

Trendsetter

Travel Tours Pty Ltd

## Memphis to New Orleans Mississippi Golf Cruise

### Luxury 14 Night Tour with 7 Golf Games

### 24 March to 7 April 2020

*from US\$8,395 per person twin share (includes US\$4,150 pp golf package)*

Following the completion of its sold out and very successful April 2018 Mississippi golf cruise, Trendsetter Travel Tours Pty Ltd has announced a repeat of the cruise in March/April 2020. You are most welcome joining us on this spectacular Memphis to New Orleans cruise with various enhancements included from the 2018 tour and without a price increase. There are 7 nights on board the 180 passenger riverboat

**America** with a total of 7 nights in 4/5 star hotels pre and post cruise. While in Memphis, we visit both Gracelands (a truly fascinating place even for those who don't care much for Elvis) and the Civil Rights Museum. Our golf in Memphis includes **TPC Southwind**, a regular PGA tour stop and home of the FedEx St. Jude Classic. This leisurely cruise down the Mississippi allows plenty of time to visit some of the famous ports such as Vicksburg, Natchez, St Francisville and Baton Rouge while still providing time for 3 golf games. Our 7 games of golf, all on top 10 ranked courses in their respective



states, includes such famous names as **TPC Louisiana, Bayou Oaks, The Bluffs, Beau Pre, Carter Plantation and Mirimichi**. Two of the courses we play (**TPC Southwind** and **TPC Louisiana**) are regulars on the PGA Tour. In addition, **Bayou Oaks (South Course)** is being groomed to become a PGA Tour venue.

We chose to sail on American Cruise Lines as it offers the premier product on the market with a near all inclusive cruise offering. Most importantly, almost all staterooms have private balconies. And its standard size rooms are the largest available when cruising on the Mississippi River. Deck plans and brochures on the cruise are available on request

Our cruise includes all meals while onboard **America**, wine and beer with dinner, complimentary cocktails every evening pre-dinner and post dinner while attending the shows, gratuities, complimentary (and fast) wifi and standard shore excursions. In addition, we include 7 nights of pre and post tour 4/5 star hotel

accommodation, breakfasts each day, a day trip including both Gracelands and the National Civil Rights Museum, welcome and farewell dinners, 7 rounds of golf including coach transfers, motorised carts, prize money, range balls and drinks post golf.

Golfers with non-playing partners can enjoy their games, knowing those partners are having an equally fine time checking out the sights, or relaxing on-board. America has a limited number of single private balcony staterooms, thus offering unique value for a single traveller. In 2018, we had 6 non golfers and 4 singles.

Importantly, late March/early April is an ideal time to cruise the lower Mississippi with spring golfing conditions.

Plenty of time is included in both Memphis and New Orleans for independent exploring. Both cities are famous for their night life, in particular Memphis' Beale Street and New Orleans' French Quarter.

The completion of our golf tour/cruise immediately precedes the start of the US Masters at Augusta on Thursday 9 April 2020. New Orleans is a short 1 hour flight time from Atlanta with many direct flights. At no additional cost, Trendsetter can advise you joining one of the many organised tours available. Alternatively we can design a bespoke US Masters tour where you travel independently and are not part of a tour group. It is bespoke in terms of your choosing which days you will attend the Masters and your accommodation will be in a 4 star Augusta hotel located 2 km from Augusta National with complimentary shuttle transfers.

Importantly, for most stateroom categories, including all private balcony staterooms (98% of cabins), we have kept our total tour cost below that of our maiden April 2018 tour. This is notwithstanding our adding the magnificent Pete Dye designed TPC Louisiana to the tour rota.



Your tour hosts Adrienne Witteman and David Cooper, Directors of Trendsetter Travel Tours, are both enthusiastic golfers, and are both longstanding members of two prestigious Sydney golf clubs. They have golfed and cruised extensively throughout the world.

They invite you to join them on this fantastic cruise, stopping at great ports, with long port days combined with the chance to play 7 golf games, all at a wonderful selection of courses.



## Itinerary

### Day 1 – Tuesday 24 March 2020 – Memphis, Tennessee

Arrive independently in Memphis, the home of Elvis Presley and located on the banks of the Mississippi River. Stay the next 4 nights at the Sheraton Downtown Memphis.

Meet your fellow tour participants for drinks and welcome tour dinner at a private room in one of the leading restaurants in Memphis.

**Inclusions:** Dinner including drinks

### Day 2– Wednesday 25 March 2020 – Memphis – Play Mirimichi



Today we travel 30 minutes to play the Championship course at **Mirimichi**, rated the best public access course in the Mid South and one of the best 6 golf courses in Tennessee. The course had been owned by Justin Timberlake who reportedly spent US\$16 million upgrading the course.

