

# USA MUSIC TOUR 

DEPARTING MONDAY, $7^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER 2020 16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

## STRICTLY LIMITED TO 40 SEATS



Echuca Travel Centre

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Memphis - Nashville - New Orleans - Dallas

## MONDAY $7^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

(FLIGHT MEALS, D)
Depart Melbourne and fly to Dallas Fort Worth, Texas, arriving in the early afternoon. Complete immigration and customs before transferring to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dallas for a 3 night stay. Tonight, enjoy a welcome drink and nibbles to meet fellow group members.

## TUESDAY ${ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

This morning enjoy a walking tour of downtown Dallas, visiting the John F. Kennedy Memorial, the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, the Old Town area and Pioneer Square. After your own arrangements for lunch the group will travel to Fort Worth for sightseeing and an early dinner at Billy Bob's Texas Bar and Entertainment Center at the famous Stockyards. Return to the hotel.


Fort Worth Stockyards


Pioneer Square

## WEDNESDAY $9^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Today enjoy a relaxing start followed by a tour to the JR Southfork Ranch with some time for shopping.

## THURSDAY $10^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Depart the hotel at 8.30am and travel by coach East through Sulphur Springs and Texarkana before crossing the border into Arkansas then onto the city of Little Rock, Arkansas. In the afternoon visit the Clinton Library and Museum and an overnight stay at The La Quinta hotel.


Sulphur Springs


Clinton Library and Museum

## FRIDAY $11{ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Enjoy a relaxing drive through Arkansas and then cross the mighty Mississippi River into Tennessee before arriving into the home of blues and birthplace of rock and roll, Memphis, TN. Enjoy a 3 night stay at the Holiday Inn in downtown Memphis.

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## SATURDAY $12^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

The next 2 days in Memphis will include city and surrounds sightseeing and visits to Elvis Presley's Graceland and Museum, The Sun Studio Recording studio, Gibson Guitar factory, Memphis Music Hall of Fame, Blues Hall of Fame, The National Civil Rights Museum, Martin Luther Kings and Lorraine Motel, Mud Island, Waterfront park and a must visit the Beale Street music area.


Elvis Presley’s Graceland


Sun Studio

SUNDAY $13{ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER
Continue the sightseeing and visits and some time to relax and walk Beale street bars.


Beale Street Musician


Blues Hall of Fame

## MONDAY $14{ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Depart the hotel at 8.30am and travel east on Interstate Highway 40 to the small town of Hurricane Mills, where the group will have a tour of the Loretta Lynn's Ranch and visit the Coal Miner's Daughter Museum. In the mid-afternoon continue to travel onto the country music capital; Nashville, Tennessee for 4 nights.

## TUESDAY $15^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

The next 3 days around Nashville the group will have sightseeing around many areas with visits to Radio City, The Grand Ole Opry, Ryman's Auditorium, the Johnny Cash Museum, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the famous Tootsie and Legends bars. Enjoy a live country music dinner show, visit Bicentennial Park, the Music Row area, Music Valley and Opry Mills. Each night visit the famous music street "Broadway".

WEDNESDAY $16^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER
Continue the sightseeing, and shopping time for boots and clothes in Nashville.

Again, continue the sightseeing in Nashville with dinner tonight at a Honky Tonks live music bar.


Johnny Cash Museum


Broadway nightlife

## FRIDAY $18{ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Today at 8.30am travel south by coach to the very small Tennessee town of Lynchburg, where the Jack Daniels Old No 7 Distillery is located. The group will have a tour and a glimpse into the whiskey making process with lots of stories. Enjoy some free time in the old town square area and a lunch break. Continue south on Interstate 65 to the city of Meridian in the state of Mississippi for an overnight stay at The Hilton Tru Hotel.

## SATURDAY $19{ }^{\text {TH }}$ SEPTEMBER

Depart the hotel at 8.00am and travel by coach through Mississippi and into Louisiana State before entering the famous city of New Orleans on the Mississippi River. Before exiting the bus we will be sightseeing around the area and visiting a Plantation House. We continue to downtown New Orleans for a 2 night stay at the La Quinta hotel, a few blocks from The French Quarter, Bourbon Street, Royal Street, Jackson Square and the many Jazz and music saloons. The city is a fun and vibrant livemusic hub with spicy Cajun cuisine reflecting its well-known history of French, African and American influences.


Bourbon Street Music Venues


Jackson Square

Enjoy a full day around the old town area enjoying the many music bars along the way. A Mississippi River cruise will help you absorb the best views of this magnificent city. Tonight, enjoy a group farewell dinner.

If you wish to stay longer in the USA please speak to Justine (justine@echucatravel.com.au) and we can organize a personalized extension for you.

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## MONDAY $21{ }^{\text {ST }}$ SEPTEMBER

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Yes, the last day is already here and it is time to pack your bags. Hotel checkout is at 11.00am. Arrange to leave your luggage with reception as you make your own lunch arrangements. For those who have not made extra arrangements, you will be transferred at 2.00pm to New Orleans Airport to connect with a 5.00 pm flight to Los Angeles. Connect with a flight departing at 10.30pm flying direct to Melbourne.

