



## Civil War in the West: Nashville to New Orleans

November 2-9, 2012

This 150<sup>th</sup> commemoration tour of the Civil War focuses on the Tennessee battle sites of Franklin, Shiloh, Mississippi's Vicksburg, and ends with strategic Mississippi River sites in Louisiana. Begins in Nashville and ends in New Orleans.

### PRICE PER PERSON:

Double: \$1,885

Single: \$2,395

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Belle Meade Mansion
- Grand Old Opry performance
- Battle of Franklin
- Shiloh Battlefield
- Vicksburg Battlefield
- Natchez
- Port Gibson/Grand Gulf Military Park
- Stanton Hall
- Magnolia Hall
- Port Hudson
- New Orleans School of Cooking
- French Quarter
- Garden District
- New Orleans Civil War Museum
- Court of Two Sisters



### TOUR INCLUDES:

Airport transfers  
deluxe motorcoach  
professional tour director  
7 nights' accommodations  
breakfast and dinner daily  
all admission and park entrance fees  
local guides and drivers  
baggage handling

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## Day # 1: Nashville

Welcome to Music City USA. Visit Belle Meade Mansion, the queen of the Tennessee Plantations. As you enter the home you will see bullet holes in the columns from a skirmish between Confederate and Union Soldiers. We'll check into our hotel for the next two nights and enjoy a welcome dinner to cap off our first day. **(D)**

## Day # 2: Battle of Franklin

Today we'll spend the day in the town of Franklin where a pitched battle was fought on November 30, 1864. The conflict saw the death, wounding or capture of more than 6,000 Confederates and 2000 Union soldiers. We'll see the Carter House with more than a thousand bullet holes, and the Carnton Plantation which served as a field hospital for both sides. The best selling novel, "Widow of the South" was based on the life of Carrie McGavock, the owner of Carnton. Tonight we'll enjoy dinner and a performance of the Grand Old Opry back in Nashville. **(B,D)**

## Day # 3: Shiloh and Memphis

Travel we'll travel west to Jackson, home of famed train engineer, Casey Jones. Then it is on to Shiloh, site of the first major battle in the West. April 6-7, 1862 saw more than 109,000 troops engaged in violent struggle that left more than 24,000 dead, wounded or missing. Our docent points out such features as the Peach Orchard and Bloody Pond, as well as markers and memorials. As we continue on to Memphis we'll learn about the old defensive battlements on the Mississippi River, as well as tour Forest Park, named for the Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forest. After checking in to our Memphis hotel, we'll dine at the famous Rendezvous Restaurant. **(B,D)**

## Day # 4: Vicksburg

Today we continue our journey south, through the capital at Jackson and on past Raymond, another Civil War Battleground. This afternoon we'll devote to a tour of the Vicksburg Battlefield. The city fell after a devastating 47 day siege by Union troops led by U.S. Grant. While here, our guide will point out the difficult terrain and just how close the two sides were during the fighting. Dinner is included this evening. **(B,D)**

## Day # 5: Natchez

Today we'll visit Port Gibson and Grand Gulf Military Park, the site of Confederate forts Wade and Cobun, which were shelled heavily by Union gunboats. The town was spared by General Grant it is said because he felt the town was too lively to burn. We'll tour historic Stanton Hall after arriving in Natchez, and enjoy dinner this evening in the antebellum parlors of Magnolia Hall. **(B,D)**

## Day # 6: New Orleans

Today we continue south into Louisiana and Port Hudson. In the spring and summer of 1863 Confederate guns controlled a strategic location on the Mississippi River preventing Union troops from blockading the junction of the Red River. The siege by Union forces resulted in some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. After the fall of the fort, it was used as a recruiting center for African American troops. We'll drive through Baton Rouge and on to New Orleans. We'll check into our hotel for the next two nights, and enjoy an evening of cooking demonstration and dinner at the famed New Orleans School of Cooking. **(B,D)**

## Day # 7: New Orleans Sightseeing

We'll begin the day with a brief tour of the Big Easy featuring the French Quarter, the Old Mint, the Garden District, the Superdome, the statue of southern general PGT Beauregard, and visit the New Orleans Civil War Museum at Memorial Hall. This is the second largest Civil War Museum in the country. The balance of the afternoon is free to enjoy the sights and sounds of the world famous French Quarter. Our farewell dinner is at the Court of Two Sisters. **(B,D)**

## Day # 8: Homeward Bound

Airport transfers are provided. **(B)**