



Historical Memphis and Beyond

Monday, September 17

The day begins with a private buffet breakfast at the Peabody's **Capriccio Grill**.

Guest will then depart by private coach to the **National Civil Rights Museum**, located at the Lorraine Motel, the historic site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination 50 years ago.



The gallery features collections, exhibits, and education programs of key episodes during the American Civil Rights movement and its legacy. These exhibits were created to inspire participation in civil and human rights efforts globally by exploring the Civil Rights Movement from the 1800's to present day. With more than 260 artifacts and 40 new films, oral histories,

and interactive media pods, guests are expertly guided through five centuries of history - from the beginning of the resistance during slavery, through the Civil War and Reconstruction, the rise of Jim Crow, and the seminal events of the late 20th century that inspired people around the world to stand up for equality.

After touring the museum, guests will experience the **Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum**, housed on the Burkle Estate. Jacob Burkle, a German immigrant, was among those in the antislavery movement who risked their lives and reputations by harboring escaping African slaves as they made their way to freedom. Burkle's modest home, provided refuge for runaway slaves on their desperate and dangerous flight. Some historians suggest that quilt patterns may have been used as codes to signal the way to freedom.



Lunch will be hosted at the **Majestic Grille**. The building once housed the Majestic Theatre but now features excellent food and impeccable service in a beautiful, historical theatre setting. The atmosphere still shines with the cinematic glory of the dawn of the silver screen as classically-inspired menu items pair with local art groups for a unique dining experience.



Following lunch, we're invited to explore the private collection of Asian art at the **Belz Jade Museum**. Docents will lead us on a private viewing of the permanent collection which explores various art forms created during the Qing Dynasty. Not only will you have a greater appreciation of the artists, you will also be introduced to some of the folklore and symbolism of the region.



The Elvis Experience

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Guest are again welcome to start with a buffet breakfast at the **Capriccio Grill**.

No visit to Memphis would be complete without stopping by **Graceland**, the iconic home of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Forty years after his death, experience life as Elvis did through an interactive iPad tour providing a fully immersive experience. The tour, narrated by celebrated actor and Elvis fan John Stamos, dives into the story of Elvis' life through unique archival audio, video and photo elements. Your VIP journey through the mansion includes the decorated funky styles of the Jungle Room, racquetball court, and Meditation Garden, where Elvis rests.



The VIP pass also includes a visit to the Entertainment Plaza—a series of museums enabling fans and pop culture enthusiasts to follow the path that Elvis took, surrounding themselves with the things that he loved and the city that inspired him.

“Look Good. Eat Good.” are the words emblazoned on the front windows at **The Beauty Shop**. This hip and trendy restaurant does both. As the former cut-and-curl spot of Priscilla Presley, it's a wonderland where Jetsons-era Vitrolite meets choice seating under hooded Belvedere hair dryers.

Following lunch, we head to **Sun Studios**, the "Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll." Radio Engineer Sam Phillips opened Sun Studio as the Memphis Recording Service in January 1950 to record blues greats from the region who had no place else to record in the south. Legendary soul men like B.B. King, Howlin' Wolf, Bobby Blue Bland, Rufus Thomas and Junior Parker recorded their first songs here. And, of course Elvis Presley! You'll have an opportunity to stand in the very spot where the rock and roll legend recorded many of his iconic hits.

