

Trendsetter

Travel Tours Pty Ltd

Memphis to New Orleans Mississippi Golf Cruise

14 Night Tour with 7 Golf Games

14 to 28 April 2020

from USD 8,670 per person twin share (includes USD 4,350 pp golf package)

Following the completion of its very successful April 2018 Mississippi golf cruise, Trendsetter Travel Tours Pty Ltd announced a repeat of the cruise in March/April 2020. As this cruise was sold out the day it was released, a repeat tour has been announced commencing 3 weeks later. This tour includes various enhancements from the 2018 tour. There are 7 nights on board the 150 passenger riverboat **Queen of the Mississippi** with a total of 7 nights in 4/5 star hotels pre and post cruise. While in Memphis, we visit both Graceland (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 **English Turn, Bayou Oaks, The Bluffs, Beau Pre, Carter Plantation and Mirimichi**. Two of the courses we play (**TPC Southwind** and **English Turn**) are regulars or were once long time 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 on-board **Queen of the Mississippi**, 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. ***Queen of the Mississippi*** 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, 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 start of our golf tour/cruise on Tuesday 14 April 2020 shortly follows the completion of the US Masters at Augusta on Sunday 12 April 2020. Memphis is a 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 cost effective 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.



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 14 April 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 well located Westin Memphis Beale Street Hotel.

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 15 April 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 16 April 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 budgeting 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 a leisurely lunch followed by an afternoon visit to the National Civil Rights Museum – but a short walk from our hotel. Indeed it 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.

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 17 April 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 18 April 2020 – Memphis – Depart Memphis 1.30 pm

Check out of our hotel mid-morning for a short coach transfer to *Queen of the Mississippi* 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 19 April 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 1/10th 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 is more USA military deaths than in all other wars combined (which includes WWI, WWII and Vietnam). The south still describes the Civil War as “The War Between the States” and, Abraham Lincoln, regarded by most 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 20 April 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 21 April 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 22 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 23 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 24 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 25 April 2020 – New Orleans

We berth this morning in New Orleans and will have an 8 am transfer to the Hyatt Regency one of New Orleans' luxury hotels. The remainder of today is free to independently explore the many sights of New Orleans. The French Quarter comprises well over a 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 28 April is recommended.

Inclusions: Breakfast and transfer from ship to hotel accommodation



Day 13 – Sunday 26 April 2020 – New Orleans – Golf at English Turn

Today we travel half an hour and play English Turn, a semi private which hosted a PGA Tour event for 17 years commencing 1989. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, a great track to play with the challenge of its famous island green on the 15th hole. We are unable to play TPC Louisiana, the course which now hosts the PGA Tour's Zurich Open as this annual tournament will be played the week we are in New Orleans.

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

Inclusions: Breakfast, transfers, golf and carts

Day 14 – Monday 27 April 2020 – New Orleans – Bayou Oaks – Farewell Dinner

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 relatively short drive from the French Quarter and our hotel.



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 28 April 2020 – New Orleans - Tour Ends

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

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.

April 2020 - Mississippi River Golf Tour (including Cruise)					
	Picture Window Suite A (290 sqft) (5 staterooms)	Private Balcony Suite (304 sqft) AAR prices vary by deck (48 stateroom)	Large Private Balcony Suite AAM (328 sqft) (6 stateroom)	Owners Suite (445 sqft) (6 stateroom)	Private Balcony (single room 230 sqft) (18 stateroom)
Cruise Fare (USD pp)	USD 4,320	From USD 4,870	USD 5,950	USD 7,150	\$5,905
Golf Package Golfer (USD pp)	USD 4,350	USD 4,350	USD 4,350	USD 4,350	USD 5,750 <i>(includes USD 1,400 single supplement)</i>
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (USD pp)	USD 8,670	From USD 9,220	USD 10,300	USD 11,500	USD 11,655
Golf Package - Non Golfer Partner (USD pp)	USD 2,200	USD 2,200	USD 2,200	USD 2,200	USD 3,600
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (non golfer partner) (USD pp)	USD 6,520	From USD 7,070	USD 8,150	USD 9,350	USD 9,505
<i>Per Person Deposits - Golf Package USD 1,000 - Cruise USD 500 – Total USD 1,500 - Balance payable 120 days from departure.</i> <i>Above prices include port taxes and fees of USD 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 USD, as a group, all tour participant payments are to Trendsetter who will directly pay the cruise fares. You will pay for the tour in AUD with the USD amounts converted into AUD based upon the best USD sell rate from the Major 4 banks available to Trendsetter Travel.
- TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY WHILE ON TOUR IN USA.
- 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 or concern by Trendsetter at the condition of the golf course (say due to course maintenance). 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.

Contact David Cooper (0413 010 638) or email david@trendsettertravel.com.au for further information on this tour. For information on all upcoming golf cruises refer www.trendsettertravel.com.au/golf-cruises-tours/introduction-testimonials/

