

SOUTHERN STATES – SELF DRIVE ITINERARY

DAYS 1 & 2

New Orleans

Start your adventure in New Orleans. Experience the madness of Bourbon Street and visit Frenchmen Street for great nightlife. Take a cruise on the Mississippi, visit Mardi Gras World and the World War II Museum, the options are endless.

DAYS 3 & 4 - 200 miles

New Orleans to Gulf Shores

Relax and enjoy the coastal towns of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach with their 32 miles of soft white sand and sparkling emerald waters. Take a dolphin watching cruise or visit one of the classic beach bars like The Hangout or Flora-Bama.

DAYS 5 & 6 - 55 miles

Gulf Shores to Mobile

Founded in 1702 as the original capital of the Louisiana Territory and nestled along the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, few American cities boast a history as rich as Mobile's. Explore the mighty battleship, USS Alabama, that won nine battle stars during World War II. Make time for the 65-acre Bellingrath Gardens with its bayou boardwalk.

DAYS 7 & 8 - 170 miles

Mobile to Montgomery

Montgomery is the birthplace of both the Civil War and the civil rights movement. Visit the Alabama State Capitol and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached. The Hank Williams Museum and the Rosa Parks Museum are also downtown.

DAYS 9 & 10 - 90 miles

Montgomery to Birmingham

Birmingham, Alabama's largest city, boasts Jazz and dance clubs, theatre and fine dining. Visit the Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park and 16th Street Baptist Church to learn about the city's civil rights struggles. Birmingham is also home of America's largest collection of motorcycles on display at Barber Vintage Motorcycle Museum.



DAYS 11 - 100 miles

Birmingham to Huntsville

Huntsville is home of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, the world's largest space attraction. Located at the base of some of the most beautiful mountains in North Alabama, Huntsville offers visitors outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, horseback riding and fishing.

DAY 12 - 70 miles

Huntsville to Muscle Shoals

The small Alabama northwest adjacent towns of Florence, Tuscumbia, Sheffield and Muscle Shoals is the southernmost leg of a music triangle that includes Memphis and Nashville. The 'Father of the Blues' W.C.Handy was born in Florence where the annual Handy Music Festival is held each summer. Tour FAME recording studio in Muscle Shoals where international superstars like Aretha Franklin, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Percy Sledge and the Rolling Stones recorded great hits.

DAY 13 - 138 miles

Muscle Shoals to Corinth via Tupelo

Head west to Tupelo and visit Elvis' birthplace before continuing to Corinth where cultural heritage sites abound. It is home to four museums, a National Park Service Civil War Interpretive Center, pristine Civil War earthworks, historic neighbourhoods and much more.

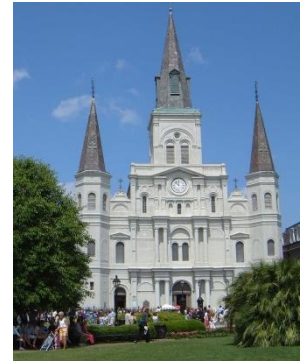
DAY 14 – 97 miles

Corinth to Memphis

Arrive in Memphis and spend the evening exploring Beale Street. Nightclubs and restaurants offer a variety of food and live music.

DAY 15

Depart for home. Or spend extra days in Memphis visiting the many attractions on offer including: - Elvis' beloved Mansion "Graceland". Sun Studio, the birthplace of Rock'n'Roll and The National Civil Rights Museum.



Please note this itinerary is only a suggestion and can be altered to suit your requirements.