# The Great USA Crossing from Dallas to Chicago (2027)



A guided journey from south to north, from **Texas** to Chicago. With **Dallas**, **San Antonio**, **Houston** and NASA, **Cajun country** and **Lafayette**, **New Orleans** and the plantations of **Louisiana**, then **Memphis**, the capital of the Blues so dear to **Elvis**, before **Nashville** and its Country rhythms, then **Indianapolis** and **Chicago**, on **Lake Michigan**. A great crossing. Coach tour with a French-speaking guide. GWTAW



## Day 1

Arrival in Dallas.

Welcome at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Dinner at leisure.

Accommodation in Dallas (hotel outside the centre near the airport).

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## Day 2

Quick tour of Dallas in the morning, following in the footsteps of JFK's final moments. Road to Fort Worth. Here you will step into the authentic Far West , with the Stockyards district, where millions of cattle from the West were once gathered. Depending on timing, you will watch the cattle drive through the streets, a tradition still very much alive. Lunch included in a honky tonk, the home of Texan-style entertainment.

Head for San Antonio. Walk along the River Walk and dinner at leisure. Night in San Antonio (hotel outside the centre near the airport).

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## Day 3



Discover San Antonio and its historic district. Visit of the Alamo, a landmark in the history of the 'Lone Star State'. Visit of the beautifully restored Mission San Jose.

Road to Houston, the 4th largest city in the United States. Lunch on the way. On arrival, orientation tour of the city. Dinner at leisure and night in Houston (hotel outside the centre).

Note : depending on local constraints, the orientation tour may take place on day 4.

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## Day 4

In the morning, discover the NASA space research centre, a must! You can visit Space Center Houston, which offers a fascinating dive into the world of astronomy. Among the highlights is the Saturn V rocket. You can climb aboard a life-size replica of the space shuttle. Lunch at leisure and road to Lafayette in Cajun country.

In the evening, typical dinner in a « Fais Dodo », to the rhythms of Cajun music. Night in Lafayette (hotel outside the centre).

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## Day 5

In the morning, visit of the Acadian Museum, dedicated to preserving Cajun culture. Excursion to the Jungle Gardens on Avery Island. You will see rare birds and almost tropical flora. The island is home to the Tabasco Factory, which you will visit. Lunch. Road to Thibodaux and swamp boat tour into the heart of the bayous, a watery labyrinth. Enchanting! Keep your eyes open: you may spot turtles, herons and, of course, the famous 'cocodries', the alligators.

Arrival in New Orleans. Dinner at leisure and night in the centre.

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## Day 6

Visit of New Orleans in the morning. Discover the French Quarter, the historic Vieux Carré. The French Market is a lively market. St. Louis Cathedral is the emblem of the city, and the Cabildo, an 18th-century masterpiece of Spanish architecture, bears witness to the rich and complex history of Louisiana.

Lunch of Cajun specialities, to the sound of jazz. In the afternoon, head to the Garden District, home to magnificent antebellum mansions along shady streets lined with majestic oaks. Dinner at leisure and night in New Orleans (in the centre).



## Day 7

Heading for the Louisiana Plantation Road, with its beautiful mansions lining the banks of the Mississippi. While every plantation tells a fascinating story, Oak Alley will amaze you with its impressive alley of centuries-old oaks and its architecture, typical of the opulence of the antebellum South. Lunch at the plantation.

Road to Baton Rouge, capital of Louisiana. Quick city tour and optional visit to the Rural Life Museum, which takes you back to the 19th century. Dinner at leisure and night in Baton Rouge (in the centre).




## Day 8

In the morning, dive into the history of Baton Rouge, with its neo-Gothic Old State Capitol and the impressive Louisiana State Capitol, the tallest in the United States.

Road to Memphis, a legendary city and the birthplace of Blues and Rock 'n' Roll. Legends such as B.B. King and Elvis Presley made music history by recording their first hits here. Lunch on the way.

Dinner at leisure and night in Memphis (hotel outside the centre).



## Day 9

In the morning, visit of Graceland, Elvis Presley's last home. You will also visit the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum, which displays some twenty of his cars as well as his two private jets. Lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, visit of the National Civil Rights Museum, at the Lorraine Motel. This is where Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in 1968. A truly moving and enriching experience.

Dinner on Beale Street, the iconic street at the beating heart of the music scene in Memphis. Night in Memphis (hotel outside the centre).



## Day 10

In the morning, quick orientation tour of Memphis, with its rich musical heritage. Road to Nashville, the legendary "Music City USA", world capital of Country music.

Lunch at leisure on the way. On arrival in Nashville, depending on timing,

optional visit to some of the city's iconic attractions.

In the evening, dinner to the rhythm of Country music, for an immersion in the soul of Nashville. Night in Nashville (hotel outside the centre).



## Day 11

In the morning, visit of Nashville, with iconic venues such as the Country Music Hall of Fame, a true temple dedicated to country legends (entrance not included), or the famous Ryman Auditorium (entrance not included).

Lunch at leisure in Nashville.

Road to the Midwest and Indiana and arrival in Indianapolis at the end of the day. Dinner and night in Indianapolis (hotel outside the centre).



## Day 12

Stop at the legendary Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the iconic Indianapolis 500 (subject to opening).

Road to Chicago mid-morning. Lunch at leisure before heading to Navy Pier, a lively pier on vast Lake Michigan. Free time to stroll along its shores and admire the stunning view of the Chicago skyline, our favourite city in the USA. Deep-dish pizza dinner, the Chicago speciality. Night in Chicago (hotel outside the centre near the airport). Note : the visit of Chicago may take place on day 12 or 13 depending on local constraints.



## Day 13

In the morning, discover Chicago and its magnificent skyscrapers. The city is home to the famous Willis Tower and Hancock Center, at the top of which you will enjoy the dizzying and spectacular experience of 360° Chicago.

Lunch at leisure during the visit, then transfer to the airport.

On request : unaccompanied extended stay in Chicago (with the services of our French-speaking local partner We West for assistance and concierge).

# Accommodation