

# 12 O'CLOCK ROCK USA TOUR

## WITH DAVE COCHRANE AND RICK POINTON



### FROM 2NURFM

*If you've ever thought about visiting the U.S. of A. – and you like Elvis and Rock'n'Roll.....this is for you!!*

*This tour has been specially designed for 2NURFM's hugely popular Rock'n'Roll Programme "12 O'Clock Rock"*

*Popular 2NURFM announcer DAVE COCHRANE hosts "12 O'Clock Rock" and is a huge fan of Rock'n'Roll. DAVE also presents his fabulous "Solid Gold Party" Rock'n'Roll show around local clubs every weekend.*

*DAVE will be hosting the tour - and if that's not enough – he'll be joined by RICK POINTON.*

*RICK was lead singer/bass guitarist with Newcastle's legendary Rock'n'Roll band, Benny & The Jets. They had many hit records and appeared on countless TV shows.*

*RICK is considered Newcastle's "Rock Brain", is a Rock'n'Roll historian with one of Australia's best record collections. He also presents a feature segment every Saturday arvo, during 2NURFM's "12 O'Clock Rock"*

*DAVE and RICK don't like Rock'n'Roll....THEY LOVE IT*

*If you do too – then this fabulous tour is a must!!*



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## **Day 1 – TUESDAY 13 OCT – NEWCASTLE TO NEW YORK CITY, USA.**

Meet your fellow travelers in Newcastle and travel to Sydney by coach. Then fly off to the USA! Upon arrival meet your Tour Director at JFK airport and then transfer to your hotel. This afternoon is at leisure for you to relax at your hotel or explore more of this vibrant city.

## **Day 2 – WEDNESDAY 14 OCT – NEW YORK CITY.**

Today, enjoy a tour of the city's most famous sights: Central Park, Strawberry Fields, Dakota Building, Greenwich Village, Times Square and Wall Street. Then, cross over to Brooklyn and enjoy a PIZZA TOUR. This fun and unique tour will show you some of Brooklyn's landmarks, including Coney Island and Brighton Beach, movie locations from Saturday Night Fever, Goodfellas, and Moonstruck, and you'll also get to sample some of New York's finest pizza along the way. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

## **Day 3 – THURSDAY 15 OCT – NEW YORK CITY.**

This morning head to Battery Park, where you will catch the FERRY to Liberty Island to visit the STATUE OF LIBERTY. Then head to historic ELLIS ISLAND to learn the story of the 12 million immigrants who passed through New York. Return for a WALKING TOUR of New York's historic South Street Seaport area. This evening one roundtrip group transfer will be provided to Greenwich Village to 'The Bitter End' nightclub - NYC's oldest Rock Club. (B)

## **Day 4 – FRIDAY 16 OCT – NEW YORK CITY.**

This morning walk from your hotel to the Rockefeller Center where you will enjoy a tour of RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL. Learn about the genesis of Radio City Music Hall; explore the secrets of the Great Stage, amazing art-deco interiors and production areas. Next visit the TOP OF THE ROCK OBSERVATION DECK, where you will experience breathtaking views of New York City and beyond. This afternoon is at leisure. (B)

## **Day 5 – SATURDAY 17 OCT – NEW YORK CITY – NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.**

This morning depart for the airport for your flight to Nashville. Upon arrival enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nashville, including Centennial Park's full-size replica of Athens' Parthenon, the recording studios of Music Row, and famous Honky Tonk Row. Learn their history, their importance, and the celebrities that got their starts here. We then visit the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME to see its collection of costumes, memorabilia, instruments, and photographs. Tonight you have reserved seats for an unforgettable show at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY, the mecca for country musicians. (B)

## **Day 6 – SUNDAY 18 OCT – NASHVILLE.**

Start your day with a visit to RCA STUDIO B, Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio and one of the country's most important studios. Between 1957 and 1977, more than 35,000 songs were recorded here. Make a special recording and take it home as a memory of your time in Nashville. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the city, maybe enjoy a stroll along Broadway Street where you can listen to the best, up-and-coming musicians while you enjoy a cocktail or two? This evening head to the Wild Horse Saloon, for an excellent evening with dinner and dancing. (B,D)

## **Day 7 – MONDAY 19 OCT – NASHVILLE – MEMPHIS.**

This morning depart for Memphis by coach, the "Home of the Blues." Upon arrival, visit SUN STUDIO, probably the most famous recording studio in the world and where Rock 'n' Roll was first recorded. This historic studio launched the careers of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and many more. Then, visit the STAX MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SOUL MUSIC, a celebration of the great Memphis soul music made famous by Otis Redding, Booker T. and the MGs, Aretha Franklin, and many more. Enjoy some free time before dinner on vibrant Beale Street with its many music clubs. (B,D)

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## **Day 8 – TUESDAY 20 OCT – MEMPHIS; EXCURSION TO GRACELAND.**

