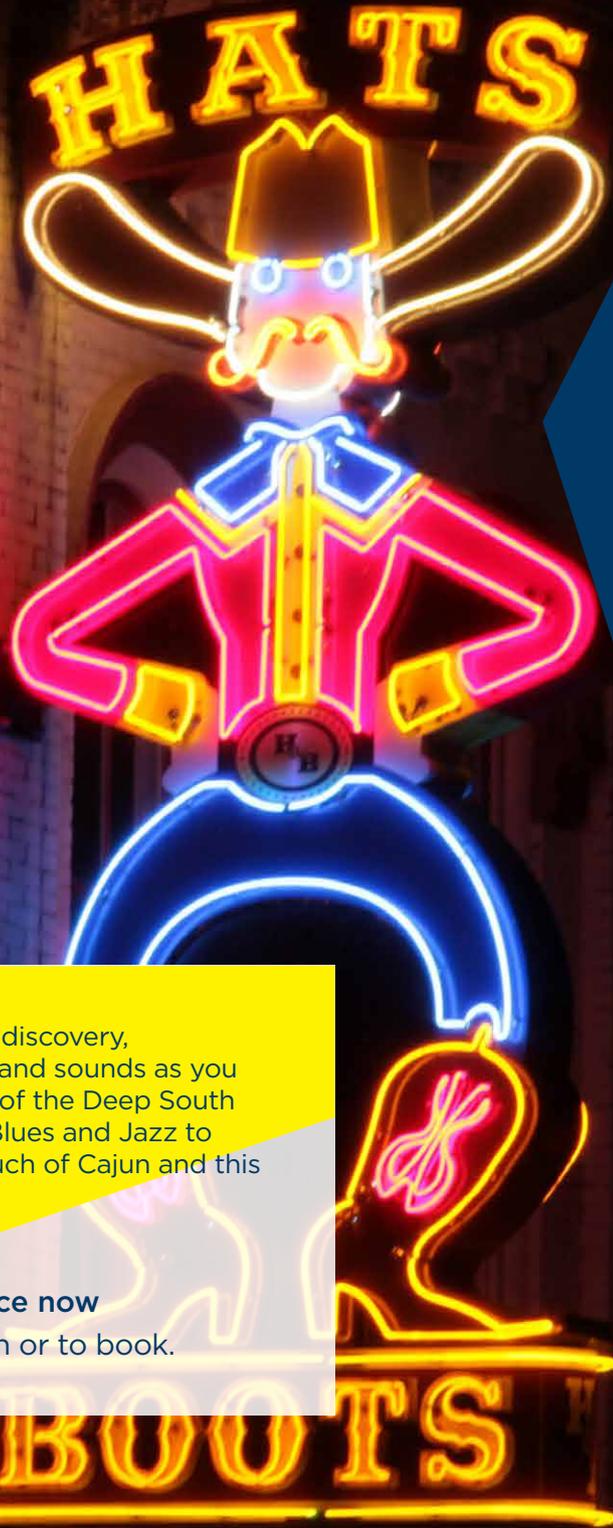


SOUTHERN USA WITH KARENA & KASEY

Join Karena & Kasey, Masterchef Winners on this specially created guided holiday of Southern USA.



Embark upon a journey of musical discovery, contrasting cultures, tastes, sights and sounds as you travel from Houston and the heart of the Deep South to Chicago. From BBQ, Bourbon, Blues and Jazz to Country and Rock n Roll, add a touch of Cajun and this trip is a recipe for success.

Travel Dates: 03-19 May 2019

Limited seats, secure your place now

Contact us for more information or to book.



Trip Costs:
17 days from
\$10,480pp twin share
\$1,905 single
 supplement

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Day 1: May 03, 2019 - ARRIVE HOUSTON (D)

A warm welcome to the USA. Relax and unwind after your flight and later meet with the Travel Director for an authentic Tex-Mex style Welcome Dinner.

Hotel: Hampton Inn Houston or similar. (2 nights)

Day 2: May 04, 2019 - HOUSTON SIGHTSEEING & AT LEISURE (B)

Meet with a Local Specialist for a guided tour including Minute Maid Park, home to the Houston Astros baseball team; Market Square Park, a historical square surrounded by 19th century buildings; the original court house and City Hall; the Theatre District; and learn about the Houston tunnel system.

