

NEW

Nashville to New Orleans

ESCORTED
TOUR

Music, Culture &
The Mississippi



13 - 29 May 2026



This new tour will follow the influential sounds of chart-topping history from Nashville to Memphis with a crescendo in New Orleans for all that jazz. Strut your way down Nashville's Honky Tonk Row to reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry. Explore Elvis Presley's Graceland estate and the famous studios and streets of Memphis, then soak up the French Quarter of New Orleans as music fills the air. Travel through the Deep South that leads you to elegant antebellum mansions, historic sights, and the sounds of country, rock, and rhythm and blues. We spend three nights in Houston – two at the start and one at the end – giving us time to explore this vibrant city and visit the NASA Johnson Space Center. We hope you'll join us on this private and exclusive new tour!

May 2026

Wednesday 13 Auckland – Houston

An evening departure on an Air New Zealand flight direct to Houston. After crossing the date line arrive the same day late afternoon. Transfer to your inner city hotel.

Thursday 14 Houston B D

After breakfast depart on a city tour which includes the Museum District, downtown, NRG Stadium and Memorial Park which stretches along the water trail system. This afternoon continue to the Amazon Fulfilment Centre to explore what happens when you make an order with the global company Amazon. An eye-opening experience. Tonight a welcome dinner

Optional Experience – Baseball Approx. USD\$110

Tonight the Houston Astros are playing the Seattle Mariners in the all American game of baseball. The atmosphere and experience will be a tour highlight.

Friday 15 Houston – Nashville B

A leisurely morning before a transfer to the airport and fly to Nashville. Welcome to Music City! On arrival transfer to your accommodation for the night.

Saturday 16 Nashville B

This morning a visit to RCA Studio B, Nashville's oldest recording studio. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nashville. See the legendary recording and performing venues of Music Row and Honky Tonk Row. Then visit the Country Music Hall of Fame to see its collection of costumes, memorabilia, instruments, and photographs. Tonight, you have reserved seats for an unforgettable show at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry, the mecca for country musicians.

The legendary RCA Studio B is where icons like Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and the Everly Brothers recorded timeless hits. Between 1957 and 1977, over 35,000 songs were created here, shaping Nashville's musical history.

Sunday 17 Nashville – Memphis B D

This morning, depart for Memphis, "Home of the Blues," and visit Sun Studio, one of the most famous recording studios in the world, where rock 'n' roll was first recorded. Then, visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music before dinner at a local restaurant.

Monday 18 Graceland B

See all the landmarks of Memphis today before we travel onto Elvis Presley's Graceland. Explore Elvis' original business office, his vast collection of gold records and awards, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. See Elvis' collection of ornate jumpsuits and capes, the automobile museum, and his collection of airplanes!



Tuesday 19 Memphis – Clarksdale – Mississippi – Greenwood B L

Today, follow the mighty Mississippi River deep into the heart of the Mississippi Delta, the "Birthplace of the Blues." Visit the Delta Blues Museum, before a special lunch with a local musician at the Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale. After lunch, continue to Greenwood, where many of its buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a special overnight stay at the historic Alluvian Hotel, originally opened in 1917, newly renovated, the hotel is a luxurious respite on the Mississippi Blues Trail.





Wednesday 20 Greenwood - Indianola - Natchez B D

This morning travel to Indianola to visit the B.B. King Museum, hometown of the legendary musician. Continue south to Natchez and enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Thursday 21 Natchez - Louisiana - Frogmore - Lafayette B

First stop today is the Delta Music Museum to hear stories about Jerry Lee Lewis, Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty, and other Louisiana Delta musicians. Then, head through Louisiana into the heart of Cajun Country for a visit to the historic Frogmore Plantation. Continue to Lafayette and partake in a unique musical experience at Cypress Cove Landing, on the banks of the Atchafalaya Basin.

Learn about the trials and triumphs of American history with an enlightening tour of Frogmore Plantation. An 1800-acre working cotton plantation, Frogmore has 19 restored antebellum (pre-Civil War) structures that date from the early 1800's. Learn the history of the early Natchez planters, their slaves, the Civil War and the emergence of sharecropping. A fascinating look at Southern history.