After breakfast, travel to Elvis Presley's GRACELAND where you will enjoy a PLATINUM TOUR. See his private jets, the mansion, the racquetball building that houses a collection of his ornate jumpsuits and capes, his original business office, and his trophy building with the enormous collection of gold records and awards. The tour ends at the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

## **Day 9 – WEDNESDAY 21 OCT – MEMPHIS; EXCURSION TO TUPELO.**

Today we journey to Tupelo, Mississippi, to visit the ELVIS' BIRTHPLACE & MUSEUM, a small, 2-room house built by the singer's father, Vernon Presley. You will also visit the Elvis Presley Museum, featuring "Remembrance of Things Past," an exhibit displaying memorabilia from Elvis' childhood. It's here that you can see, feel, and touch where the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" began his musical journey. (B)

## **Day 10 – THURSDAY 22 OCT – MEMPHIS.**

Visit THE COTTON MUSEUM at the Memphis Cotton Exchange where you will enjoy a guided tour to learn how cotton is woven into Memphis' history, culture, and music. Next stop is The NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM, a privately owned complex of museums and historic buildings which traces the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the 17th century to the present. The museum is built around the former Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Visit Overton Park, where you will have free time this afternoon to explore. Conclude your sightseeing at the Peabody Hotel, where at 5pm you will watch the PEABODY DUCKS march towards the marble fountain in the hotel lobby. (B)

## **Day 11 – FRIDAY 23 OCT – MEMPHIS – LAS VEGAS, NAVADA.**

An early morning transfer will take you from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight to Las Vegas\*. Upon arrival in Las Vegas you will have an orientation tour of one of America's most popular holiday destinations. Your resort hotel is located in the heart of the "Strip" for easy access to all the mega-casinos and amusement parks. (B)

## **Day 12 – SATURDAY 24 OCT – LAS VEGAS.**

Enjoy a full day on your own to explore the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas. This evening enjoy a SHOW. (B)

## **Day 13 – SUNDAY 25 OCT – LAS VEGAS.**

Another full day on your own to explore the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas. Your Tour Director will have tips and suggestions to make the most of your stay, as well as a range of optional excursions - from a trip to the famous Grand Canyon, Scenic helicopter flights or a day trip to Hoover Dam. (B)

## **Day 14 – MONDAY 26 OCT – LAS VEGAS – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.**

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight to Los Angeles\*. Upon arrival in Los Angeles included sightseeing of this gigantic metropolis takes you to all of LA famous sights - Venice Beach, Santa Monica Pier, Marina Del Rey, Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame to name a few. Later, maybe join an optional Movie Star Homes Tour. (B)

## **Day 15 – TUESDAY 27 OCT – LOS ANGELES.**

After breakfast, head out for a factory tour of FENDER GUITARS. Watch as Fender staff in the Wood Mill, Metal Shop, Final Assembly and other areas practice their craft, and see actual instruments and amps take shape at each stage in their production. Finally, you will be escorted into the "Dream Factory" - the world-famous Fender Custom Shop - for an unprecedented firsthand look at the creation of the very best of Fender's best. Next visit is the GRAMMY MUSEUM. A self-guided tour will immerse you with interactive exhibits designed to explore the historical and cultural context of music, as well as the art and technology involved in the creative process of recorded sound. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner. Wonderful conversation and cuisine make the perfect finale for your holiday. (B,D)

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## Day 16 – 28 OCT – LOS ANGELES.

The crescendo to this music-themed day in Los Angeles will include a visit to the largest natural outdoor amphitheater in the United States, the HOLLYWOOD BOWL. See the museum's exhibits on the dance, pop, rock, jazz and world music that has been performed at the bowl since its opening in the 1920s. Later, you will be transferred to Los Angeles International Airport for your evening flight back home. (B)

## Day 17 – 29 OCT – IN FLIGHT

## Day 18 – 30 OCT – HOME.

After clearing Customs and Immigration you will be met by your coach driver for your trip home to Newcastle

**PRICE: \$10,495 twin share**

**\$ 2,573 single supplement**

### INCLUSIONS

- All airfares as specified in the itinerary with Delta Airlines
- Accommodation in 4 star centrally located hotels
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Private Deluxe Motor Coach as per itinerary
- The Services of a professional Tour Director will be provided throughout
- Local guides where required
- Tipping of Tour Escort and Driver
- Portage
- Return coach transfers from Newcastle to Sydney
- Travel bag
- Information nights prior to departure

### EXCLUSIONS

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified
- Beverages
- Tips and gratuities for local guides and service people.
- Optional tours
- Excess baggage
- Any item of a personal nature such as room service, telephone calls, beverage or bar

\*Conditions apply. Price is per person twin share. Flights must be booked by Travel On King on an airline of their choosing.. A minimum number of passengers are required to operate this tour. Should minimum numbers not be met we will review the operation of this tour, and additional costs may apply. Further conditions apply.