

from prince to the king

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Shining the spotlight on two of the most legendary musicians in the U.S.A., this musical journey starts in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the birthplace of super-star Prince. The drive continues to Chicago, Illinois, with its rich history of blues. Next stop is Nashville, Tennessee, the center of country music, and the journey ends in Memphis, Tennessee, home of Elvis, the King of Rock and Roll. For many, a trip through the United States is not complete without discovering the rich musical history that this country has to offer.



DAY ONE: MINNEAPOLIS

Start your day with a self-guided tour of Prince's favorite places in the Minneapolis area, including the Capri Theater, stage of his first performance as a young unknown musician, to The Electric Fetus, where Prince frequently shopped for music. Then a visit and tour of Paisley Park, Prince's home and recording studio, gives unique insights into his life and music. You'll see many of his outfits, guitars, and memorabilia. End the day with a performance at First Avenue, a nightclub made famous in his movie, *Purple Rain*—be sure to get a photo of the wall of stars who have performed here, as well as a Prince mural on a nearby building. Another great photo op in Minneapolis is of Minnesota-born musician Bob Dylan—a mural of Dylan was painted by famed Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra.





DAY TWO: MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL/BLOOMINGTON, MN

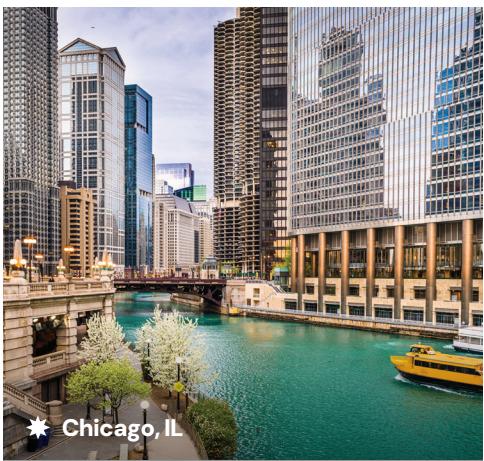
Enjoy a narrated morning cruise on the Mississippi River, which flows through the hearts of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Then it's time to "Shop til you Drop" at Mall of America (MOA) in Bloomington, the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the U.S. With over 500 stores, 50 restaurants, indoor amusement park Nickelodeon Universe, SEA LIFE Aquarium and dozens of other attractions, MOA is amazing. And in Minnesota there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes! This evening, enjoy dinner and a live performance at the Dakota, a music club in Minneapolis that Prince frequently visited.

DAY THREE: CHICAGO, IL

Drive to Chicago today and discover the city's famous architecture, along with its vibrant relationship with the blues. After the Great Migration in the 20th century when millions of Black Americans moved north, blues musicians from the Mississippi Delta made Chicago a major hotspot for the blues. After checking into your hotel, head to Buddy Guy's Legends, a club which has been showcasing national and international acts for 25 years.

DAY FOUR: CHICAGO, IL

No visit to Chicago is complete without an architectural tour of the city, preferably on a river cruise. From the 100-year-old Art Deco, Neo-Classical, and Gothic Towers, to some of the tallest modern-day skyscrapers, Chicago is where old meets futuristic architectural endeavors. The afternoon features a visit to Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation, which features a museum and weekly concerts. This former recording studio for Chess Records originally focused on the blues, but later expanded to soul, gospel and rock and roll. Recording artists included Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters, the Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton. This evening, check out live performances at Blue Chicago or House of Blues.



DAY FIVE: NASHVILLE, TN

Today's drive south brings you through the rich farm country of Illinois to the rolling hills of Kentucky on the way to Nashville, Tennessee, known as "Music City" and the center of country music. In addition to music, the city offers a warm southern atmosphere, a growing culinary scene, and historical sites. After arrival, enjoy the evening at a lively honky-tonk on Broadway, one of Nashville's most famous music streets.

DAY SIX: NASHVILLE, TN

Start the morning with a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, followed by a tour of the historic RCA Studio B. Built in 1957, RCA Studio B became known as a birthplace for the "Nashville Sound," a pop-oriented style of country music with artists including the Everly Brothers, Willie Nelson, and Dolly Parton. Finish your stay in Nashville with live music by checking out shows at Grand Ole Opry or the Ryman Auditorium.



DAY SEVEN: MEMPHIS

The final city on the tour brings you to Memphis, home of The King of Rock and Roll, the one and only Elvis Presley. Visit the former home of The King at the Graceland Estate and learn about his life on a guided tour. Then visit Sun Studio to see where Elvis and other musical greats like Johnny Cash recorded some of their greatest hits. In the evening, a stroll down Beale Street reveals world-class live music venues and is best experienced with a cold beverage and barbequed delicacy in hand.

DAY EIGHT: MEMPHIS, TN

Before departing Memphis, visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, which pays homage to Soul and Gospel music, and features memorabilia from musicians like Otis Redding and Isaac Hayes. Next a stop at the Memphis Listening Lab offers an immersive experience, where you can explore the city's musical legacy through exhibits and rare recordings. End the tour with a stroll along the mighty Mississippi River, a tour that started with Prince and ended with The King.

