp! It's a dynamic ecosystem supporting many types of aquatic and moist-soil vegetation, as well as a diverse wildlife population. You will be immersed in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world as you travel through the swamp and into the bayous lined with moss-draped cypress and tupelo-gum trees. During your tour you'll have opportunities to see alligators, snakes, turtles, egrets, herons and ibis. Tonight's dinner is at the Palm Court Jazz Café (or similar).

Day 14 - Sunday 28 May 2017 (B) Jazz Brunch

Today visit the famous House of Blues for a gospel brunch. Local talent performs both traditional and contemporary Gospel songs while you treat yourself to an amazing all-you-can-eat buffet featuring breakfast.

Today those travelling on the American Queen will say goodbye to the group and transfer to their hotel before commencing their journey. Dinner tonight is at leisure.

Day 15 - Monday 29 May 2017 (B) Depart New Orleans - Arrive Dallas Fort Worth - Depart Dallas Fort Worth 9:10PM

**Passengers cruising on American Queen see separate itinerary*

Full breakfast is served at your hotel this morning. The morning is at leisure and standard checkout time applies today. After lunch today you will be transferred to the hotel for your flight to Dallas Fort Worth and connecting flight to Sydney.

Day 16 - Tuesday 30 May 2017 In Flight

Day 17 - Wednesday 31 May 2017 Arrive Melbourne 6:05AM



AMERICAN QUEEN OPTIONAL 7 NIGHT CRUISE



A TASTE OF THE TRUE SOUTH

Memory flows deep and sentiment eddies and swirls along the Lower Mississippi River. Experience authentic Southern culture as you journey through living history and soak in the romantic spirit of the Antebellum era. Fertile cotton fields, vast sugar cane plantations and imposing pillared mansions will transport you back in time, as will the Civil War battlefields.

The largest steamboat ever built, the grand American Queen is a gracious and elegant triumph of American ingenuity. Although filled with today's modern amenities, her rooms and accommodations display all the opulence of the American Victorian era. Glistening woodwork, fresh flowers and antiques adorn her interior spaces. Outside, lacy filigree evokes memories of the many stately riverboats that preceded her and so inspired her designers.

Day 15 - Monday 29 May 2017 (B, D) Depart New Orleans

Spend your last day here in the city of New Orleans before embarking on the luxurious American Queen to begin an unforgettable journey! The official American Queen Voyage Check-in will be open between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM located in the Pre-Cruise Hotel. During this fast and easy procedure, our representatives will arrange your transfer to the vessel and answer any questions you might have. The process is simple and will have you back to exploring in no time and, if you think of any more questions, the Hospitality Desk will be at your service until 3:00 PM, when the complimentary boat transfers will begin! Transfer to the American Queen Dock at 3:30 PM. After you are comfortably aboard the American Queen, wave "Au Revoir" to New Orleans as we set off on an incredible adventure up the mighty Mississippi!

Day 16 - Tuesday 30 May 2017 (B, L, D) Oak Alley Plantation (LA)

Located in the Saint James Parish, Oak Alley is a much-photographed plantation that combines architectural splendor and the natural wonder of its 300-year-old oak trees. Spend time strolling beneath the canopy of these trees, and learn about the rich history and culture of this southern estate.

See our website for details of included shore excursions.

Day 17 - Wednesday 31 May 2017 (B, L, D) Francisville (LA)

Established in 1809, St. Francisville is the oldest town in the Florida Parishes. Below where St. Francisville is located currently, was a settlement called Bayou Sara in the 1790's. When this settlement was destroyed by flooding and fires, many of the structures and artefacts were hauled up the bluff into St. Francisville, where they are still standing. The town is referred to as "two miles long and two yards wide," but that definitely doesn't mean they have nothing to offer! Stop in at one of the unique shops, historical homes, beautiful churches, or breathtaking parks and you will agree with that! Spanish moss trees grow throughout the town, which creates a beautiful southern comfort to the atmosphere. See our website for details of included shore excursions.

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Cat E
Outside Stateroom

\$3,250

* per person Twin Share

Cat D Outside
Stateroom w/verandah

\$5,100

* per person Twin Share

**Plus Port
Charges
\$250**

* per person

Day 18 - Thursday 01 June 2017 (B, L, D) Natchez (MS)

This charming river town was first inhabited by Natchez Indians and French explorers who shared the land. It was founded in 1716, making it the oldest city on the Mississippi. The city is known for its elegance, hospitality, and impressive preservation of history - found on every street corner throughout Natchez. Guests enjoy the unique shops, restaurants, museums, and historical homes located in Natchez, all of which contribute to Hugh Bayless' book, "The 100 Best Towns in America." See our website for details of included shore excursions.

Day 19 - Friday 02 June 2017 (B, L, D) Vicksburg (MS)

Vicksburg perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. Described as the "Key to the South" by Abraham Lincoln, this southern town carries a history unlike any other Civil War city. Vicksburg was founded in 1811 and grew as a vital river port city. It was a major component to the Civil War and carries much of the history within the town. Today, Vicksburg is a popular spot for tourists to learn about the battles of the city, taste the cuisine, visit the many museums, and pick out the perfect souvenir. See our website for details of included shore excursions.

Day 20 - Saturday 03 June 2017 (B, L, D) Scenic River Cruising

While cruising aboard the American Queen, don't forget to set aside some time for a little pampering. Experience Pevonia spa treatments for optimum de-aging and unparalleled rejuvenation.

Day 21 - Sunday 04 June 2017 (B, L, D) Helena (AR)

In the Valley of Crowley's Ridge, sits the small town of Helena, Arkansas. Helena dates back to 1833, and was once a bustling, thriving southern city. Today, Helena would seem to some as a town that time forgot. While the rest of the country was building shopping centers and interstate systems, Helena struggled to stay afloat amidst all of the progress. Big changes drew small businesses away from Main Street U.S.A. and into strip malls. Convenience took over, where simplicity once stood. Today, Helena is in the throes of a revival. With quirky boutiques, unique stores and a historic musical past, Helena remains proud of the life they continue to successfully sprout from the ruins of the past. For in through the dust and rubble, new life for this determined Southern town is emerging. Helena welcomes American Queen guests to play a large part in their re-birth. See our website for details of included shore excursions.

Day 22 - Monday 05 June 2017 (B) Arrive Memphis (TN) - Arrive Dallas FW Depart Dallas FW 9:10PM

Disembark this morning and you'll be collected and coach and transferred downtown. Your luggage will stay on the bus and you can enjoy your last day at leisure. This afternoon you be transferred to Memphis Airport for your connecting flight to Dallas Fort Worth and then home.

Day 23 - Tuesday 06 June 2017 In Flight

Day 24 - Wednesday 07 June 2017 Arrive Melbourne 6:05AM

YOUR CRUISE FARE INCLUDES:

- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions in each port of call
- Complimentary deluxe hotel stay the night before your voyage - includes breakfast, taxes, portage and transfers to the American Queen
- All on-board meals, including both fine dining and casual cuisine
- 24-Hour Room Service
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, tea, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly, all-American staff
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, our on-board historian
- Professional showboat-style entertainment and dancing nightly
- Our own dedicated fleet of deluxe motorcoaches



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