## TUESDAY $22^{\text {ND }}$ SEPTEMBER

In flight to Australia.

## WEDNESDAY $23^{\text {RD }}$ SEPTEMBER

Arrive into Melbourne at 7.30am.

Please contact Justine (justine@echucatravel.com.au ) if you wish to extend your tour before or after the official tour dates.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

+ Return Economy class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane.
+ Economy Class air flights within USA.
+ Quality accommodation for 14 nights Twin share.
+ Sightseeing and entry fees as included in the itinerary.
+ Meals as included. B. Breakfast, D Dinner.
+ Luxury coach travel and transfers.
+ Tour Director on tour Tod Collins.


## TRIP COST - PER PERSON TWIN SHARE:

Cost of $\$ 8,925.00$ economy class on international and USA domestic flights
Additional cost from $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 2 0 0 . 0 0}$ for premium economy class on international flights

Additional cost from \$5,900.00 for business class on international flights

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT EXTRA COST IS \$2190.00

Tod Collins - Groups and Tour Manager.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS
To be read in association with the Echuca Travel Centre \& EMFM 104.7 Echuca Moama Community Radio USA Music Tour 2020 information detailed for the tour departing 7/09/2020.

## RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

A security deposit of $\$ 1000$ per person is required to confirm your booking as part of the 40 travellers. Failure to pay the necessary deposit within 7 days of booking confirmation may result in the cancellation of your booking by Echuca Travel Centre.
Final payment for group tour must be received in full by Echuca Travel Centre no later than Wednesday $10^{\text {th }}$ June 2020.

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

The limitation of liability under which the tours operate are detailed below and the payment of the tour deposit or tour price represents acceptance of these limitations and all the other terms and conditions, set out on this page. A minimum number of 24 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

## ACCOMMODATION

Tour prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are based on twin or double occupancy accommodation with private facilities. Hotel accommodation may vary slightly to that listed in the itinerary. Final hotel confirmations will be listed on your itinerary in your passenger documentation.

## LAND CONTENT TOUR PRICE

A land content tour price excludes international airfares. Passengers who choose to organise their own air travel may do so and pay the applicable land content charge for the tour package.

## TOUR COST INCLUDES

Included in your fare: international airfares, tour director Tod Collins, comfortable air-conditioned coach travel with charter coach operators, comprehensive sightseeing as detailed in the daily tour itinerary, 3 nights accommodation in Dallas, 1 night Little Rock, 3 nights Memphis, 4 nights Nashville, 1 night Meridian, 2 nights New Orleans, 20 Meals:
14 breakfasts (B), 6 dinners (D), as indicated.
NOT INCLUDED IN HOLIDAY PRICE
passports, visas and vaccinations, tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guide, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverages and food not specified, optional extras and entry to sightseeing unless otherwise stated, porterage at airports, travel insurance, excess baggage fees and all other items of personal nature.

## GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included and are expected in the United States. Tips are payable to wait staff at restaurants, concierge at hotels, bartenders, taxis etc.
AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND AIRFARES
Once tickets are issued, amendment and cancellation fees apply. Surcharge applies to peak season travel. Should seats at the special level or fare class be unavailable, passengers may need to pay a surcharge. This will be advised at time of booking. Although flight schedules permit connections for most departures, schedules may change. Please check availability when making your booking.

## AMENDMENTS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to modify a confirmed reservation, a minimum fee of $\$ 200$ per file per change will be levied to cover additional administration and communication costs. Please note that for tours with cruise content, transferring to another date is treated as a cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. The following cancellation charges apply per person on cancellation. Loss of $50 \%$ deposit prior to $10^{\text {th }}$ June 2020 and after that $100 \%$. Days of notice commence from the day notice is received by the Company (during office hours and not weekends or public holidays). No refund will be made in respect of any unused portion of the tour. SMOKING
In the interests of the other passengers' comfort, there is no smoking permitted on coaches or hotel rooms. CONDITIONS OF AIR TRAVEL
The service of any IATA or non-IATA airlines may be used in connection with these tours. Owing to the differing conditions imposed by each airline, we reserve the right to advise booking conditions once the flight arrangements have been confirmed.
The following is a guide to the conditions:

1. Cancellation fee of $50 \%$ may apply. Amendment fees apply for changes after payment. Echuca Travel Centre cancellation fees on airfares is $\$ 300$ per person in addition to airline cancellation fees.
2. Discount fares are subject to availability of seats on direct flights. Add-on fares apply to non-direct services or for connections from/to other ports. This publication is issued on the sole responsibility of Echuca Travel Centre and does not commit any airline whose services are used in the course of a tour.

