DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
MARCH 2013

Ride along the Gulf Coast to Florida and join the Bike Week festival in Daytona Beach with an optional pre-bike ride tour of Nashville & Memphis.

There’s nothing like being there!
A HASSLE FREE HOLIDAY WITH ELITE SPECIAL EVENT TOURS
You want to ride and enjoy the open road - right?
Then you need to travel with us.
We look after all the details; planned rides and
tours, rest breaks, fuel stops, the best spot for a
great coffee or a stunning photo.
We’ll get you off the highways onto interesting back
roads. Our experienced Australian ride leader
knows the road well. He’s in radio contact with our
support van to provide extra security. The van
becomes our shuttle to night time events so you
don’t have to worry about how to get home.
Just relax and enjoy everything that’s on offer!

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✓ Australian Ride leader
✓ Support Van with spare bike
✓ Daily maps and notes ✓ Planned rides
✓ Transfers ✓ Sightseeing

INCLUSIONS
• Accommodation at overnight stops as listed
• All sightseeing and entrances as listed
• Welcome Dinner
• Days 1-8 - travel by air-conditioned motorcoach
• Days 9-18:
  • Motorcycle hire with saddle bags
  • Comprehensive bike insurance for theft, damage, 3rd party supplemental liability
  • Transfers between hotel and bike rental
  • Elite Special Event Tours travel wallet

Not included: Airfares, Fuel, meals other than listed, drinks, tips, personal items.

WHY DO WE OFFER A PRE-RIDE COACH TOUR?
In years gone by we have experienced weather conditions
from Nashville which were not totally conducive to riding.
However we feel it’s a pity to be in this part of the US
and not see some of the things that this area is famous
for such as the Jack Daniels Tour, Grand Ole Opry in
Nashville, and in Memphis - Graceland, Sun Studio & Memphis Blues on Beale Street, so we have been
running a pre-ride coach tour for the past 2 years.
This has proven to be a great beginning as we tour in a
very relaxed and informal way through these Southern
states on our way to New Orleans.

From New Orleans the weather is much more predictable
and a great ride can be undertaken as we head towards
Daytona Beach for the Annual Bike Week Rally.
So join us in Nashville and do the full 18 days including
the pre-ride coach tour; or join in New Orleans for the
10 day ride….the choice is yours.

EXPLORE THE MUSIC CITIES OF NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS
ON OUR OPTIONAL PRE-RIDE COACH TOUR

Day 1. Mar 01 - Arrive Nashville
Your tour begins today with check-in to our hotel, the spectacular Gaylord Opryland Hotel. There are no tour activities planned for this evening so you have plenty of time to relax and settle in.

Day 2. Mar 02 - Nashville - Jack Daniels Tour and dinner cruise
This morning we are off to visit our good friend Jack Daniels, in Lynchburg. We tour the distillery made famous by its namesake and have a relaxed lunch before a leisurely lunch back to our hotel.
This evening we’ll join the paddlewheeler The General Jackson for a night of country music and dinner along the Cumberland River.

Day 3. Mar 03 - Nashville sightseeing
Today begins with a sightseeing tour of Nashville. Tonight is free so that you can enjoy the nightlife of the city at your own pace.

Day 4. Mar 04 - Nashville - Memphis
We head off today in our air-conditioned motorcoach, down the Natchez Trace Parkway - one of the most beautiful roads in the US - towards Tupelo, the birthplace of Elvis Presley. Here we visit Elvis’ old home, now a museum dedicated to the King. We continue to Memphis where we’ll spend the next two nights.
Memphis enjoys the distinction of being “the home of the Blues and the birthplace of Rock n’ Roll”.

Day 5. Mar 05 - Memphis sightseeing
Today we start right after breakfast for our tour to Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley. We visit the infamous ‘animal room’ along with his trophy room which houses his collection of gold and platinum records. Our tour also includes admission to the museums which house his cars and aircraft collections.
We then move on to the Sun Studio Museum which was once a recording studio and was where Elvis was discovered. Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins & Jerry Lee Lewis all recorded in the studio which is now Heritage listed.
Then we visit the Rock & Soul Museum.

Day 6. Mar 06 - Memphis at leisure
Today is at leisure; why not take a stroll through Memphis, see the famous Peabody Ducks, or visit nearby Mud Island and learn about the history of the Mississippi.

