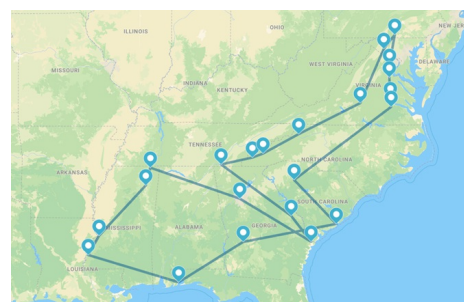




US, 25 Days · Tailor-made by car

Civil War Route

Weeks of adventure lie ahead during which you'll visit amazing places that show the true dimension of the American Civil War. You'll get to see some of the most memorable civil war sites in the country: Vicksburg, Shiloh, Gettysburg, Appomattox, Harpers Ferry, Antietam and Bentonville, where you'll discover anecdotes behind the sieges, the military strategy, the characters and their stories, which will give you a unique insight into the conflict and trigger some thought-provoking sensations. We've designed a circular tour for you that begins and ends in the tourist resort of Pensacola, in the heart of the Florida Panhandle. Cross the southern states of Alabama and Mississippi, delving into the origins of the blues and savouring the delicious culinary traditions. Mountain routes famous for their scenic treasures, such as the Trace Parkway, Cherahola Skyway or Blue Ridge Parkway, are another of the great attractions of this tour. Drive through Tennessee and West Virginia up to Gettysburg and head back via Manassas, Richmond, Petersburg, Charleston and, finally, Andersonville. Combine your passion for driving with American history and cities oozing character and tradition. Get packing now as ahead lies a truly unique journey that will change your vision of America forever.



Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till April 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - PENSACOLA

Flight departure from the city of origin to Pensacola, Florida. When you arrive at your destination, pick up your rental car and take advantage of the rest of the day to stroll through the historic quarter and unwind on its stunning beaches. Don't miss the chance to try the famous "Grits-a-ya-ya" shrimps at the "Fish House". If you can't get in, there's a host of fish restaurants and some stylish bars right on the seafront. Overnight stay in Pensacola.

● DAY 2 · PENSACOLA - NATCHEZ

Pensacola is one of the first Spanish settlements, founded in 1698. It's known as "the city of the five flags" due to the continuous changes and military conflicts it has experienced. President Lincoln himself said that the Civil War officially began in Pensacola. Its historical baggage combines with the great variety of attractions that has made it a popular holiday destination for Americans. If you have time, we recommend you visit, early in the morning, the magnificent collection of artefacts and military aircraft at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. (Note: Admission not included. Free every day from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm). On this first day of the tour, there are around five hours on the road heading westwards, snaking through the verdant plains of Alabama passing by Hattiesburg, until you finally reach Natchez, the oldest town on the Mississippi. The main attraction here is to stroll around admiring the architecture of the houses and typical mansions. Guided tours start out from the Visitor Centre. This is where the Natchez Trace Parkway ends, or begins, a former trade route used by the Amerindians and later by the European explorers. To round off the day and unwind, nothing better than the sunset over the Mississippi River. The best area is Silver Street, where we recommend the "Under the Hill Saloon", with a biker atmosphere and great music, or the Magnolia Grill to savour the delicious southern food. Overnight stay in Natchez.

● DAY 3 · NATCHEZ - VICKSBURG

The vegetation-lined US 61N is the next road you'll take, a beautiful old road with magnificent views that was once transited by settlers and tradesmen. A gentle drive of just under two hours will take you along the Natchez Trace Parkway, the road's official name, up to Vicksburg. This cliff-top town is famous for being the site of the bloodiest episodes of the Civil War, which lasted for 47 days. Today it's known as the Vicksburg National Military Park. (Note: Admission not included. Entrance fee: \$15/car). This place was a strategic point for the control of the river. The town centre cherishes some of the best-preserved buildings in the country, as well as the must-see Cedar Hill Cemetery and the USS Cairo Museum. One of the most popular places in Vicksburg for dinner is Rusty's Riverfront Grill. Overnight stay in Vicksburg.