Your evening is free to independently explore Memphis and its many great restaurants

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Transfers, Golf (including carts)

### Day 3 – Thursday 26 March 2020 – Memphis – Gracelands and National Civil Rights Museum

Today we have an early morning departure to Gracelands, the home of Elvis Presley. We arrive at opening at 9 am and with reserved tickets, we will avoid the potential ticket queues. This is a not to be missed opportunity. We are budgetting on a stay of 3 hours with so much to see including Elvis' personal jet, his car collection, his burial plot (with his parents), shooting range and so many museums of memorabilia of Elvis and his time.

Following our return to Memphis, there will be time for lunch followed by an afternoon visit to the National Civil Rights Museum. Our hotel is a pleasant walk from the museum or you can use the tram down Main Street or take a short taxi ride. The National Civil Rights Museum is a must visit venue with many compelling (and at times confronting) displays showing the civil rights movement – mainly through the 1950s and 1960s. It is built around the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was assassinated in April 1968. We suggest you budget approximately 2 hours for your visit and make your own way back to the Sheraton Hotel.

Your evening is free to independently explore Memphis and its many great restaurants and night spots.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Transfers and entry to both Gracelands and Civil Rights Museum

#### Day 4 – Friday 27 March 2020 – Memphis – Play TPC Southwind

We travel 40 minutes to play **TPC Southwind**, the home of the Fedex St Jude Classic since 1989 and a permanent course of the US PGA Tour. Here we will play the course where, in 1997, Greg Norman shot 16 under par to secure one of his final 2 wins on the US PGA tour. This is a magnificent golf course, the back nine presenting one of the most demanding 9 holes of golf you are ever likely to play, including a short par 3 island green.



Tonight is free to independently explore Memphis and its many great restaurants.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Transfers, Golf (including carts)

#### Day 5 – Saturday 28 March 2020 – Memphis – Depart Memphis 1.30 pm

Check out of our hotel mid-morning and take a short coach transfer where we will board **America** at the nearby riverboat jetty at approximately 11 am. Following lunch, departure from Memphis is around 1.30 pm.

We sail leisurely down the river and through the night heading towards the historic town of Vicksburg. We take the route adopted by the Union iron clads in the American Civil War in 1863 as they risked the fire of many accurate Confederate cannons over-looking the Mississippi and sought to bi-pass Vicksburg and land General (later President) Ulysses S Grant's army south of Vicksburg on the east bank of the Mississippi.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, City Coach Tour, Transfer to Cruise Ship America, Lunch (drinks included), Cocktail Hour and Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

#### Day 6 – Sunday 29 March 2020 – Arrive 2 pm in Vicksburg (stay overnight)

On 4 July 1863, the day immediately following the 3 day battle of Gettysburg in far away Pennsylvania (the largest and most significant battle in American history), Confederate forces at Vicksburg surrendered to Grant's Union Army. While the Civil War continued for another 22 months, these two events effectively ended the Confederate hopes of defeating the Union forces. The Confederates continued to fight on in the hope that mounting Union losses would cause sufficient political pressure to see the Union seek a negotiated peace (and recognise a separate Confederate State with its unique and infamous institution of slavery). The surrender of Vicksburg resulted in Union forces controlling all of the mighty Mississippi River and separated the Confederacy into a Western and Eastern part. This effectively prevented any



significant amount of food and other resources being moved from the Western states of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana to supply the Confederate armed forces.

To put the Civil War in context, at that stage the population of the USA was 1/10<sup>th</sup> the size of today but aggregate deaths in the combined armed forces of the North and South during the Civil War exceeded 620,000. This approximates USA military deaths in all other wars combined (which includes WWI, WWII and Vietnam). The south still describes the Civil War as “The War Between the States” or “The War of Northern Aggression” and, Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as USA’s greatest ever President, still remains a reviled individual in significant areas of the South.

After arriving in Vicksburg, we take a coach tour of Vicksburg and the battlefield that surrounds the town. Our tour includes a visit to the Cairo Museum located adjacent to the battlefield where you can see the partially restored iron clad battleship Cairo which was used to attack Vicksburg until sunk by the Confederate defenders.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch (drinks included), Guided coach tour of Vicksburg Battlefield Park, Cocktail hour, Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

### **Day 7 – Monday 30 March 2020 – Vicksburg – depart early afternoon**

We spend the morning independently exploring the town of Vicksburg with the opportunity to visit the several fascinating museums located within the town.