Day 7. Mar 07 - Memphis - Vicksburg
South into Mississippi today along Highway 61, known as the Blues Highway. We’ll visit the Blues Museum and the intersection of Highway 61 and 49 where legendary Robert Johnson ‘sold his soul to the devil’. On to Vicksburg where we’ll drive along the Civil War park road. We stay at a riverboat Casino hotel tonight.

Day 8. Mar 08 - Vicksburg - New Orleans
This morning we head south to picturesque Baton Rouge, and then to New Orleans.

Our bike riding tour to Daytona commences tomorrow
Combine both tours and SAVE $500 per person
Day 8. Mar 08 - Arrive New Orleans
If you are not joining our pre-ride tour, check into the New Orleans tour hotel today. Relax this evening at leisure.

Day 9. Mar 09 - New Orleans
Today we head to our bike supplier. Here we'll pick out our bikes, sort out any gear you might need and complete our rental contracts. Tonight, we'll meet for our welcome dinner and to discuss the logistics of the days ahead.

Day 10. Mar 10 - New Orleans
There's plenty to see and do here in 'The Big Easy', with time for you to explore at your own pace. Discover the unique French Quarter or perhaps take an optional excursion on an airboat out on the bayou. (additional cost).

Day 11. Mar 11 - New Orleans - Mobile
We head east today, following the sandy shore of the Gulf of Mexico along the coast road from Louisiana to Alabama. First we cross the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, then to the coast and through Biloxi before heading north along Mobile Bay to Mobile. There's a great aircraft and Navy museum which you may like to visit here.

Day 12. Mar 12 - Mobile - Fort Walton Beach
Today we cross the Mobile causeway as we continue eastward. We'll follow the picturesque Gulf coast through Pensacola and along the Barrier Islands to Fort Walton Beach.

Day 13. Mar 13 - Fort Walton Beach - Perry
Continuing along the coastline to Appalachicola, we then head away from the coast to Perry where we will spend this evening.

Day 14. Mar 14 - Perry - Daytona Beach
Our ride this morning takes us to Ocala then east to the Atlantic coast, arriving in Daytona mid-afternoon where we check into our hotel which will be home for the next 4 nights.

Days 15 & 16. Mar 15-16 - Daytona Bike Week Activities
Best known as "Bike Week", Daytona, Florida's warm breezes welcome the motorcycle community to the grand opening of the motorcycle season. Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson at Destination Daytona and New Smyrna Harley Davidson play host to over 500,000 bikers from around the world. Destination Daytona has become the largest gathering place for national motorcycle aftermarket parts manufacturers. Alongside the largest Harley Davidson Destination Daytona Dealership in the world, stands a giant super store featuring a wide ranging aftermarket catalogue.

Famous biker venues like Main Street's Boot Hill Saloon, Iron Horse Saloon, Cabbage Patch, Gilly's Pub 44, Broken Spoke Saloon and Froggys, are only part of the huge biker party held annually to kick off the east coast motorcycle riding season. At Daytona Bike Week you'll also see some of the most outstanding custom choppers and import motorcycles in the world.

All of the major motorcycle manufacturers are present from Harley Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Victory, Triumph, and Ducati. These motorcycle manufacturers often provide riders with "demo rides" to test drive the new motorcycle models.

This event draws in a huge crowd from all over the world to enjoy concerts featuring biker band favourites and motorcycle celebrities. Scenic beachfront rides, terrific biker bars and a never ending list of great seafood restaurants make Daytona Bike Week one of the largest and most popular motorcycle rallies in the world!

Day 16. Mar 16
Daytona 200 Bike Race (or similar*)
This afternoon, we'll head to the awesome Daytona International Speedway for the Daytona 200 Race.

*The Daytona 200 race date is not confirmed at time of printing. However, be assured that a full program of Bike events is held throughout Bike Week and whatever event is scheduled for the 16th March, we will be in attendance in our Corporate Box Suite with access to outside seating...its the only way to experience a Daytona Speedway Event.
Important Information and Booking Conditions

Deposit
An non-refundable deposit of A$400 per person is required within 14 days of reservation to secure your place on this tour.

Final Payment
Because events can 'sell out' quickly, we are required to advise passenger details well in advance so as to secure the arrangements from hotels, tour operators, coach companies, airlines and event ticket sales offices. We seek your understanding and co-operation in this matter and advise full payment is due 150 days prior to departure. Bookings received after this date will require payment in full within 7 days.

