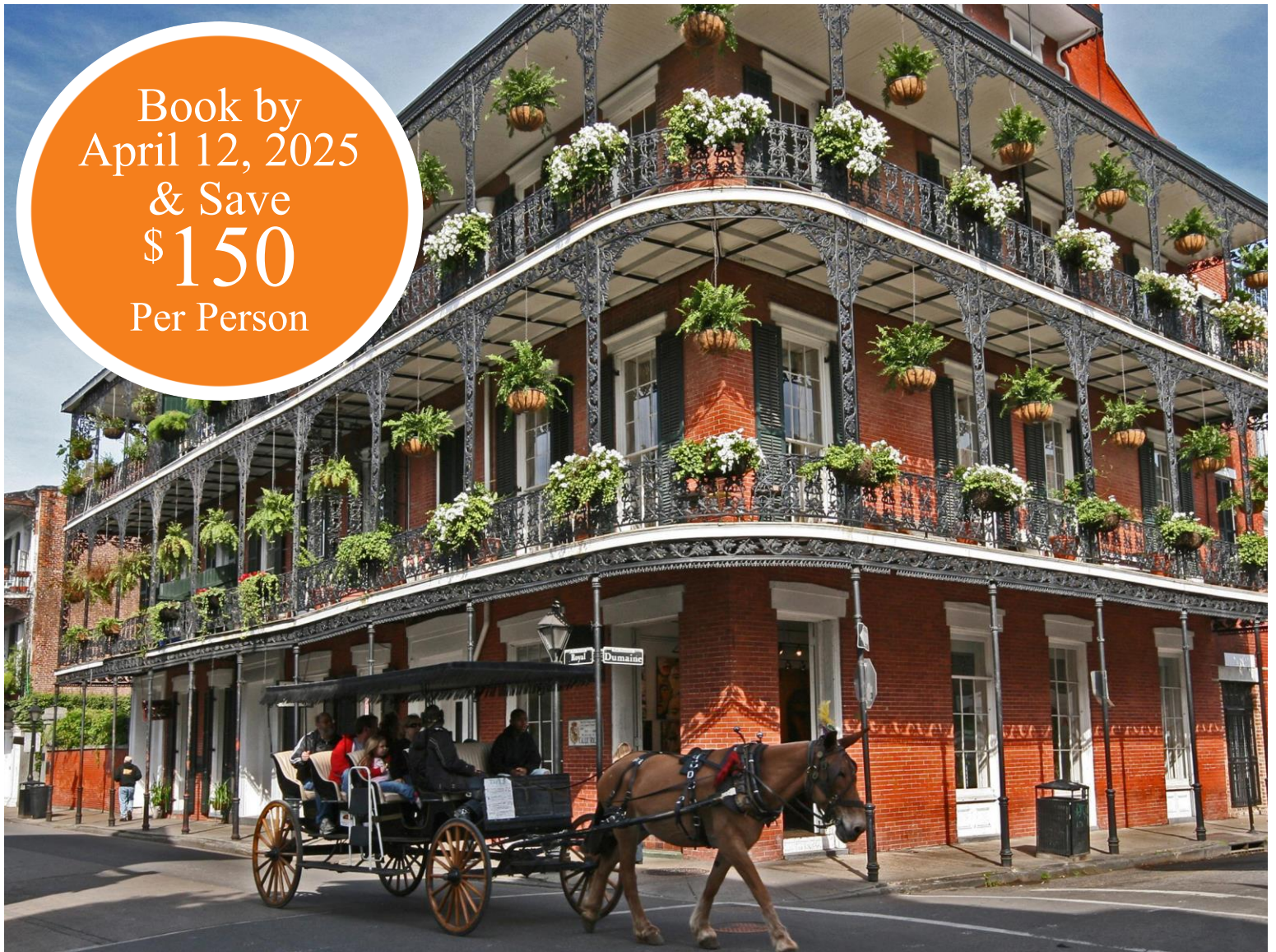


Buffalo Retired Teachers Association presents...

