In colorful and fun-filled New Orleans you’ll have time to wander the famous French Quarter. Discover great shops and galleries plus exquisite dining and Dixieland jazz spots.

In St. Augustine you can visit Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, America’s oldest home and enjoy years of history as you ride in a horse drawn carriage.

Southern history will unfold on a sightseeing tour of historic Savannah. You’ll explore the garden-like squares, discover a living collection of 18th and 19th century buildings and tour the exquisite Andrew Low House.

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of historic Charleston, covering over 300 years of American history. The American Revolution and War Between the States will capture your interest as you stop at the Battery Park waterfront.

You’ll visit Fort Sumter, which was the target of the Confederate barrage that ignited the Civil War.

Sit back, relax and enjoy hundreds of miles of comfortable travel on Amtrak’s Crescent, Palmetto and Silver Meteor

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**Day 1: Depart Chicago**

_New Orleans and the Deep South_ tour members will meet your Tour Director in Chicago’s Union Station throughout the day. At approximately 7:30 p.m., we’ll board the Amtrak train made famous in the song, _The City of New Orleans_, departing at 8:05 p.m.

Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. Dinner in the dining car is included this evening.

**Day 2: En Route / New Orleans**

We’ll be passing through Memphis about 6:30 this morning and traveling through Mississippi. At 3:32 p.m. we’ll arrive in the fascinating Crescent City. Our home for the next two nights, the Hampton Inn Downtown, is near the French Quarter.

This evening we’ll experience Cajun dining, dancing and entertainment at New Orleans original Cajun restaurant, Mulate’s! (included) **B, L & D**

**Day 3: New Orleans**

Following a hot breakfast in our hotel we’ll embark on a two-and-a-half-hour sightseeing tour of the Greater New Orleans area. The tour will include the St. Louis Cemetery III where the above ground burial system will be explained; beautiful City Park, the Lakefront area, the uptown section with its antebellum and new homes, Tulane University, Audubon Park, the French Market and the Old Mint.
NEW ORLEANS AND THE DEEP SOUTH

The rest of the day you’re free to pursue those activities that are of particular interest to you. You’re in one of the most unique cities in the world. Take full advantage of all there is to see, do and taste! Some options include a traditional mule drawn carriage ride through the French Quarter, lunch aboard a paddlewheel ship on the Mighty Mississippi, The Audubon Aquarium, The National WWII Museum and Hop On/Hop Off doubledecker bus tours. B

Day 4: En Route to Tallahassee

Breakfast is included in the hotel this morning. You are free to relax or enjoy some last minute shopping before we board our motorcoach for Tallahassee, Florida. An “on-your-own” lunch stop will be made en route.

Upon arrival we will enjoy an included dinner. Our home for the night is the Holiday Inn & Suites, Tallahassee. B & D

Day 5: En Route St. Augustine

Following breakfast we will board our motorcoach for the 200 mile drive to North America’s oldest city, St. Augustine. We will stop for an “on-your-own” lunch.

Upon arrival in St. Augustine we will board a horse drawn carriage! Sit back relax and enjoy the clip clop of the horses as you experience 450 years of history. You’ll travel through the quiet part of town away from the hustle and bustle. The tour covers over 2 miles of the downtown historic district. Our home for the night will be the Holiday Inn & Suites. B

Day 6: En Route Savannah

Following a hot Country Breakfast buffet, we will board our motorcoach and head north to Savannah. We will stop en route for an “on-your-own” lunch.

Upon arrival into this fascinating southern city, we’ll set off on a Trolley Tour of this historic area. A knowledgeable Savannah guide will be with us.

The charming Hampton Inn Historic Savannah is our home for the next two nights. You’re free the rest of the day to stroll along Factor’s Walk, the 19th century center of commerce in Savannah. B

Day 7: Savannah / Tybee Island

Breakfast is included this morning.

Later this morning we’ll enjoy a private tour of the exquisite Andrew Low House. You’ll see examples of America’s most prestigious furniture makers including Duncan Phyfe, Joseph Barry, Joseph Meeks, Charles-Honore Lannuier, and Michael Allison.
Following a “on-your-own” lunch we’ll head out to Tybee Island and Mike’s Dolphin Tours. We’ll observe bottlenosed dolphin playing in their natural habitat. These fun loving, aquatic mammals are the most intelligent creatures next to man and are unusually friendly. They frequently come right up to the boat!

Following a sumptuous dinner at the Crab Shack (included), we will return to our hotel for a second night. **B & D**

**Day 8: Charleston**

This morning we will transfer to the Savannah Amtrak Station to board the Palmetto for the 8:20 a.m. departure to Charleston. Arrival is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

We will board our motorcoach for a narrated sightseeing tour. We will visit the Charleston Tea Plantation. A boxed lunch will be provided.

Our home for tonight is the Hampton Inn, Charleston Historic District. **B & L**

**Day 9: Fort Sumter**

You are free this morning to relax, shop the unique boutiques on King Street or further explore the charm and antebellum architecture of this fascinating city.

The Civil War began at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. On April 12, 1861, Confederate troops fired the opening shots of the Civil War against Fort Sumter. Confederates captured the fort and held it throughout the war defying the blockade and Union attempts to recapture it. This afternoon we’ll embark on a cruise and tour of Fort Sumter.

Following an included dinner we will transfer to the Amtrak station for the 9:17 p.m. departure of the Silver Meteor for Washington, DC. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Viewliner Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional price. **B & D**

**Day 10: Washington DC**

This morning we’ll be rolling through the beautiful Virginia countryside. Our arrival in Washington DC is scheduled for 7:07 a.m.

You will have time for an “on-your-own” breakfast in Union’s Station’s extensive food court prior to embarking on a sightseeing tour of Washington. Destinations will include the World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. We will also drive by the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Pentagon, the Capital, Library of Congress, Supreme Court and the White House.

An “on-your-own” lunch stop will be made.

We will continue to Arlington National Cemetery where you’ll see the Kennedy gravesites, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness the ceremonial changing of the guard.

Following the tour we will check into the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol, our home for the night.

**Day 11: Washington, DC**

Our hotel is a short distance to the Washington Mall. You are free to explore the area this morning. Early afternoon we will board our motorcoach and transfer to the train station for our overnight trip back to Chicago. **D**

**Day 12: En Route to Chicago**

A full-course dining car breakfast will be served this morning as we race past the small cities and towns of Indiana.

Our arrival into Chicago’s Union Station is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. **B**

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- 14 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total tour cost.

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