Payment by credit card
A fee will be charged on the value of the amount being changed to your credit card and will be added to the amount being paid. Fees: Mastercard & Visa 2%; Diners Club & American Express 4%.

Cancellation
After full payment will incur the following fees; Days prior to departure: Up to 46 days: 25%; 45 - 31 days: 50%; 30 - 0 days: 100% of tour price.

Single travellers
We are unable to 'pair up' solo passengers who seek to share a room. However if we know that another solo passenger of the same gender is interested in sharing, we offer to put you in touch with each other prior to departure. If both agree to twin share accommodation we require written confirmation of that agreement from both parties. If you wish to pursue this offer please mention it to your travel agent so you can be placed on a list at the time of paying deposit. If an opportunity does not arise then the single price (coach tour) and Price 'C' (bike ride) will apply.

Travel Insurance
It is a requirement that all passengers participating in these tours effect appropriate travel insurance at the time of booking, please ask us for information. Your travel insurance policy must include coverage for cancellation fee. Proof of insurance cover is required to be submitted to Elite Special Event Tours prior to departure. Details will be forwarded to your insurer.

Documentation
Elite Special Event Tours has taken every precaution to ensure that information and details provided about each tour and the tour itinerary is correct and accurate. A considerable amount of pre-planning and site inspections has been undertaken by Elite Special Event Tours to ensure that details mentioned in the itineraries meet our high standards. Every effort is made to ensure that details are correct at the time of distribution, however no responsibility or liability is accepted for any errors, omissions, or alterations contained in the documentation or the itinerary.

Price Changes
Currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, changes in airfares, and/or tour costs can happen without notice. It is our intention that any such changes will be advised in advance, however Elite Special Event Tours is not responsible for any increases applied by any of our contracted tour operators, airlines, or hotels, nor for any currency fluctuations. In the event of significant movements in currency exchange rates it may be necessary to apply a currency surcharge.

Hotels & Flights
Hotels listed in the itinerary are correct at time of publication but are subject to change prior to the tour departure. Right times are subject to change without notice.

Amendment fees
Amendments made at the time of reservation incur no charge. Amendments made after payment of deposit may incur a fee of $50 plus any changes applied by any associated operator.

Termination
No refunds will be applicable to any termination of any reservations or tours due to unforeseen circumstances once commencement of the tour's departure. Any such claims may be submitted to your insurance provider.

Minimum group size
This tour is costed on a minimum group size of 15 passengers. Should the group number fall below this Elite Special Event Tours reserves the right to make any appropriate adjustments, including cancellation. In the event of cancellation by Elite Special Event Tours, a full refund of all monies paid will apply.

Responsibilities
Airlines, bookings, & passports must be in the same name. It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure that they hold a current passport that is valid until you have returned to Australia and any visas or documentation necessary, including any recommended vaccinations. It is the responsibility of any passenger to take whatever precaution is necessary to avoid any occurrence of Deep Vein Thrombosis. Elite Special Event Tours does not accept any liability for injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience caused either directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable due diligence on the part of Elite Special Event Tours. Elite Event Tours has exercised due care with its selection of reputable travel operators such as airlines, car companies, hotels, coach companies, tour operators and/or other suppliers. Some of these operators limit & exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay & loss or damage to baggage.

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Important Information

Tour Prices in A$. Prices are per person, Land only (airfares not included)

Nashville & Memphis Days 1-8

$3,349 per person
when 2 people share a hotel room

$3,949 per person
when utilising single occupancy of a hotel room

Combine both tours and SAVE $500 per person

Daytona Bike Week - Days 8-18

NOTE: You must be minimum 21 years old and hold a valid unrestricted motorcycle licence.

Price A: $5,790 per person
For 2 riders travelling together
Each person rides a bike & the 2 of you share a hotel room.

Price B: $4,990 per person
For 1 rider and 1 pillion travelling together
You travel on 1 bike together & the 2 of you share a hotel room.

Price C: $6,990 per person
For 1 rider travelling solo
You ride a bike and have a hotel room to yourself.

Note: Airfares are not included in the tour prices in order to give you the opportunity to take advantage of the best airfare available at time of reservation. If you would like us to assist with your flights, please let us know when making your tour booking.