● DAY 4 · VICKSBURG - TUPELO - CORINTH

This is the birthplace of the blues and you'll be surrounded by its tradition and references to greats such as BB King. And music is what today's drive is all about, as just four hours to the north is Tupelo, the birthplace of Elvis Presley. You can see a statue to him, visit the house where he lived in his youth, and even eat a hamburger named after him at the restaurant "Johnnie's Drive-in". Tupelo owes its name to the trees that surround this hilly area and is well-known for the battle that took place there in 1864. The battlefield isn't too big, so you can visit it quickly and then hit the road again. Corinth is your final destination today, located just 31 miles away. Overnight stay in Corinth.

● DAY 5 ·

● DAY 6 · CORINTH - SAVANNAH

In 1862, the Confederate Army suffered a massive defeat in the Second Battle of Corinth, following a harsh siege that led General Van Dorn to retreat from the town. This is one of the best-preserved battlefields in the area and will give you a great insight into the strategy of conflicts. After this, you can visit the Shiloh Military Park. Both sites have a museum and interpretation centre for visitors with interactive information. There are guided tours, film screenings and a huge collection of war material, so it's well worth spending a good part of the day here. (Note: Admission free. Opening hours from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm). Then drive less than an hour across the state of Tennessee to Savannah, a beautiful town where you'll be spending the night. If you want to try some authentic Tex-Mex food, make sure you visit "the Outpost Pickwick Dam". Overnight stay in Savannah.

DAY 7 · SAVANNAH - WAYNESBORO - CHATTANOOGA

Take Highway 64 through the Tennessee countryside, stopping off at Waynesboro, a city divided before the conflict that served as the base for Confederate cavalry. You'll find out about anecdotes here such as that of Colonel William Pl Kindrick, Jr., a prisoner who managed to escape. (Note: You can visit his house from 1854). After the visit, we recommend getting back to the car, as there are almost four hours ahead to cross the entire state of Tennessee over to Chattanooga. This is a very green and clean modern city. You'll cross over some beautiful bridges to get there and its major attractions are outdoor activities and water sports. Enjoy the views of the Bluff View Art District and Tennessee Riverpark while choosing which activity you fancy the most. Overnight stay in Chattanooga.

DAY 8 · CHATTANOOGA

The name Chattanooga comes from a native Indian term that means rock, in reference to Lookout Mountain, from where you can visit major sites of confrontations such as Ruby Falls, Point Park, Craven's House and the Incline Railway. There's a very interesting audiovisual recreation of the battles available here. (Note: Admission not included. Entrance costs \$9 and there are special packages to get to know the area). As this was a strategic riverside town with a railroad, there's lots of history linked to major war conflicts. Having control of the Tennessee River was seen as essential. Chattanooga has the largest and oldest military park in the nation. Plan your time very well because there's so much to do in this city. Options include the Raccoon Mountain Caverns or fascinating craft markets. The "Flying Squirrel" or "The FEED Co" are two great proposals for enjoying a good meal with live music. Overnight stay in Chattanooga.

DAY 9 · CHATTANOOGA - CHERAHOLA SKYWAY - ROBBINSVILLE - CHEROKEE

Back on the road to take the Cherohala Skyway, a beautiful road whose name is a portmanteau of Cherokee and Nantahala, the two national forests through which it passes. With multiple viewing points, its curves snake between mountains and forests, with several picnic stops that are well worth enjoying. And that's because driving on these roads is the epitome of enjoyment. The route is embraced by nature and has some great stop-offs, such as Robbinsville, a pocket-sized town in Graham County, North Carolina. This state was late in joining the Union, with bands known as Bushwhackers engaging in skirmishes even after the war. You can visit a small memorial to fallen soldiers and stroll through its picturesque streets before hitting the road again. In just one hour you'll get to Cherokee, a pleasant and welcoming town where you can choose from a great deal of restaurants, Indian handicraft shops and iconic venues such as the huge Harrah's Casino. Overnight stay in Cherokee.

