

Memphis Tours

Memphis claims to be the “Birthplace of Rock and Roll” and is also known as the “Home of the Blues.” The city has a wide array of things to do and see, but music is high on the list. Carol Peterson and her committee have arranged these great tours by Blues City Tours:

Monday, March 19: **Graceland** is the home of Elvis Presley, the “King of Rock ‘n’ Roll.” An audio-guided tour lets you walk where Elvis walked. Follow his humble beginnings to his rise to super-stardom. See how he lived with family and friends. Enjoy video, photographs, stage costumes, personal items and more. A Blues City tour bus leaves from the Marriott at 8:45 a.m. and returns by noon. Price for transportation and admission is \$32.

Tuesday, March 20: **Sun Studio** is where Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins recorded many of their hits. Also, B.B. King, Howlin’ Wolf and Ike Turner recorded there. Stand where Elvis recorded Hound Dog. See the priceless memorabilia. A Blues City tour bus leaves the Marriott at 9:30 a.m. and returns by noon. Price for transportation and admission is \$20.

Thursday, March 22: American soul music combines elements of gospel music and rhythm and blues. Memphis is the home of many soul music singers who recorded with Stax Records and competed with the Detroit Motown sound. **The Stax Museum** showcases an amazing collection of memorabilia and displays. Celebrate the music of Stax recording artists Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes, Booker T. and the MGs, The Staple Singers, Sam and Dave, Ike and Tina Turner, Al Green, Johnnie Taylor, Rufus and Carla Thomas and others. A Blues City tour bus leaves the Marriott at 9:30 a.m. and returns by noon. Price for transportation and admission is \$20.

Friday, March 23: **The National Civil Rights Museum** is located at the former Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Follow key episodes of the American civil rights movement through the museum exhibitions. A docent will accompany the group and answer questions. Tour group members will take a 10-minute trolley ride to the museum and meet the tour guide at 9:15 a.m. The trolley stop is a two-block walk from the Museum. Trolleys run every 10 minutes. Price for regular admission and a trolley pass is \$16, but only \$14 for seniors 55 or older.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the ACBL, free bus-trips tours to **ACBL Headquarters** and the **ACBL Bridge Museum** are planned. Check back here for details after that schedule becomes known.

These tours will sell out, so make reservations now. To do so or for more information, e-mail:

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Make check or money order payable to 2012 Memphis Spring NABC and indicate on the memo line the tour and number of tickets you are interested in. Mail to:

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