We leave Vicksburg early afternoon and sail down the Mississippi arriving early evening in Natchez, a town famous for its many grand ante bellum homes. During the Civil War, Union forces destroyed a large proportion of the ante bellum homes throughout the Confederate/southern states and Natchez, like Savannah in Georgia, remains one of the few towns which remained unscathed from the Union forces.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch (drinks included), Cocktail hour, Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

### **Day 8 – Tuesday 31 March 2020 — Natchez – depart evening**

We drive 20 minutes south of Natchez to play **Beau Pre Golf Club**. Constructed in 1998, Beau Pre is a private members course and considered the premier golf club in the greater Southern Mississippi – Louisiana region. We depart that evening and head down river to St Francisville.

After golf, there may be time for a walk around Natchez or join a late afternoon ship’s tour and visit one of the ante bellum historic mansions in Natchez.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Transfers, Golf (including carts), ships tour of Natchez. Cocktail hour, Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

### Day 9 – Wednesday 1 April 2020 – St Francisville – Baton Rouge



Having crossed the border from Mississippi into Louisiana, we arrive early morning in St Francisville

Then later this morning we'll travel to and play **The Bluffs Golf Resort**, designed by Arnold Palmer and ranked in the top 3 courses in Louisiana. On the way, if time, we will enjoy a short drive around this historic township. After golf, there may be time for an independent walk around St Francisville.

That evening, America departs St Francisville for Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Transfers, Golf (including carts), Cocktail hour, Dinner (including drinks) and after dinner entertainment

### Day 10 - Thursday 2 April 2020 – Baton Rouge – depart Friday evening

After a short coach tour of Baton Rouge, we travel an hour east of Baton Rouge to Carter Plantation Golf Club. Glenn Hickey, in conjunction with Louisiana native David Toms, created the highly rated **Carter Plantation Golf Club** in 2003.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Transfers, Golf (including carts), Cocktail hour, Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

### Day 11 – Friday 3 April 2020 – Oak Alley – Arrive early morning – depart early afternoon

Having berthed at Oak Alley early morning, we undertake a complimentary tour of Oak Alley Plantation which is but a short walk from where **America** will berth. The visit includes a guided tour of the Plantation's grand ante-bellum homestead, walk down the 300 year old pathway of oak trees, visit the slavery exhibition. There are several worthwhile tourist shops to visit. A most enjoyable 2 hours plus was spent by our 2018 tour at Oak Alley Plantation – with countless photos taken of the stunning driveway lined by the historic Oak trees.



We depart early afternoon and sail down the Mississippi for our final destination of New Orleans.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, tour of Oak Alley Plantation, Lunch (including drinks) Cocktail hour, Dinner (including drinks), and after dinner entertainment

### Day 12 – Saturday 4 April 2020 – New Orleans

We berth this morning in New Orleans and will have an 8 am transfer to the 5 star Roosevelt Hotel (part of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Group), one of New Orleans' leading hotels and located within one to two blocks of the French Quarter. The remainder of today is free to independently explore the many sights of New Orleans. The French Quarter comprises a near square mile of historic buildings which have been transformed into restaurants, bars and many fascinating shops. New Orleans is one of the great cities of USA and will not disappoint. While not within the French Quarter, walking distance is the National World War II Museum which follows both the European and Pacific battle campaigns. If not visited today, a visit on the morning of Tuesday 7 April is recommended.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and transfer from ship to hotel accommodation



### Day 13 – Sunday 5 April 2020 – New Orleans – Bayou Oaks

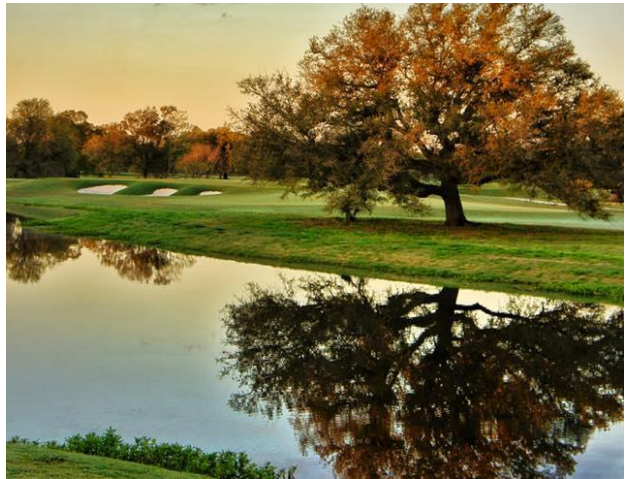
We have secured a booking at the highly rated and PGA Tour managed South Course at Bayou Oaks. A Rees Jones design, it has received great reviews since opening. It is located in an area which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and was previously the site of 4 x 18 hole golf courses. Importantly, it is only a short drive from our hotel.

