# TOUR INFORMATION – GULF COAST ADVENTURE #1 – MARCH 29 – APRIL 6, 2019

YOU ARE ALLOWED ONE LARGE SUITCASE AND ONE SMALL CARRY-ON BAG PER PERSON. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU KEEP YOUR CARRY-ON BAG THE SIZE OF A SMALL TOTE BAG. THERE IS VERY LITTLE OVERHEAD ROOM ON THE MOTOR COACH.

SUGGESTED DRESS IS CASUAL THROUGHOUT THE TOUR. AVERAGE TEMPERATURES SHOULD BE WARMER THAN WHAT WE MAY EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDWEST THIS TIME OF YEAR. PACKING/DRESSING IN LAYERS IS STILL RECOMMENDED.

ON-BOARD WIFI HAS BEEN INCLUDED ON THIS TOUR FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. HOWEVER, AS WITH CELL RECEPTION, INTERNET SERVICE MAY BE SPOTTY AND UNRELIABLE IN MORE REMOTE AND RURAL AREAS.

**GRATUITIES:** The gratuity has been provided for luggage handling services, step-on-guides, and for all included meal functions. On other meals, tipping is left entirely to your discretion.

TOUR DIRECTOR & DRIVER GRATUITY: The traditional end-of-tour gratuities for your tour director and driver are NOT included in your tour cost. If you wish to reward them for their performance, this should be handled individually, and not as a group.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR GUIDE & DRIVER.

**MINIMUM CUSTOMARY TIP TO EACH: GUIDE: \$2.00 TO \$3.00 PER PASSENGER PER DAY** 

DRIVER: \$2.00 TO \$3.00 PER PASSENGER PER DAY

(YOU MAY WANT TO TIP MORE FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE!)

#### THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE HOTELS WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING:

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - DAY 1 SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - DAY 2 SUN. & MON., MARCH 31 & APRIL 1 - DAYS 3 & 4

**DRURY INN & SUITES DRURY INN & SUITES** BEAU RIVAGE RESORT 820 POYDRAS ST 2608 E MALONE AVE 875 BEACH BLVD NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112 SIKESTON, MO 63801 **BILOXI, MS 39530** 504-529-7800 800-239-2771 573-472-2299

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - DAY 5** 

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - DAY 6 THURSDAY, APRIL 4 - DAY 7 **DRURY INN COMFORT INN DRURY INN & SUITES** 

824 SOUTH BELTLINE HIGHWAY 8080 NORTH DAVIS HIGHWAY 160 STATE FARM PARKWAY MOBILE, AL 36609 PENSACOLA, FL 32514 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

251-344-7700 850-484-8070 205-940-9500

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - DAY 8

**DRURY INN & SUITES** 170 MID RIVERS MALL CIRCLE ST. PETERS, MO 63376

636-397-9700

# **BRIEF ITINERARY OF THE TOUR**

# FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - DAY 1

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MANY CONVENIENT PICK-UP POINTS AS WE HEAD SOUTH ON I-29! MORNING BREAK IN ROCK PORT, MO

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

EARLY EVENING ARRIVAL AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, SIKESTON, MO

EVENING MEAL AT LAMBERT'S CAFÉ, SIKESTON - "THE ONLY HOME OF THE THROWED ROLLS" (INCLUDED)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - DAY 2

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL (INCLUDED)

THIS AFTERNOON ENTER "THE BIG EASY" - ON INTERSTATE 55 ALONG THE SIDE OF LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN ENJOY THE DRURY INN KICKBACK BEFORE MAKING YOUR WAY TOWARDS THE STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ EVENING JAZZ DINNER CRUISE ABOARD THE AUTHENTIC STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ (INCLUDED) OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN AND SUITES, NEW ORLEANS ENJOY THE GREAT LOCATION TONIGHT - ONLY 4 BLOCKS FROM THE FRENCH QUARTER!

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - DAY 3

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MORNING STEP-ON GUIDED **CITY TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS**, INCLUDING LOCAL STOPS AND ONE-OF-A-KIND COMMENTARY PLENTY OF FREE TIME AND LUNCH ON YOUR OWN IN THE FRENCH QUARTER

SCENIC AFTERNOON DRIVE TOWARDS BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

LATE AFTERNOON ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN TO THE UPSCALE **BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO**, BILOXI, MS EVENING MEAL AT THE RESORT **(INCLUDED)** 

## MONDAY, APRIL 1 - DAY 4

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MORNING STEP-ON GUIDED BILOXI HISTORICAL TOUR

**BOARD YOUR SHRIMPING TOUR** – A 70-MINUTE LIVING MARINE ADVENTURE CRUISE!

VISIT THE **BILOXI MARITIME AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MUSEUM** – ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC BILOXI SHRIMP BOIL **(INCLUDED)** AFTERNOON TOUR OF **BEAUVOIR** – THE HOME AND LIBRARY OF FORMER CONFEDERATE PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS EVENING MEAL AT **THE SHED BARBEQUE & BLUES JOINT** – FEATURED ON FOOD NETWORK, DESTINATIONS AMERICA, DISCOVERY CHANNEL, TRAVEL CHANNEL, HISTORY, HGTV, PBS, ABC, FOX NEWS, AND MORE! **(INCLUDED)** OVERNIGHT AGAIN AT THE BEAU RIVAGE RESORT, BILOXI, MS

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - DAY 5**

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MORNING STOP AT THE GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE VISITORS CENTER

TOUR THE BEAUTIFUL BELLINGRATH HOME AND GARDENS, MOBILE, AL

LUNCH AT THE BELLINGRATH HOME AND GARDENS CAFÉ (INCLUDED)

AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE USS ALABAMA BATTLESHIP PARK

EVENING MEAL AT FELIX FISH CAMP WITH GREAT MOBILE BAY VIEWS (INCLUDED)

OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, MOBILE

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - DAY 6

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

DOCENT-LED GUIDED TOUR AT THE NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSUEM

WATCH THE BLUE ANGELS AIRSHOW AT THE MUSEUM! (PRACTICE SCHEDULE & WEATHER PERMITTING)

PICNIC LUNCH IN PENSACOLA, FL (INCLUDED)

STEP-ON-GUIDED TOUR OF PENSACOLA, FL

ENJOY A MEMORABLE DOLPHIN CRUISE - SEE DOLPHINS, BIRDS, AND OTHER MARINE LIFE!

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

OVERNIGHT AT THE COMFORT INN, PENSACOLA, FL

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4 - DAY 7

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MORNING DRIVE TOWARDS BIRMINGHAM, AL

LUNCH AT NIKI'S WEST IN BIRMINGHAM, AL (INCLUDED) - AN AUTHENTIC SOUTHERN MEAT + 3 RESTAURANT

AFTERNOON VISIT TO SLOSS FURNACES AND LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF IRON-MAKING IN BIRMINGHAM'S HISTORY

TOUR THE BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM - THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM!

**EVENING DRURY INN KICKBACK (INCLUDED)** 

OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, BIRMINGHAM, AL

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - DAY 8

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INLCUDED)

MORNING DRIVE TO NASHVILLE, TN

LUNCH AND FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN ON BROADWAY IN **DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE** 

AFTERNOON DRIVE THROUGH TN, KY, IL & ST. LOUIS

ARRIVE AND CHECK-IN TO THE DRURY INN & SUITES, ST. PETERS, MO

**EVENING MEAL ON YOUR OWN** 

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - DAY 9

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MAKE YOUR WAY BACK HOME!

RELIVE ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES YOU'VE EXPERIENCED ON THE GULF COAST ADVENTURE!