DAY 10 · CHEROKEE - RATTLER - BOONE

It's an early rise today, as there's another fascinating drive ahead, this time winding through part of the Appalachians and the Great Smoky Mountains. Before setting off, you could pop into the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, open from 9.00 am and with tickets costing \$10. Blue Ridge Parkway is nicknamed 'America's Favourite Drive' thanks to its unparalleled views and breathtaking landscapes. With many easy-to-stop vehicle areas, you'll be allowed to stop or deviate whenever you want and capture the best snapshots. Among the surprises ahead is the so-called "Rattler", 24 miles of twists, turns and curves (290 in total) that are popular with bikers, so the atmosphere is truly authentic. And then continue your journey across the majestic Grandfather Mountain suspension bridge. Our recommendations are the Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum or a great meal at the "Iron Horse Tavern" in Hot Springs. And then it's just over 62 miles to reach Boone, today's final destination. Overnight stay in Boone.

DAY 11 · BOONE - BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY - APPOMATTOX

The town of Boone - named after the pioneer and explorer Daniel Boone (1760) - is a beautiful and refined mountain town with a buzzing university atmosphere and numerous red-brick and Art Deco buildings. Strolling down King Street, its most popular thoroughfare, is an excellent idea for chilling out or doing a spot of shopping. Then back on the road for a further four hours eastbound until you reach Appomattox. This town in the state of Virginia appears in all textbooks. History buffs from all over the world come to visit the place where the General of the Confederate States Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Unionist Ulysses S. Grant, bringing the American Civil War to an end in 1865. Plan ahead for tomorrow, as there's lots to choose from in Appomattox. Overnight stay in Appomattox.

DAY 12 · APPOMATTOX - HARPERS FERRY

The two major attractions here are the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and the American Civil War Museum. Head to the site of Lee's final surrender at Appomattox Court House, a reconstructed village with twenty-seven buildings reflecting the style of 1865. (Note: Admission not included. You can take a walking tour around the Court House; admission free from 9.00 am). The Civil War Museum boasts a permanent exhibition of more than 400 artefacts, uniforms, photographs and documents. The admission fee is usually around twelve dollars. On weekends, history lovers flock to the fascinating market to buy war-related antiques and objects. Then back on the road to Harpers Ferry, located just over 125 miles away, where in 1859 the abolitionist John Brown seized the armoury in the hope of inciting the slaves to rebellion. However, he was captured, tried for treason and hanged. This triggered major frictions between North and South. Enjoy the rest of the day at Harpers Ferry, an attractive town of steep cobbled streets and historic buildings. What's more, the town has several historical museums such as John Brown Museum. Our recommendations for eating out? Make sure you try the trout, one of the local specialities and found on the menu of the town's many restaurants. Overnight stay in Harpers Ferry.

DAY 13 · HARPERS FERRY - ANTIETAM NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK - GETTYSBURG

Another day, another journey. The Antietam National Historical Park will be one of today's highlights. Off we go! The Antietam Visitor Centre is half an hour away. Not only is Antietam one of the best-preserved battlefields in America, but it also has the dubious honour of being the site of the bloodiest single battle in US history. About 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or went missing after twelve hours of fierce combat on the fateful 17 September 1862. Today, it's a historic site open to reflection and recollection. You can visit between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, with a cost of \$10/vehicle. Round off the day with an easy 70-kilometre drive that will take you to Gettysburg. Overnight stay in Gettysburg.

DAY 14 · GETTYSBURG AND SURROUNDINGS

This small town of barely 8,000 inhabitants is famous for one of the battles that marked the course of the Civil War. It was the one with the greatest number of casualties and turned out to be a game-changing victory for the Union Army. No Civil War tour would be complete without a stop in Gettysburg, which you can explore on your own or guidedly boarded on one of the many tour buses that run through the main sites. A must-visit is the National Military Park, a place that will definitely move you. Little Round Top is another recommendation, a hill with stunning views over the city that will allow you to get an idea of what the battlefield was like. For dinner, you can go to "Dobbin House", one of the oldest restaurants in Gettysburg (1773). Overnight stay in Gettysburg.