## PASSPORT/VISAS

Australian citizens must carry a valid machine-readable passport, which is valid for at least 6 months after the return date and have a valid return air ticket. Please check at time of booking. Australian citizens along with other nationalities who are flying into any other country will need to check at time of booking whether they require an entry visa. Note that passport requirements are the responsibility of the traveller to organise. Australian passport holders will be required to get an online ESTA visa waiver before entering the USA. Please visit https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/ or discuss with your consultant for more information.

## HEALTH AND FITNESS FOR TRAVEL

The passenger warrants to Echuca Travel Centre that he/she is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour. Persons with any disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Echuca Travel Centre, hotels, coach companies and all other on ground service providers cannot provide this service. Echuca Travel Centre reserve the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour in certain circumstances. Please speak with your consultant if you have mobility concerns.

## Echuca Travel Centre

## PRICE GUARANTEE - ECHUCA TRAVEL CENTRE

All holiday prices are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) known at of 1 st September 2019 and expected to be in effect at the time of departure, and do not include airfare except where noted. Prices are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to departure. The current price will be confirmed at the time of reservation. However, once Echuca Travel Centre has received your final payment the land price is guaranteed, and any subsequent land cost increases are at our expense, not including surcharges and any government tax increases. Air tickets booked via Echuca Travel Centre are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. For holiday; prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are available upon request. Please call for rates. Triples are not available. Departures in 2020 are subject to prices and itinerary modification.
RESPONSIBILITY AND EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY
Echuca Travel Centre ABN 21172093324 [herein after referred to as 'the Company'] is the organiser and packager of various tour components including where applicable land, sea or air transportation, accommodation, meals, and applicable entry fees as outlined in the various tour itineraries and packaged arrangements set out in this brochure. Accordingly, these tours include the services of suppliers other than the Company eg. hoteliers, airlines, coach operators, cruise operators and others. These suppliers are not under the direct control of the Company.
While the Company takes all reasonable care in selecting its suppliers it can not accept any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, sickness or irregularity which may be occasioned by any of these suppliers or their employees such as the failure of a hotel to provide any of the services normally available or any defect in any vehicle or other conveyance. The Company accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses resulting from any delays or changes in air, motor, and other services, sickness, weather, strikes, lockouts, war, earthquake, floods, volcanic eruptions, or any other causes. The Company can not guarantee the exact arrival and departure times for any of the services included in the tour arrangements and therefore is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service. While the Company will take all reasonable care to ensure passengers enjoy the tour, it accepts no liability for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its direct control. Baggage and personal belongings are at owners' risk unless insured. BAGGAGE
Air travel restricts you to 23 kg per person. We recommend for your own ease and comfort that you take one suitcase per person and your personal items. An extra charge may be imposed to cover porterage handling of any additional luggage. Airport porterage is not included in your tour cost and is at own expense.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Company reserves the right to change any of the accommodation, coaches, carriers, itinerary or other arrangements without notice for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to, road, traffic or weather conditions, strikes, local festivals, and operational requirements.
The photographs in the publication represent typical scenes and details of the various tours, however it is possible that the subject matter might not be seen or experienced on that tour. Other descriptions and references to the hotels etc. in the publication reflect the opinion of management of the Company, this opinion may not necessarily be shared by some other party. The number of days in each itinerary includes the day of departure from and return to Australia, and neither are whole days. Tour prices are subject to change due to unforeseen air fare increases, currency fluctuations, government surcharges, new or increased government taxes, or other unforeseen factors which effect tour costs.
The current tour price will be confirmed to you at the time of booking and once full payment has been received by the Company the tour price is guaranteed at that price. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent do not constitute receipt of those monies by the Company, and there is no liability on the Company's part to the passenger until all monies are received by the Company.
For a group to operate and to provide an enjoyable group atmosphere, a minimum number of passengers is required. In the event that adequate numbers are not achieved, the Company may have to cancel a scheduled departure and offer an alternative tour; if this does not suit then the Company will make a full refund of all monies paid. The date that such a decision is made is usually four to eight weeks prior to scheduled departure date. The Company reserves the right to decline/accept and/or terminate any tour passenger's participation in a tour, whether before or after commencement of travel, while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company accepts no liability for any losses incurred by any passenger in respect of any unused portion of the tour or for additional expenses incurred for repatriation.
OPERATORS
Echuca Travel Centre ABN 21172093324.
AIRLINE LIABIIITY
The airlines concerned are held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are aboard their aircraft and/ or conveyances. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passenger using these tickets.
SINGLE ROOMS
A limited number of single rooms are available by request at time of booking. Single supplement must be paid with final payment. However, single rooms cannot be guaranteed in some areas.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in your tour cost. It is strongly recommended that insurance be taken out to fully protect you against any unforeseen events that might occur including, but not limited to, cancellation fees, airfare and/or land content costs, or curtailment expenses arising as the result of illness, strikes, loss of luggage etc. your reservations as re-scheduling may alter your tour costs. If you suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions, please advise when taking out the policy. Echuca Travel Centre will be happy to quote each person on their individual insurance requirements.
VALIDITY OF CONDITIONS
All terms and conditions are valid as at ${ }^{\text {st }}$ September 2019.


