



MISSISSIPPI HOMETOWN

APRIL 20-28, 2024

Experience the great state of Mississippi. Visit Laurel Mississippi, (location of HGTV's 'Hometown') Tupelo, Graceland, and historic Natchez. Hit the coast to Biloxi for a shrimp boat tour, and so much more on this special tour!

Departs: Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 7 Lunches
- 3 Dinners

Activity Level

\$2349 Double **\$2169 Triple**
\$2049 Quad **\$2979 Single**

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person
 Optional Travel Protection Available
 Final Payment Due 60 days before departure

Cancellation Policy B

1 // Memphis, TN Today we'll hit the road towards the beautiful state of Mississippi. We've got a lot of hometown charm planned for the days ahead! Enjoy **dinner** tonight when we stop in Memphis for our first overnight stay.

2 // Meridian, MS No tour of Mississippi is complete without a visit to the places important to one of Mississippi's favorite sons, Elvis Presley. We will sneak in a visit to **Graceland** in Memphis before heading on to **Tupelo**, and we will visit his **birthplace**, the hardware store where he purchased his first guitar, and church. **Lunch** is included in today's plans before we enjoy a **historic downtown walking tour!**

3 // Hattiesburg, MS Regarding arts and entertainment, Mississippi is a land of legends. Our first stop today is to visit the **Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Experience**. This state-of-the-art museum showcases \$14 million in immersive and interactive exhibitions of many famous names that hail from the state. Names such as Morgan Freeman, Jim Henson, James Earl Jones, B.B. King, and so many more!

4 // Hattiesburg, MS First we will visit the **Lauren Rogers Museum of Art** to peruse their gorgeous collection. Afterwards, we head out to **Landrum's Homestead** to explore the 30-acre living history museum. With over 85 buildings, exhibits, and displays showcasing life in Mississippi through the ages and have lunch there. If you are a fan of **HGTV's show Hometown**, you might recognize Laurel as also the home of Ben & Erin Napier. It is here that they live, film, and remodel houses for millions of viewers each season. Take a visit to **Ben's Workshop**, where we can see where some of their projects come together for the TV show. We will also have plenty of time to visit the town's revitalized downtown area and do some shopping at the amazing **Laurel Mercantile Co.** and many more! **Lunch** is included today.

5 // Biloxi, MS Hop aboard the coach for a **guided bus tour of Laurel** and catch a glimpse of some of Ben & Erin Napier's renovated homes. Enjoy **lunch** together at **Café Le Fleur**, nestled right in the heart of downtown Laurel. After lunch, spend some free-time exploring and shopping in the revitalized downtown area. We will pay a visit to one of the most unique businesses in the area, **Hellfighters USA Motorcycle Shop** before **dinner** and the beginning of our two-night stay in Biloxi.

6 // Biloxi, MS Today, we will take a **ride on a Shrimping boat** to learn about this vital industry. Take a 70-minute peek into how the journey begins for a shrimp and how it ends on your plate. In addition to a delicious **lunch**, the crew will entertain and educate while dropping a 16-foot trawl and dragging the bottom of the Mississippi Sound for all the delicacies she has to offer. Our guests are exposed to the spectacular world of sea life - caught on a genuine shrimping expedition. You'll also be able to take a tour of the beautiful **Maritime Seafood Industry Museum**. Finish the day with a guided tour of Biloxi.

7 // Natchez, MS Today we start our travel north towards home but no tour to Mississippi is complete without a stop in **Natchez** to view some of the most beautiful homes that the state has to offer. Situated directly on the iconic Mississippi River, Natchez is one of the southeastern USA's hidden gems. We will take a **guided tour** of the area featuring some of the historical homes. More than 1,000 structures in this Mississippi city are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including homes dating to the late 1700s. **Lunch** and **dinner** will both be included today in Natchez!

8 // Shreveport, LA One of Mississippi's largest crops is cotton. Cotton is big business in Mississippi, ranking third in the United States for production, grown on 780 Mississippi farms. We will take a peak into this crop at the **Frogmore Cotton Plantation** before we head to **Natchitoches, LA**, for some **lunch** and a **river boat ride** down the Cane River. Get ready to relax, unwind, take in all the sights, and learn a little history on what makes Natchitoches, Louisiana, such a special place.

9 // Home Today we will make our way home with sweet tea and southern charm filling our memories!