DAY 15 · GETTYSBURG - MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK - FREDERICKSBURG

Another new day behind the wheel, heading south passing relatively close to Baltimore and Washington DC. One of the first stops could be the Battlefield National Park in Manassas, where two of the greatest battles of the Civil War took place. You can watch a film about the battle and take a tour of the battlefield. The second victory of the Confederates here thrust them to their most powerful position. If you have time, make a stop at George Washington's childhood home and visit the "Rising Sun Tavern" (1760), where the decor and waiting staff's uniforms still reflect the period. Today's final destination is Fredericksburg. A leisurely stroll through Hill Country or a visit to the underground restaurant "Vodevil" will give you an insight into the town's amazing diversity. Overnight stay in Fredericksburg.

DAY 16 · FREDERICKSBURG - RICHMOND

Start the day off at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, which is made up of four of the main Civil War battlefields and four historic buildings. Reckon on a couple of hours to explore it well. Must-sees include the tomb and the room where the Confederate general Stonewall Jackson died. (Note: You can visit this historical site on a walking tour or driving by yourself). After the visit, it's back on the road. After an hour's drive you will get to Richmond, which was the Confederate capital during the war, where you will spend the night. You can visit the American Civil War Centre there, a very well-presented chronological tour that will take you about two hours and cost around 12 dollars. You can round off the day at Monument Drive, home to huge statues of war heroes. Richmond is a beautiful city that seems to be leaving behind its southern roots. Near the James River, you can have a bite to eat at the renowned restaurant "Perly's". Overnight stay in Richmond.

● DAY 17 · RICHMOND

Today will be spent exploring Richmond and its surroundings. We recommend buying the Richmond Experience Package, as for just 24 dollars you get entrance to the Tredegar Iron Works and a guided tour of the White House and Museum of the Confederacy. If you have more time, at the Richmond National Battlefield Park you'll learn all about the struggles for the capital of the Confederacy. The impressive Virginia State Capitol Building and downtown are a great way to end the day. Fancy a good craft beer? Then head to the Answer Brewpub and soak up the atmosphere. Overnight stay in Richmond.

● DAY 18 · RICHMOND - PETERSBURG

There's only a 18-mile drive from Richmond to Petersburg. It was here that General Ulysses S. Grant cut off all of Petersburg's power lines, securing the fall of Richmond on 3 April 1865. Lee surrendered six days later. Choose between the Petersburg National Battlefield Park, which explains all the details of the war's longest military event, and the Pamplin Historical Park, which narrates the Petersburg Campaign with almost two dozen photographs in its original three-dimensional format. The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier and the Siege Museum are the other main points of interest. Overnight stay in Petersburg.

● DAY 19 · PETERSBURG - BENTONVILLE - CLINTON

Around 125 miles separate you from Bentonville Battlefield. This was the final large-scale action of the Civil War in which a Confederate army could mount a major offensive, the most important in the state of North Carolina. As a result of the crushing might of the Union and the many casualties in the battle, Johnston surrendered to Sherman. Along with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee on 9 April, Johnston's represented the end of the war as such. Start at the interpretation centre and then take a driving tour. Bentonville is one of the most complete and best-mapped battlefields (closed on Sundays and Mondays; free pass available from 9.00 am). You'll spend the night in the laid-back town of Clinton. Overnight stay in Clinton.

● DAY 20 · CLINTON - CHARLESTON

There's quite a stretch ahead today on the road. In about four hours, you'll arrive in Charleston.

One of the activities we recommend is taking a boat from Patriots Point for a cruise between the port of Charleston and Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861. (Note: Boat trip not included). Charleston is a port city with heaps of historical wealth and many attractions. An American travel magazine named it the best holiday destination in the US in 2016. It boasts some beautiful colourful houses dating from before the war. King Street is the retail hub downtown, while sauntering around the side streets is a true pleasure. All this makes Charleston a very appealing city and a paradise for lovers of haute cuisine. The "FIG" and the "167 Raw" are two of the most renowned eateries.

