# TOUR INFORMATION – GULF COAST ADVENTURE #2 – APRIL 20 – 28, 2018

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 MOTORCOACH.

SUGGESTED DRESS IS CASUAL THROUGHOUT THE TOUR. AVERAGE TEMPERATURES SHOULD BE WARMER THAN WHAT WE EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDWEST THIS TIME OF YEAR.

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. A general rule is 10-15% of the bill, depending upon the quality of service.

**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:

<u>FRIDAY, APRIL 20 – DAY 1</u> <u>SATURDAY, APRIL 21 – DAY 2</u> <u>SUN. & MON., APRIL 22 & 23 – DAYS 3 & 4</u>

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 BEAU RIVAGE RESORT

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TUESDAY, APRIL 24 – DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 – DAY 6 THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – DAY 7

DRURY INN COMFORT INN DRURY INN & SUITES

824 WEST I-65 SERVICE RD. SOUTH 8080 NORTH DAVIS HIGHWAY

MOBILE, AL 36609 PENSACOLA, FL 32514 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 27 - DAY 8

DRURY INN 170 MID RIVERS MALL CIRCLE ST. PETERS, MO 63376 636-397-9700 888-220-8908 FAX

## **BRIEF ITINERARY OF THE TOUR**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - DAY 1

MORNING BREAK IN ROCK PORT, MO

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

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

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - DAY 2

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL (INCLUDED)

ENTER "THE BIG EASY" – THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ON HIGHWAY 55 ALONG THE SIDE OF LAKE **PONTCHARTRAIN** ENJOY HAPPY HOUR AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, **NEW ORLEANS** – ONLY 4 BLOCKS FROM THE FRENCH QUARTER! JAZZ DINNER CRUISE ABOARD THE **AUTHENTIC STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ** ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER (INCLUDED) OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN AND SUITES, NEW ORLEANS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - 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 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN IN THE FRENCH MARKET

SCENIC GULF COAST DRIVE TO BILOXI, MS

ENJOY A STEP-ON-GUIDED TOUR OF HISTORIC BAY ST. LOUIS, MS

**EVENING MEAL (INCLUDED)** 

ARRIVE AND CHECK-IN TO THE UPSCALE BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO, BILOXI, MS

## MONDAY, APRIL 23 - 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 24 - 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 DINNER AT FELIX FISH CAMP WITH GREAT MOBILE BAY VIEWS (INCLUDED)

OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, MOBILE

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 - DAY 6

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MEET YOUR STEP-ON-GUIDE AND MAKE YOUR FIRST STOP AT THE **NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSUEM** 

OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE BLUE ANGELS AIRSHOW! (SUBJECT TO SCHEDULED AIRSHOW DATES)

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 26 - 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 VULCAN MEMORIAL PARK

TOUR THE BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS MUSUEM

EVENING DRURY INN KICKBACK (INCLUDED)

OVERNIGHT AT THE DRURY INN & SUITES, BIRMINGHAM, AL

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27 - DAY 8

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INLCUDED)

MORNING DRIVE TO NASHVILLE, TN

LUNCH AND FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN 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 28 - DAY 9

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL (INCLUDED)

MAKE YOUR WAY BACK TO NEBRASKA!

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