

NEW

Gulf Coast Getaway

Parades, Beaches, & Southern Hospitality

FEBRUARY 3-9, 2027

Take a break from winter and head south to the warmth of Alabama. Celebrate the birthplace of Mardi Gras in the US, relish the tranquility of Bellingrath Gardens, and soak in the sea air along Alabama's Gulf Coast. This tour blends history, rich Southern culture, and just the right amount of free time to explore at your own pace.

DAY 1: MEMPHIS, TN

Arrive in Memphis for a welcome dinner and overnight stay. *D*

DAY 2: ELVIS' BIRTHPLACE

Journey toward the Gulf traveling through Mississippi with a stop in Tupelo to walk in the footsteps of a young Elvis Presley. Experience the humble beginnings of a man whose fame has grown to nearly mythical proportions. Arrive in Mobile, AL, and unpack for a 2-night stay. *B, L, Hot Apps*

DAY 3: CARNIVAL

Embrace Mobile's vibrant spirit with a knowledgeable local expert who will bring the city's stories and history to life. Step into the colorful Mobile Carnival Museum, housed in the historic Bernstein-Bush Mansion. The museum showcases over 300 years of Mardi Gras celebrations. Tonight, feast on top-notch BBQ and relax on the patio while cheering on the festive and lively parade marching by our seats. *B, D*

DAY 4: BELLINGRATH GARDENS, ORANGE BEACH

Step into a world of beauty at Bellingrath Gardens and Home. This tranquil 65-acre estate was built as an escape from the hectic work life of Walter Bellingrath, one of the first Coca-Cola bottlers in the South, while his wife, Bessie, possessed the green thumb that



developed the surrounding gorgeous gardens. After lunch, board our boat for a fun and scenic coastal cruise. Keep your camera ready, as playful dolphins may emerge from the sparkling waters! Unpack for two nights at your beachside hotel, where all rooms feature views of the Gulf. **B, L**

DAY 5: FREE DAY

Today is yours to explore and enjoy! Choose your own adventure: relax by the beach, read a book, take an optional visit to the iconic Pensacola Lighthouse, stroll and shop along the lively boardwalk, or explore the fascinating National Naval Aviation Museum home to historic aircraft and engaging exhibits. **B**

Note: The Lighthouse and Naval Museum are located on the Naval base in Pensacola. Visitors must have a REAL ID, Military ID, or valid US Passport for entry onto the base. Additional cost and registration may apply for optional activities.

DAY 6: JONESBORO, AR

Trade the sun-drenched shores of Orange Beach for a scenic journey north to Jonesboro, perfectly split by a flavorful lunch stop in Jackson, Mississippi. This captivating route weaves through the rolling landscapes of the deep South. **B, L**

DAY 7: RETURN HOME

Arrive home with wonderful memories of coastal breezes, southern hospitality, and festive celebrations. **B** 🌟



Step into the colorful Mobile Carnival Museum



Enjoy the chance to explore the National Naval Aviation Museum



TOUR DETAILS

Feb 3-9, 2027

7 Days • 11 Meals

Price Per Person:

DL \$1,999, TL/QD \$1,779, SL \$2,669

Depart/Return:



Kansas City
Springfield

HIGHLIGHTS

- Elvis' Birthplace & Museum
- Mobile's Famous Carnival Museum
- Authentic Mardi Gras Parade and Celebration
- Bellingrath Gardens & Home
- Gulf Coast Sightseeing Cruise
- Relax and Explore with a Free Day Along the Coast

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Drury Memphis

Southaven, Memphis, TN

Nights 2-3: Drury Plaza, Mobile, AL

Nights 4-5: Island House

Hotel, Orange Beach, AL

Night 6: Hampton Inn, Jonesboro, AR