



MUSICAL ROOTS OF THE SOUTH

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Dallas, Texas to Austin, Texas

3 hours and 15 minutes/314 kilometres

Austin, Texas to San Antonio, Texas to Houston, Texas

4 hours and 15 minutes/446 kilometres

Houston, Texas to Port Arthur, Texas
to Lafayette, Louisiana to New Orleans, Louisiana

5 hours and 45 minutes/576 kilometres

New Orleans, Louisiana to Baton Rouge, Louisiana
to Natchez, Mississippi to Indianola, Mississippi

6 hours/547 kilometres

Indianola, Mississippi to Tupelo, Mississippi
to Birmingham, Alabama

3 hours and 45 minutes/468 kilometres

Birmingham, Alabama to Chattanooga, Tennessee

2 hours and 15 minutes/237 kilometres

Chattanooga, Tennessee to Gatlinburg, Tennessee

2 hours and 45 minutes/248 kilometres

Gatlinburg, Tennessee to Great Smoky Mountains,
Tennessee/North Carolina to Atlanta, Georgia

4 hours/317 kilometres

Atlanta, Georgia to Charleston, South Carolina

5 hours/483 kilometres

HOUSTON, TEXAS TO PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS TO LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Day 6

While driving along the Gulf of Mexico coastline, stop in **Port Arthur** to visit the **Museum of the Gulf Coast**, home to a hall of fame that enshrined native Janis Joplin and other Gulf Coast icons such as Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, ZZ Top, and Edgar and Johnny Winter. Continue to **Lafayette**, a vibrant south central Louisiana city settled by French Canadians in the 18th century that is known as the capital of Cajun Country. See bands playing Cajun tunes and Zydeco music at local venues, or time your visit to one of the many cultural festivals. Your final destination is **New Orleans**, where musical roots run deep. In clubs and on street corners, you're likely to hear everything from Jazz and Afro-Cuban to Dixieland, Rhythm and Blues, and Zydeco. At **Preservation Hall**, a rotating lineup of fabulous musicians play traditional New Orleans Jazz in the most intimate environment; arrive early for standing-room-only space or buy in advance one of the venue's limited seats. Another hub for live music, **Frenchmen Street**, is lined with venues such as **The Spotted Cat Music Club**, which features as many as three Jazz bands nightly. Visit the **New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park** for insight on the city that is known as the birthplace of Jazz. Cuisine and the cocktail culture are vital to the New Orleans experience. From open-air cafés to fine-dining restaurants, you'll find countless interpretations of local signature dishes, such as sugar-dusted beignets, aromatic jambalaya, and spiced, smoked Andouille sausage. Plan your journey to coincide with the **Jazz & Heritage Festival** or **Mardi Gras**.

Accommodation: 2 Nights in New Orleans, Louisiana