Overnight stay in Charleston.

● DAY 21 · CHARLESTON

There are many things to do in Charleston, but one very typical one is to visit the immense plantations that were so important for the area's economy. And that brings the traveller closer to some sad episodes of the slavery that was so rife in South Carolina. The "Middleton Place" and the "Magnolia Plantation" are two highly recommended ones. Meanwhile, the Maritime Museum is home to submarine aircraft carriers and all kinds of artefacts. Another recommended visit is the Charleston Museum (1773), considered one of the oldest in the country. Another advantage of Charleston is its proximity to the beaches of Sullivan's Island, Folly or Edisto. Another option is to admire the sunset from the Battery Row boardwalk that ends in a park dedicated to soldiers fallen in combat. Welcome to a city where it's impossible to get bored. And at the "High Wire" Pub, you can try out some of the city's best spirits.

Overnight stay in Charleston.

● DAY 22 · CHARLESTON - AMERICUS

A little more than five hours separate you from Americus, where you'll be able to rest after the long journey. The main reason for visiting is Andersonville, a town located in Sumter County - SW Georgia - which was home to Camp Sumter, the largest prison in the south for Union soldiers and which was notorious for its unhealthy conditions and its high death rate. The last history lesson today will take you to the Andersonville Cemetery. Overnight stay in Americus.

● DAY 23 · AMERICUS - ANDERSONVILLE - PENSACOLA

At the Camp Sumter Military Prison in Andersonville, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined. Almost 13,000 died in the fourteen months that the prison was open. Reality strikes here and reminds you of the cruelty of wars. (Note: free admission; open from 8.00 am). After the visit, head back into the state of Georgia and ultimately return to the starting point in Pensacola. Before packing your bags, take advantage of your last few hours maybe by listening to some live music and eating oysters at "Flounder's Chowder House". And that's the end of this authentic American road trip. Overnight stay in Pensacola.

● DAY 24 · PENSACOLA - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 25 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Charleston - Sc.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Americus - Ga.

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- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.
- ✗ Resort fee US.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

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Vicksburg - Ms



Tupelo - MS



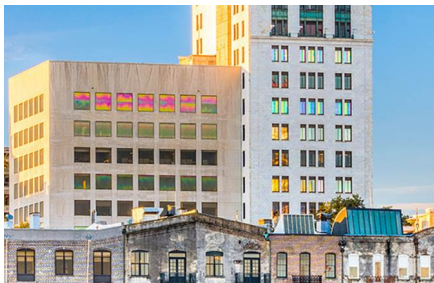
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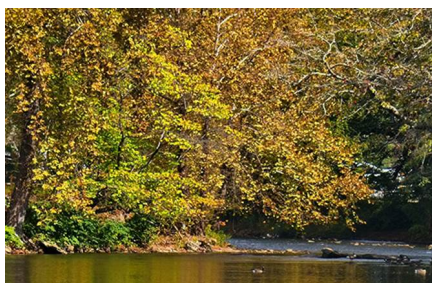
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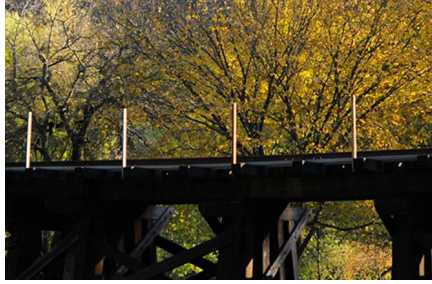
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Gettysburg - Pa



Manassas - Va



Fredericksburg - Va



Richmond - Va



Petersburg - Va



Clinton - Sc



Charleston - Sc



Americus - Ga



Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.
- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Driving in the USA: 1. Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used

to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2. It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4. Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5. Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6. We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.

- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.