

Trendsetter

Travel Tours Pty Ltd

Memphis to New Orleans Mississippi Golf Cruise

14 Night Tour with 7 Golf Games

13 to 27 April 2021

from USD 8,970 per person twin share (includes USD 4,650 pp golf package)

Prices include USD 400/Stateroom Early Bird Discount – Expires 17 July 2020

Trendsetter Travel Tours Pty Ltd announces a repeat of its popular Lower Mississippi Golf Cruise in April 2021, with the tour starting 2 days after the completion of the US Masters in Augusta Georgia. 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 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 **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. Standard room sizes are significantly larger than on European river cruise ships (and just about all rooms have a private balcony) due to the much wider **Queen of the Mississippi** as no requirement to use locks to travel the river.

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 usually 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, 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. On this golf cruise, we typically sell more single rooms and rooms to couples where one is a non golfer than on any of our other golf cruises and tours.

Importantly, mid to late April is an ideal time to cruise the lower Mississippi with late 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 13 April 2021 shortly follows the completion of the US Masters at Augusta on Sunday 11 April 2021. 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 and potentially provide a modest discount on your booking. 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 one of a choice of Augusta hotels located near 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 a prestigious Sydney golf club. 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 13 April 2021 – 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 Westin Memphis Beale Street (refer image of hotel to right) a well located premium downtown hotel which as the name indicates is only a stone's throw from Beale Street, the heart of the jazz scene in Memphis and the famous entertainment strip. We have used this hotel previously and it is an excellent location. Breakfast each morning is in the main restaurant (you have a breakfast voucher for each day).



Meet your fellow tour participants for drinks and welcome tour dinner at a private room in one of the leading restaurants in Memphis. Many will choose to arrive a day earlier, particularly if flying into Memphis that day from Australia or New Zealand.

Inclusions: Dinner including drinks both pre dinner and over dinner

Day 2– Wednesday 14 April 2021 – 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 golf courses in Tennessee (currently ranked # 11th). The course had been owned by Justin Timberlake who reportedly spent US\$16 million upgrading the course.

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

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transfers, Golf (including carts)

Day 3 – Thursday 15 April 2021 – 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. The museum has been expanded in size to cover a neighbouring building where the assassin was believed to have fired the fatal shot – with a history provided of shooting and capture of the assassin. We suggest you budget a minimum of 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 16 April 2021 – 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 again to independently explore Memphis and its many great restaurants.

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

Day 5 – Saturday 17 April 2021 – Memphis – Depart Memphis 1.30 pm

Check out late morning and take a short coach transfer to **Queen of the Mississippi** at the nearby riverboat jetty arriving around 11 am where your rooms should be available. During an a la carte lunch in the dining room (from 12.30pm), our ship starts its journey down the Mississippi 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, Transfer to Cruise Ship **Queen of the Mississippi**, Lunch (drinks included), Cocktail Hour and Dinner (drinks included) and after dinner entertainment

Day 6 – Sunday 18 April 2021 – 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 21 months, these two events effectively ended the Confederate hopes of defeating the Union forces and forcing the Union to accept the separate nation of the Confederate States of America. 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 (and were probably over 700,000 if deaths due to the war in the 12 months following the surrender of the armies of the Confederacy are included). This is more USA military deaths than in all other wars combined (which includes WWI, WWII and Vietnam). Much of the south (but obviously limited to the white population) still describes the Civil War as “The War Between the States”, “War of Northern Aggression” or simply the “War”. 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 19 April 2021 – 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 20 April 2021 — 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 one of the premier golf clubs in the greater Southern Mississippi – Louisiana region. We depart that evening and head down river to St Francisville.

After golf, there should 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 21 April 2021 – 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, *Queen of the Mississippi* 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 22 April 2021 – 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 23 April 2021 – 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 ***Queen of the Mississippi*** 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 24 April 2021 – New Orleans

We berth this morning in New Orleans and will have an 8 am transfer to Hyatt Regency, one of New Orleans' leading luxury hotels. We cannot choose a hotel within the French Quarter as coaches are prevented within the French Quarter thus most of the larger New Orleans hotels are outside of the French Quarter. The Hyatt Regency has in recent years had a USD 170 million refurbishment. 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 27 April is recommended. We are in New Orleans during a major jazz festival and it should be a lively place.

Inclusions: Breakfast and transfer from ship to hotel accommodation



Day 13 – Sunday 25 April 2021 – New Orleans – Golf at English Turn

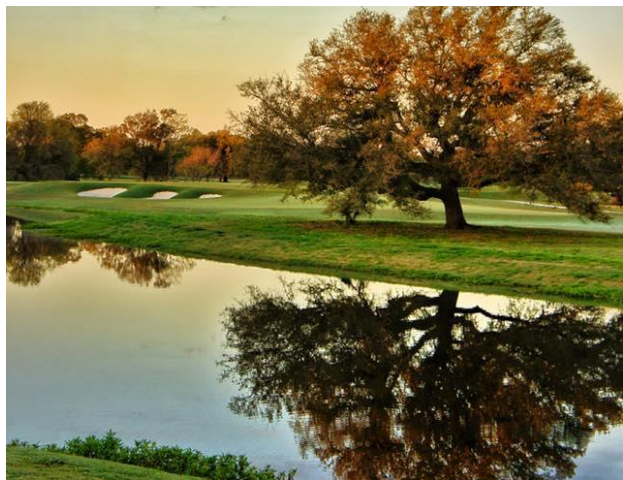
Today we travel half an hour and play English Turn, a semi private which hosted a PGA Tour event for 17 years commencing 1989. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, a great track to play with the challenge of its famous island green on the 15th hole. We are unable to play TPC Louisiana, the course which now hosts 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 26 April 2021 – 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 a private room in a leading local restaurant.

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

Day 15 – Tuesday 27 April 2021 – 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 2021 – Lower Mississippi River Golf Tour (including Cruise)					
	Picture Window Suite (290 sqft) (5 suites)	Private Balcony Suite (304 sqft) prices vary by deck (48 suites)	Large Private Balcony Suite (328 sqft) (6 suites)	Owners Suite (445 sqft) (6 suites)	Private Balcony (single room 230 sqft) (18 suites)
Cruise Fare (USD pp)	USD 4,320	From USD 4,870	USD 5,950	USD 7,155	USD 5,905
Golf Package Golfer (USD pp)	USD 4,650	USD 4,650	USD 4,650	USD 4,650	USD 6,150 (includes USD 1,500 single supplement)
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (USD pp)	USD 8,970	USD 9,520	USD 10,600	USD 11,805	USD 12,055
Golf Package - Non Golfer Partner (USD pp)	USD 2,400	USD 2,400	USD 2,400	USD 2,400	USD 3,900
Total Cruise Fare and Golf Package (non golfer partner) (USD pp)	USD 6,720	USD 7,270	USD 8,350	USD \$9,555	USD 9,805
<i>Per Person Deposits - Golf Package (non-refundable) USD 1,000 pp- Cruise USD 500 pp- Total USD 1,500 pp- Balance payable 120 days from departure. Cruise deposit refundable up to 120 days from departure but subject to an ACL USD 250 pp administration fee. 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.</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. Prices reflect a USD 400/stateroom discount for bookings until 17 July 2020</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. For NZ guests, payment in NZ\$ is an option with payment calculated at the midpoint NZ\$/A\$ exchange rate.
- TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY WHILE IN USA.
- American Cruise Lines General Terms and Conditions (including cancellation provisions etc) can be found on <http://americancruiselines.com/general-information>

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 of any amount Trendsetter recovers from your non-play.

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/