Day 3: May 05, 2019 - HOUSTON - LAFAYETTE (B&D)

This morning, visit the Houston Space Center and learn about space exploration. Cross the border into Louisiana, a state of unique swamps and bayous, to Lafayette. This evening we dine at the traditional Dance hall and Restaurant, Randol's. For over 35 years, Randol's has been serving the good people of Lafayette excellent food, great service and toe-tapping entertainment!

Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites Lafayette South or similar.

Day 4: May 06, 2019 - LAFAYETTE - NEW ORLEANS (B)

Drive from Lafayette to New Orleans. Join a swamp cruise this afternoon with a Local Specialist. The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

Hotel: Wyndham New Orleans FQ or similar. (3 nights)

Day 5: May 07, 2019 - NEW ORLEANS SIGHTSEEING & AT LEISURE (B&D)

Let the good times roll in New Orleans today, tracing the cosmopolitan history of one of America's oldest cities with a Local Specialist, stopping at City Park and one of the ornate above-ground cemeteries, a unique feature of this city built on swamplands. Spend the afternoon soaking up the laid-back vibes of The Big Easy. Tonight, enjoy a private cooking demonstration and meal hosted by local chefs showcasing authentic, regional flavors at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

Day 6: May 08, 2019 - NEW ORLEANS SIGHTSEEING & AT LEISURE (B)

This morning is yours to explore! Then we start our French Quarter walking and tasting tour with a Local Specialist. Over the next three hours you will experience classic Creole restaurants, neighbourhood sandwich shops, hot sauce bars, artisanal candy store and more.

Day 7: May 09, 2019 - NEW ORLEANS - NATCHEZ (B&D)

Stop at Oak Alley Plantation, on the banks of the Mississippi River, to get a full picture impression of the Antebellum roots of the South and how modern southern living emerged. Continue to Frogmore Plantation and Gins, where we join a Local Specialist to discover the Mississippi Delta's cotton plantation heritage that produced over 900 bales of white gold each day. The slave customs, secret music and an authentically reconstructed 19th century plantation is yours to explore.

Tonight, enjoy an incredible evening highlighting southern hospitality at a Be My Guest dinner beginning with a reception at the private residence of Joe Stone. Joe performs on his 1903 Steinway grand piano and delves into the inspiration behind each piece of music before you are treated to a glass of wine and chance to explore his expansive gallery collection. Then visit the 1804 residence of Esther Carpenter, a former Four-Season Chef, once named one of the Top 20 female chefs in America by USA Today, to enjoy a traditional four course Deep Southern Dinner with wine.

Hotel: Hotel Vue Natchez or similar.

Day 8: May 10, 2019 - NATCHEZ - MEMPHIS (B)

Depart for Memphis, home of the

blues. Upon arrival, take a sunset introductory tour of Memphis. Your Local Specialist is a professional Beale Street musician who will play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage, while entertaining you with comedy, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of your favorite Memphis personalities. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Memphis or similar. (2 nights)

Day 9: May 11, 2019 - GRACELAND EXCURSION (B&L)

Graceland is as much an object of pilgrimage as a museum dedicated to the late, great Elvis Presley. From the flowers and painted signs outside the gates, to the tear-streaked cheeks of fans inside, see the effect that Elvis and his music had on popular American culture. Marvel at Graceland's Jungle Room, walls full of gold and platinum records. Stroll the grounds and you just might find yourself humming "Blue Suede Shoes."

This afternoon, join a Local Specialist for a Barbeque tasting excursion of the best BBQ joints in Memphis. Get the history of BBQ and head out to taste authentic, mouth-watering BBQ... Memphis style! Dry-rubbed or saucy wet ribs, pulled pork, pork nachos and BBQ spaghetti, all delicious regional favorites that round out this restaurant tasting experience. Your Local Expert will provide a sampling of culture and history sprinkled throughout this walking tour. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 10: May 12, 2019 MEMPHIS - NASHVILLE (B&L)

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Memphis. For those who are interested, take an optional tour of Sun Studio. Depart Memphis to travel to the Original Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken in Mason, Tennessee for lunch. Over 60 years ago in the small community of Mason, Tennessee, Napoleon "Na" Vanderbilt created something amazing - fried chicken that could unite a community. In an era of divisive racial attitudes, the residents of Mason found that they could all agree on how much they loved Na's fried chicken. Afterwards, continue to Nashville, otherwise known as music city. Your Travel Director will lead you on a city tour and show you the best sights in town.

