

# Delta Blues Bus Trip



Tuesday 27 October 2020  
to  
Monday 02 November 2020

Experience the “Blues” in an authentic context with a group of blues fans. Travel by coach through Louisville, Kentucky and Memphis, Tennessee as we head to Clarksdale, Mississippi for the Hambone Festival.

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## Agenda:

**Day 1: Tuesday** – 7:30am - Depart from Waterdown, Ontario and head to Louisville, KY by 5:30pm. Visit Stevie Ray Vaughn’s bar for dinner and music. Stay at hotel one night.

**Day 2: Wednesday** –9:00am - Depart Louisville, KY and head to Memphis, TN by 4:30pm. Stop for lunch in Nashville. Walk along Beale St., in Memphis, enjoy dinner and stay one night at hotel.

**Day 3: Thursday** – 10:00am - While in Memphis visit the Stax Museum and Sun Records on a day tour. 4:00pm - Depart Memphis and head to Clarksdale, MS. Arrive in Clarksdale by 5:30pm. Stay at the Shack-up Inn where we will enjoy a catered BBQ dinner for the first evening.

**Day 4: Friday** –11:00am - Day trip to Indianola to visit B.B. King’s Museum. Meet for dinner at Ground Zero and attend the Hambone Festival for some great blues music this evening.

**Day 5: Saturday** –1:00pm – Day trip in Clarksdale. Enjoy visiting the Hambone Art Gallery owned by Stan Street, shopping and Delta Blues Museum. Attend Hambone Festival in the evening.

**Day 6: Sunday** – 9:00am - Depart Clarksdale and return to Louisville. Stop for lunch in Nashville, TN. Attend Stevie Ray Vaughn’s Blues Club this evening. Stay one night at hotel.

**Day 7: Monday** –9:00am - Depart Louisville, KY and head home to Ontario.

### **Registration:**

Bus: The coach accommodates 56 people so register before bus fills up. First-come, first-serve basis for paid registrations. Wi-Fi available on bus.

To reserve a seat on the bus, please email Rita with names and addresses of registrants and payment of \$350.00 CAD per person. Pay by cheque or e-transfer before 15 February 2020. Fee includes bus rental, driver accommodations, tolls and parking.

Hotel: Registrants are responsible for the costs of hotel accommodations, activities such as museum entrance and meals, all noted in \$USD. We have a block of rooms under the name *Hunter* for a special group rate until 31<sup>st</sup> Mar/20 for Louisville and Memphis. It is essential and recommended you book the Shack-up Inn first, before 1<sup>st</sup> March/20, to ensure accommodations as they fill early. There is no reserved block of shacks.

- ✓ Call the Courtyard by Marriott Louisville Downtown [1-(502) 562-0200] to book rooms for Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct/20 and again on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov/20 (2 separate nights). Buffet breakfast included.  
All rooms have 2 Queen beds. Tues - \$159; Sun - \$149
- ✓ Call the La Quinta Inn by Wyndham Memphis Downtown [1-(800) 753-3757] to book a room for Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct/10. Buffet breakfast included.  
All rooms have 2 Queen beds - \$148.75
- ✓ Call the Shack-up Inn [1-(662) 624-8329] in Clarksdale to book shacks for Thurs. 29 Oct/20, Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct/20 and Sat. 31 Oct/20 (3 nights). Please visit the website to view the different shacks available before booking. (10% down non-refundable)  
1 bedroom           Thurs \$85 / Fri and Sat \$95  
2 bedrooms        Thurs \$100 / Fri and Sat \$120  
3 or 4 bedrooms   Thurs \$250 / Fri and Sat \$275

#### **Links:**

Hambone Art Gallery and Festival (festival \$10/day)  
<http://stanstreet.com/hambone-festival/>

Shack Up Inn Clarksdale, MS  
<https://www.shackupinn.com/>

Courtyard by Marriott Louisville Downtown

<https://www.roomreservation.com/hotel/courtyard-by-marriott-louisville-downtown.htm?msclkid=a9a6dc2495fa1de7122481e94887ea7d>

La Quinta Inn by Wyndham Memphis Downtown

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/memphis-tennessee/la-quinta-memphis-downtown/overview>

Delta Blues Museum Clarksdale (adults \$10)

<https://www.deltabluesmuseum.org>

B.B. King Museum (adults \$15)

<https://bbkingmuseum.org/>

Stax Museum (adults \$13)

<https://staxmuseum.com/>

Sun Studio (adults \$14)

<https://www.sunstudio.com/#!>

Stevie Ray's Blues Bar

<http://www.stevieraysbluesbar.com/#welcome-teaser>

Ground Zero

<https://www.groundzerobluesclub.com/>