Discover America's Music Cities

October 12 – 19, 2025

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April 12, 2025
& Save
\$150
Per Person



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8 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... French Quarter, Jazz Revue, Grammy Museum, Graceland, Civil Rights Tour, Barbecue Lunch, Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry Show, Country Music Hall of Fame, Historic RCA Studio B, Choice on Tour: Goo Goo Cluster Candy or Johnny Cash Museum

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Day 3	The Inn at Ole Miss, Oxford, MS
Days 4, 5	The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee
Days 6, 7	Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, October 12, 2025 New Orleans, Louisiana Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the “Jazz Capital of the World,” New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavors, and sounds of New Orleans on your own today before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Monday, October 13, 2025 New Orleans Explore the many sides of New Orleans and how jazz began and thrives here. Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and Esplanade. Then, it’s on to a walking tour of the French Quarter viewing St. Louis Cathedral, Pirates Alley and more. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a New Orleans-style dinner before continuing on to Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 New Orleans - Oxford, Mississippi Leave New Orleans on a high note and head to the next music landmark. Explore the history of one of the world’s most prestigious awards in music at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Later, arrive in the charming college town of Oxford. (B, D)

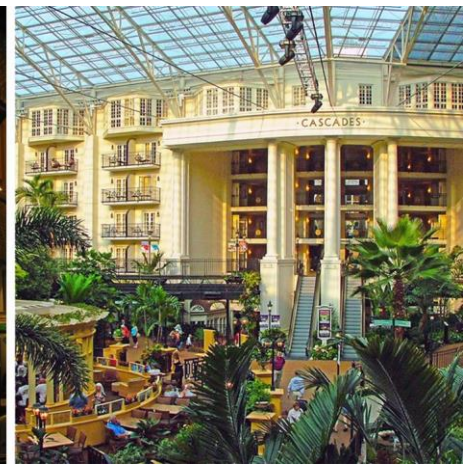
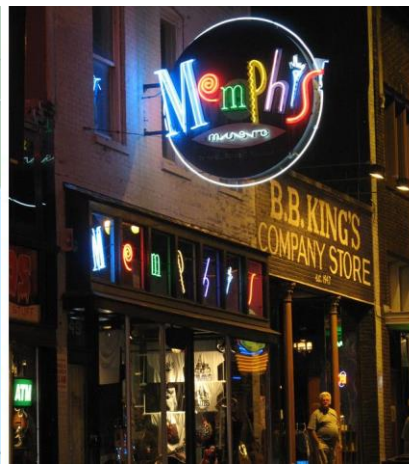
Day 4: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Oxford - Memphis, Tennessee Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock ‘n’ Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel before jiving along to “Jailhouse Rock” as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the “King” himself, and tour Elvis’s 14-acre estate, including his home, private jets, and Meditation Garden. (B)

Day 5: Thursday, October 16, 2025 Memphis This morning, embark on a civil rights history tour via coach and follow the route of Martin Luther King Jr.’s last march, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech the night before he was assassinated. Take time to explore how the era continues to shape equality and freedom to this day during a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum. Next, savor a lunch of down-home barbecue done Memphis-style: dry-rubbed and slow-smoked with sauce on the side! Get a taste of the Southern barbecue tradition and its deeply rooted spirit of community. Later, get acquainted with the musical history of Memphis with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world before continuing on to the Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum, highlighting the musical journey of this popular city. (B, L)

Day 6: Friday, October 17, 2025 Memphis - Nashville Roll along Music Highway to Nashville – the “Music Capital of the World.” Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium,* the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.** (B)

Day 7: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Nashville Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world’s largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider’s look at Nashville’s oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! After free time for lunch, **it’s your choice!** Join a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop **-OR-** visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you’ll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash, a “100 Greatest Artists of All Time” honoree. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, October 19, 2025 Nashville - Tour Ends Your rockin’ musical journey comes to a close today. (B)



Book by April 12, 2025 & Save \$150 Per Person:

Double \$3,509
Single \$4,229

Double \$3,359*
Single \$4,079

For bookings made after Apr 12, 2025 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Greater Buffalo Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

Alternate gateways available upon request! Please call for air rates from your local gateway!

*** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from BUF**

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Apr 12, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. During the one-hour walking tour of New Orleans' French Quarter, you will need to walk over uneven, bumpy sidewalks. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with a group size of an average of 37 travelers, up to a maximum of 44 travelers.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*On some dates, the old Ryman Auditorium may be closed for special events.

**The Grand Ole Opry may move to the Ryman Auditorium during the months of November and December and throughout the year during special events.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have

Experience It! The Ryman Auditorium

The "Mother Church of Country Music," the "Carnegie Hall of the South," the "Soul of Nashville"...welcome to Ryman Auditorium, a 2,000-plus seat venue in the heart of Nashville with a history as deep as country roots. Named for its founder, a wealthy riverboat owner, the Ryman first opened its doors in 1892 as the Union Gospel Tabernacle, but what many folks don't know is that the Ryman was the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. In fact, the Opry's formative years were spent on Ryman's stage, having featured the debuts of music titans Earl Scruggs and Hank Williams, and hosting the very first meeting between Johnny Cash and June Carter. Even Patsy Cline became a member of the Opry at the Ryman in 1960. And while the Grand Ole Opry has lived at a new venue since the seventies, the Ryman remains a vital music venue on the Nashville circuit, and is a designated National Historic Landmark thanks to its pivotal role in the popularization of country music. See it for yourself when country music comes to life in the Ryman's exhibit, "The Soul of Nashville," and let the Mother Church move you!

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1234770>



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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1234770

TOUR: Discover America's Music Cities featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

DEPARTURE DATE: October 12, 2025

GROUP NAME: Buffalo Retired Teachers Association

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on drivers license) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: _____
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(as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: _____

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

New Orleans, LA

New Orleans Jazz Afternoon – October 13, 2025

\$100 USD

This afternoon, enjoy a jazz brunch at one of New Orleans’ most famous restaurants, The Court of Two Sisters. Relax and enjoy the live jazz music as you soak in the centuries-old atmosphere and the largest courtyard in the French Quarter. Indulge in the expansive brunch buffet, with over 60 items available, including made to order omelets and Eggs Benedict. After lunch, embark on a leisurely cruise aboard the traditional Steamboat Natchez, iconic in New Orleans. The ambience will transport you back in time to the 19th century when steamboats were the mode of transportation of choice to travel along the Mississippi. Sit back and take in your surroundings during your narrated harbor tour, listening to stories of days gone by along the way. As your paddlewheel boat makes its way back, it is time for a lively jazz band to take the stage for some toe-tapping fun! *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Nashville, TN

Opry Amplified: Best Seats & Behind the Scenes – October 17, 2025

\$145 USD

Amplify your experience at the Opry with this option for upgraded seating and a 1-hour backstage tour. You’ll enjoy a great view of the stars gracing the Opry’s stage with upgraded Tier 1 seats. After the show, it’s time to pull back the curtain and get an up-close look around the house where country music stars and legends make history each week. Get behind-the-scenes access and insider stories as you see the Opry’s themed dressing rooms, artist entrance, broadcast studio, and more. This option must be purchased by 30 days prior and is not available while on tour. A maximum of 10 travelers can purchase this optional tour and is available on a first come, first served basis. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on the government issued travel identification) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	New Orleans Jazz Afternoon	100.00
	Opry Amplified: Best Seats & Behind the Scenes <i>This option must be purchased by 30 days prior and is not available while on tour. A maximum of 10 travelers can purchase this optional tour and is available on a first come, first served basis.</i>	145.00

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A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 05, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 14, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until April 12, 2025.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$429 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Gaylord Opryland Resort – Standard (included)

() Gaylord Opryland Resort – Superior (additional charge of \$65.00 double, \$130.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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