Hotel: Quality Inn Nashville or similar. (3 nights)

Day 11: May 13, 2019 - NASHVILLE SIGHTSEEING (B)

The famous Nashville Sound comes alive this morning as RCA's Studio B reveals the legends of Elvis Presley, Jim Reeves and Roy Orbison. Take a Cultural Insight into the life and music of Johnny Cash during a discussion and private performance of original and popular Cash tunes with Johnny and June's son, John Carter Cash (or another family member). Our acoustic journey continues with a visit to the Country Music hall of Fame and Museum to see Elvis' Solid Gold Cadillac limousine and Jim Reeve's tuxedo jacket - an extraordinary collection of memorabilia on display to admire. You'll have some time to yourself to continue your discovery of Nashville exploring the Johnny Cash Museum.

Tonight, consider an optional "Honky Tonk" pub crawl, where you'll get a taste for Nashville sound with some special Nashville drinks!

Day 12: May 14, 2019 - NASHVILLE SIGHTSEEING & AT LEISURE (B&L)

Enjoy a morning at leisure. This afternoon, hop aboard and take your taste buds for a tour! Sample Nashville's favorite signature dishes and visit quaint and quirky Nashville neighbourhoods along the way. Experience southern specialties like slow-roasted barbecue, authentic hot chicken, and Nashville's own frosty cocktail, the Bushwhacker. You'll also visit a fun and funky neighbourhood eatery for a unique twist on southern foods. We'll finish up with great local dessert that will thrill your taste buds. Along the way, you'll see the Capitol, Bicentennial Mall, Sounds stadium, Germantown, the Cumberland River, East Nashville's Five Points, Nissan Stadium, and more. Tonight, enjoy an included show at the Grand Ole Opry!

Day 13: May 15, 2019 - NASHVILLE - LOUISVILLE (B)

Travel to Hodgenville. Visit the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park and the Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek. Continue to Frankfort and visit a bourbon distillery and discover the Southern signature spirit before a tasting.

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites Louisville East or similar.

Day 14: May 16, 2019 - LOUISVILLE - CHICAGO (B&FD)

After breakfast, head to Chicago, the "Windy City." Upon arrival, enjoy a sightseeing tour which

UNBEATABLE FEATURES

- Economy Class return airfares with Air New Zealand (Auckland return).
- 15 day Costsaver custom-made itinerary travelling from Houston to Chicago in handpicked 3 & 4 star hotels in twins bedded rooms with private facilities.
- Breakfast daily (combination of continental and full breakfast).
- Lunches (3) including Memphis BBQ; Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken Mason; and Taste of Nashville food tour with local specialist.
- Dinners (4) including Tex Mex style Welcome dinner in local Houston restaurant, Randols Lafayette; private cooking demonstration and meal in New Orleans; "Connect with the locals" highlight dinner in Natchez - traditional four course deep Southern dinner with wine; and Farewell Dinner in local restaurant Chicago.
- Services of an expert Trafalgar Travel Director from arrival Houston to departure Chicago.
- Local Specialist in Houston (day 2), New Orleans (day 6), Frogmore Plantation and Gins (day 7), Memphis (days 8 and 9).
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats.
- Groups airport transfers in Houston and Chicago.
- Tips and gratuities to the Travel Director and Driver.
- Local taxes at hotels and venues (where applicable).
- Group photo taken by a professional photographer (one per guest).



includes famous Michigan Avenue, the “Magnificent Mile,” the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront and Millennium Park. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner.

Hotel: Hotel Indigo Chicago or similar.