Friday 22 Lafayette - New Orleans B L

This morning we take a cruise through the swampy waterways of the Atchafalaya Basin. Larger than the Florida Everglades, the Atchafalaya Basin is home to moss-draped trees, and a wealth of wildlife. We continue on to the Great River Road and visit Houmas House Plantation known as the "Crown Jewel of the Great River Road". Enjoy lunch at the plantation followed by a mansion tour. Continue to New Orleans for a 4 night stay.

Saturday 23 New Orleans B D

After breakfast a guided sightseeing tour of the French Quarter, so rich in French and Spanish Creole culture that it spills out onto Bourbon Street with the sounds of kitchens, bars and blues bands filling the fragrant Southern air. This afternoon is free to explore before dinner at a local restaurant.

Sunday 24 New Orleans B

Today a day at leisure. Why not return to Bourbon Street and follow your own tastes with a craft cocktail walking tour or explore the National World War II Museum. Maybe take time to explore the Garden District or take a swamp tour to see the wildlife. Then finish the day with a culinary experience like no other - gumbo, jambalaya, po'boys, crawfish étouffée, and beignets from the iconic Café du Monde.

Monday 25 New Orleans B L

After a leisurely morning take a lunchtime cruise along the Mississippi River featuring great jazz and delicious food.

Tuesday 26 New Orleans - Houston B D

Today we say goodbye to New Orleans and fly to Houston. Farewell Dinner this evening.

Thursday 27 Houston - Auckland B

After breakfast we visit the NASA Johnson Space centre. Take a tram tour to mission control, explore astronaut exhibits and the Saturn V Rocket.



This afternoon transfer to the airport for your direct Air New Zealand flight home.

Cross international date line.

Friday 29 Auckland

An early morning arrival into Auckland. Welcome home.

*Itinerary Subject to change

Atchafalaya Basin



BB King Museum

Cost Per Person*

Cost per person

Auckland - Auckland

Twin

\$13,997

Single

\$16,797

NZ Premium Economy Class Upgrade

+ \$3,145

(Auckland - Houston - Auckland Only)

NZ Business Class Upgrade

+ \$10,587

(Auckland - Houston - Auckland Only)

Early Booking Discount if booked before 01 December 2025 \$150 per person

Previous International Pukekohe Travel Client

\$100 per person

*This is a cash or direct debit price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee *Itinerary and costs subject to change, airline and fuel charges and currency fluctuations prior to final payment



Inclusions

- Direct return economy flights with Air New Zealand Auckland to Houston
- Airport and airline taxes (\$252)
- Economy United Airways flight Houston to Nashville and return to Houston from New Orleans
- All transfers on tour
- Breakfast Daily
- Lunch & Dinner as outlined
- 3 nights in Houston
- 12 night tour from Nashville to New Orleans including gratuities
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach
- Houston City Tour
- NASA Johnson Space Centre Tour
- Amazon Fulfilment Centre Tour
- Sightseeing in Nashville
- RCA Studio B and Country Music Hall of Fame
- Sightseeing in Memphis
- Reserved seats at the Grand Old Opry
- Sun Studio and Stax Museum of American Soul Music
- Tour Elvis Presley's Graceland
- Visit the Mississippi Delta and the Delta Blues Museum
- Sightseeing in Greenwood
- B.B. King Museum in Indianola
- Delta Music Museum
- Services of a local professional guide
- Pukekohe Travel Tour Escort subject to 15 persons traveling

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance is highly recommended- please ask us for a quote
- Items of a personal nature
- Items not specified
- Gratuities in Houston

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person will secure a place on this trip
- Full payment is due no later than 06 March 2026

Cancellations and Refunds

- From the date of booking until 06 March 2026 - loss of deposit
- After 06 March 2026 - no refund

Documentation

- A current passport is required, valid six months beyond date of travel
- An ESTA visa is required for entry into US. (USD21)

Weather

	Max	Min
Houston	29°C	19°C
Nashville	25°C	13°C
New Orleans	28°C	19°C

Health and Mobility

A good standard of health and fitness is required and clients should be independently mobile with the ability to walk unaided on uneven surfaces and negotiate stairs. This tour is not suitable for clients who require wheel chair assistance. It is expected you will arrive on tour fit healthy and ready to travel.

Currency

- USD
- ATMs are readily available
- WISES Card, Visa and Mastercard are accepted everywhere

Terms and Conditions

For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or please ask our tour consultant for a copy

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is essential. Please feel free to contact us for a quote.

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