The evening is free to explore New Orleans and perhaps visit the famous French Quarter.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, transfers, golf and carts

## Day 14 – Monday 6 April 2020 – New Orleans – Golf at TPC Louisiana– Farewell Dinner

A highlight of our tour is a chance to play TPC Louisiana, home to the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since 2005, a regular event on the US PGA Tour – usually played in late April. A Pete Dye design, while built on a flat landscape, it can be brutal with its over 100 bunkers and 5 lakes. Post golf, there will be time to relax in the magnificent club rooms.



This evening we meet for drinks at 7.00 pm and have our tour farewell dinner at The Library, a private room in the historic Dickie Brennan's Tableau Restaurant.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, transfers, golf, carts and farewell dinner (including drinks)

## Day 15 – Tuesday 7 April 2020 – New Orleans - Tour Ends

After breakfast, our tour ends and it is time to go our separate ways.

With the US Masters starting in 2 days time, even for those not looking to visit Augusta, it is still a wonderful opportunity to extend your tour (and potentially golf or tour in the morning) and include more of the USA and watch the US Masters live in the afternoon on **9 to 12 April 2020** (usually television coverage does not start until 2/3 pm in the afternoon (EST) and has the benefit of no more than 3 minutes of commercials every hour). We can recommend some excellent golf resorts to visit to fit all budgets.

For those considering attending the US Masters, at no additional cost, Trendsetter can advise you joining one of the many organised tours available. Alternatively we can design a bespoke US Masters tour where you travel independently and are not part of a tour group. It is bespoke in terms of your choosing which days you will attend the Masters and your accommodation will be in a 4 star Augusta hotel located 3 km from Augusta National with complimentary shuttle transfers to the course which run every 15 to 20 minutes..

**Turn over for the financial details of the tour**

## The Finer Details ...

ALL Trendsetter clients, as part of our golf tour, will receive:

- Host services by Adrienne Witteman and David Cooper.
- 14 night golf tour includes 7 night all-inclusive cruise, 7 games of golf, coach transfers, motorised carts, prize money, drinks post golf, 7 additional nights in leading hotels, breakfast, welcome/farewell tour dinners (including drinks) and tours of both Gracelands and the Civil Rights Museum.

March/April 2020 - Mississippi River Golf Tour (including Cruise)					
	Picture Window Suite (290 sqft) (2 staterooms)	Private Balcony Suite (304 sqft) prices vary by deck (62 staterooms)	Large Private Balcony Suite (328 sqft) (12 staterooms)	Owners Suite (445 sqft) (8 staterooms)	Private Balcony (single room) (13 staterooms)
Cruise Fare (US\$ pp)	\$4,245	From \$4,765	\$5,770	\$6,905	\$5,915
Golf Package Golfer (US\$ pp)	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$5,550 (includes \$1,400 single supplement)
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (US\$ pp)	\$8,395	From \$8,915	\$9,920	\$11,055	\$11,465
Golf Package - Non Golfer Partner (US\$ pp)	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$3,500
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (non golfer partner) (US\$ pp)	\$6,245	From \$6,865	\$7,870	\$9,005	\$9,415
<i>Per Person Deposits - Golf Package US\$1,000 - Cruise US\$500 – Total US\$1,500 - Balance payable 120 days from departure.</i>					
<i>Above prices include port taxes and fees of US\$250 pp and are quoted twin share unless otherwise stated. Cruise prices subject to change until deposit paid and price locked in.</i>					

- While both the cruise and golf package are priced in in US\$, as a group, all tour participant payments are to Trendsetter who will directly pay the cruise fares. You will pay for the tour in A\$ with the US\$ amounts converted into A\$ based upon the best US\$ sell rate from the Major 4 banks available to Trendsetter Travel.
- TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY.
- American Cruise Lines General Terms and Conditions (including cancellation provisions etc) can be found on <http://americancruiselines.com/general-information>. While Golf Package deposit non-refundable, it can be used as a credit against a future Trendsetter golf cruise programme booked within 18 months from the date of cancellation where cancelled outside of 120 days from the tour start.

The package price does NOT include golf club hire but includes motorised carts at all courses, range balls at most courses, prize money for all golf games and drinks post golf. Trendsetter has booked the courses as specified but cannot be held responsible for any cancellation/s necessitated by a change to the ship's itinerary due to weather or any other event, or late amendment by the golf course. If such an event occurs and, in the unlikely event, Trendsetter cannot organise an alternative golf course, Trendsetter will pass through any refund available. When on tour, where a tour participant chooses not to play a particular golf course, we will make a refund equal to the amount we save. . We can organise unaccompanied specialised transport of golf clubs to Memphis/from New Orleans or indeed any other world city.

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