Day 15: May 17, 2019 - CHICAGO SIGHTSEEING - DEPART CHICAGO (B)

This morning, see Chicago in all its glory as you visit the 360 Chicago observation deck, located 1000 feet above the famed Magnificent Mile in

the iconic John Hancock Building. Enjoy some free time for lunch in downtown Chicago.

After, be inspired by the captivating visual art that is Chicago’s legendary architecture, and the exceptional architects who created this ever-changing, dynamic legacy for all to enjoy and admire. This comprehensive cruise will navigate through the heart of the city on all three branches of the Chicago River while your professionally-trained architectural guide tells the story of more than 130

years of innovation in design, style and technique and why it is important today.

Then bid farewell to a memorable holiday as you are transferred to the Chicago International Airport.

Day 16: May 18, 2019 - IN TRANSIT

With Air New Zealand from Chicago to Auckland

Day 17: May 19, 2019 - ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Terms and conditions

Trip costs: The costs are based on specially negotiated airfares on which special conditions apply and on twin share accommodation. There are a limited number of singles available at a supplement cost. Room Share is available on request (conditions apply).

Single Supplement: \$1,905 (total trip price: \$12,895)

Reservations and payment: On receipt of a \$1000 non-refundable deposit per person, Cost saver will confirm your land reservation. Final payment must be received 60 days prior to departure from New Zealand. If payment is not received by the due date, Cost saver reserves the right to cancel the reservation and apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

Changes to trip costs: Trip costs are based on exchange rates as at February 2018 and are subject to change. Should these rates or costs change, it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the cost of the trip. No surcharge will be made in respect of currency fluctuation once full payment has been received. This guarantee does not apply to fuel surcharges or to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or their agencies. Airfare costs are subject to minimum passenger numbers and may change. Auckland, Houston and Chicago taxes are included and are correct as at July 2018 and are subject to change until group is ticketed.

Before you join the trip: Travel documents and instructions for joining your trip will be sent to you approximately 3 weeks before your trip commences provided full payment has been received. Please read the documents and trip literature which are sent to you, in an attractive passport wallet, before departure— they contain a wealth of advice and essential information to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible.

Changes to trip itineraries: Cost saver constantly tries to improve trip itineraries and trip features. If improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and substitute hotels. This special departure is based on a minimum of 25 passengers and in the unlikely event that we have to cancel your reservation because of insufficient numbers booked we will use our best endeavours to offer an alternative holiday of similar standard. If you do not accept the alternative a full refund of all monies paid to Cost saver will be made.

Cancellations, refunds & booking changes: Notice of cancellation must be in writing either directly to Cost saver or through your travel agent. A \$1000 fee per person will be charged for all cancellations. Any changes to air arrangements after tickets issued will incur a \$125 fee per person per change. Additionally, the following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is notified within 60 days of trip departure from NZ. The charges apply to the land content only.

Airfare and stopover cancellation and amendment fees are as levied by suppliers.

No. of days before trip departure	Cancellation charges as a percentage of total price
Over 60 days	\$1000 per person
60-22	25%
21-8	30%
7-1	50%
Day of departure	100%

Cancellation fees shown above are additional to any fees levied by your Travel Agent. In the event you have to withdraw from a trip after it has begun for reasons such as illness, be sure to obtain a

medical certificate in support of any insurance claim. We regret that we are not able to make any refunds for absences from the trip, including but not limited to unused hotel accommodation, meals or sightseeing.

Insurance: We recommend that you purchase insurance coverage for the duration of your holiday including airfare cancellation, baggage and medical coverage.

Optional return dates: The international airfare on which this trip is based allows individual passengers to return independently on a space available basis. There is a fee of \$125 per person for this and also a separate costing may apply.

Passports and visas: A current passport endorsed as valid for all countries to be visited is essential. All passengers must hold a machine-readable passport and applicable visas. Foreign passport holders must be in possession of a New Zealand Re-entry Permit, if applicable. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of the Tour Operator.

Your trip cost does not include:

- NZ domestic flights
- Passport and visa charges
- Meals other than those specified on day by day itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. beverages, laundry, phone calls etc
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Some gratuities on the trip (at the discretion of the individual traveller)
- Accommodation prior to departure from Auckland
- Single rooms unless the facility has been reserved and paid for at the time of booking

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