Cupertino Senior Center *presents...* Discover America's Music Cities

April 19 – 26, 2021





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8 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... French Quarter, Choices on Tour, Swamp Tour, Mardi Gras World, Jazz Revue, Graceland, West Delta Heritage Center, Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry Show, Country Music Hall of Fame, Historic RCA Studio B

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 – 3	Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Days 4, 5	The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee
Day 6, 7	Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Day 1: Monday, April 19, 2021 New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack.

Day 2: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter where you'll see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks; continue to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide that begins along historic Esplanade Avenue and rolls on to see St. Louis Cemetery #3, which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries; on St. Charles Avenue, marvel at gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Loyola and Tulane. Whichever you choose, you'll stop to taste a true New Orleans favorite – beignets at the famed Café Du Monde. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 New Orleans Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise* narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Then, celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the spectacular floats for the famous parades. You'll even get to indulge in a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (*B*)

Day 4: Thursday, April 22, 2021 New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland. (*B*, *D*)

Day 5: Friday, April 23, 2021 Memphis Put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland, the opulent home of the "King" himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home, original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis' life at Graceland, racquetball court, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. Then, head out on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. You may be tempted to sing along as local musicians board the coach to tell the stories of Memphis' musical heritage and its rich history. The remainder of your afternoon and evening are free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings. You may wish to spend more time at Graceland, join an optional Memphis Musical History Tour with dinner, dance to live music, or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's vibrant musical clubs! (*B*)

Day 6: Saturday, April 24, 2021 Memphis - Nashville Roll along Music Highway to the "Music Capital of the World," Nashville! We'll make a stop at the West Delta Heritage Center to discover the roots of the country blues sound that originated



Per Person Rates^{*}:

Double \$3,659; Single \$4,559; Triple \$3,629

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Jose Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$299 per person

Limited Availability. All space is on a first come first serve basis.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

in West Tennessee. The Queen of Rock, Tina Turner, was born here in Brownsville, so it's only fitting that there's an exhibit dedicated to her. Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium,** the original home of the Grand Ole Opry! What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.*** (*B*)

Day 7: Sunday, April 25, 2021 Nashville Today, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. Check out the museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments, artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits that relay the colorful histories of country music and its artists. Afterwards, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charley Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio - you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, **it's your choice!** Discover the flavor of the region at a family-owned distillery when you tour the facility and taste its Tennessee whiskey **-OR-** join an interactive experience and candy-making demonstration at the famous Nashville Goo Goo Shop. (B, D)

Day 8: Monday, April 26, 2021 Nashville - Tour Ends Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. (*B*) **PLEASE NOTE:**

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

For travel completed by September 30, 2021, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights. Effective for travel October 1, 2021 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver's license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the guest. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: https://www.dhs.gov/real-id

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to

Experience It! The Ryman Auditorium

The "Mother Church of Country Music," the "Carnegie Hall of the South," the "Soul of Nashville"...welcome to Ryman Auditorium, a 2,000-plus seat venue in the heart of Nashville with a history as deep as country roots. Named for its founder, a wealthy riverboat owner, the Ryman first opened its doors in 1892 as the Union Gospel Tabernacle, but what many folks don't know is that the Ryman was the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. In fact, the Opry's formative years were spent on Ryman's stage, having featured the debuts of music titans Earl Scruggs and Hank Williams, and hosting the very first meeting between Johnny Cash and June Carter. Even Patsy Cline became a member of the Opry at the Ryman in 1960. And while the Grand Ole Opry has lived at a new venue since the seventies, the Ryman remains a vital music venue on the Nashville circuit, and is a designated National Historic Landmark thanks to its pivotal role in the popularization of country music. See it for yourself when country music comes to life in the Ryman's exhibit, "The Soul of Nashville," and let the Mother Church move you!

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provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*The swamp tour is subject to change due to severe inclement weather. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute for another attraction if possible.

On some dates, the Old Ryman Auditorium may be closed for special events. *The Grand Ole Opry may move to the Ryman Auditorium during the months of November and December and throughout the year during special events.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy straightaways to a couple hills or flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Final payment due by February 5, 2021.

CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279 Responsibility: Cupertino Senior Center is acting solely as an agent of the passenger in arranging for this tour, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services and does not assume any liability for injury, damage, loss accident, irregularity, expense or delay due to an act of default of any company, or person engaged in transporting passengers or rendering other services. Cupertino Senior Center staff reserves the right to make any modifications necessary to comply with local conditions at the time of the tour.

Disclaimer: All travel events and other activities sponsored by Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department/Senior Center/The City of Cupertino, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. City of Cupertino does not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or passengers or their property, or any damages whatsoever in any manner pertaining to said travel activities. Any other disclosures or non-responsibility provisions contained herein shall not in any way incur any liability attaching to Cupertino. Cupertino acts only in the capacity of collecting and forwarding funds for travel.

"We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a travel participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany the travel participant who needs such assistance and must assume total responsibility for their well being. You must report any disability requiring special attention at the time of trip registration. Cupertino Senior Center will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travelers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of service by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers."



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DEPARTURE DATE: April 19, 2021

TOUR: Discover America's Music Cities featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville GROUP NAME: Cupertino Senior Center

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

New Orleans, LA

New Orleans Jazz Afternoon

This afternoon, enjoy a jazz brunch at one of New Orleans' most famous restaurants, The Court of Two Sisters. Relax and enjoy the live jazz music as you soak in the centuries-old atmosphere and the largest courtyard in the French Quarter. Indulge in the expansive brunch buffet, with over 60 items available, including made to order omelets and Eggs Benedict. After lunch, embark on a leisurely cruise aboard the traditional Steamboat Natchez, iconic in New Orleans. The ambience will transport you back in time to the 19th century when steamboats were the mode of transportation of choice to travel along the Mississippi. Sit back and take in your surroundings during your narrated harbor tour, listening to stories of days gone by along the way. As your paddlewheel boat makes its way back, it is time for a lively jazz band to take the stage for some toe-tapping fun! *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Memphis, TN

Memphis Musical History Tour with Dinner

Begin with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world. A guided tour will introduce you to the location that began the careers of musical legends such as Johnny Cash, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis, and of course, Elvis Presley. It was here at Sun Studio in 1954 where Elvis first began recording commercially, changing the music world forever. View the priceless memorabilia, listen to audio clips from recording sessions, and visit the record store and soda shop at this iconic recording studio. Next, visit the Rock N' Soul Museum, located on the famous Beale Street. Explore the museum at your own pace, with a self-guided audio tour that highlights Memphis' musical journey. Then, pop next door to the Memphis Music Hall of Fame to see rare memorabilia, video performances and interviews of some of the greatest musicians of all time. Complete your tour with dinner at a local restaurant. *Duration: Approximately 5 hours*. Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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