

# PeoplesBank&Trust Natchez Spring Pilgrimage

March 20-24, 2023

Travel via deluxe motor coach to historic Natchez and Laurel, Mississippi. Spend one night at a casino in Biloxi on our return trip. Visit beautiful gardens and antebellum homes as we explore historic Mississippi.

**#1 March 20** Depart Buford and head south. Enjoy a wine reception at our hotel. Dinner included this evening.

**#2 March 21** Tour Laurel Mississippi, a sleepy little town made famous by the HIV series *Hometown* with **Ben and Erin Napier**. A local guide will step on our coach to introduce us to this special town which has been reinvented by this famous couple. We will see all the spots that make this show so much fun to watch. After our tour you will have time to visit Main Street with its wide brick streets and some amazing shops. See his & hers shops - Hers is the Laurel Mercantile and his is the Scotsman General Store. You don't want to miss J Parker Reclaimed. When you walk in you will notice a faint smell of sawdust surrounded by gorgeous furniture and famous paintings that line the walls. Have you ever heard of Mark Landis? Mr. Landis is a local celebrity with a notorious past. He is famous for his forgeries of famous works of art and donating them to various museums. He considers himself a philanthropist rather than a con artist. A museum art curator eventually realized that the works were fakes. Since he never was compensated for his paintings, he was just asked to stop forging great works of art. You might want to learn more on a Netflix documentary called *Art and Craft*. You can buy one of his paintings or commission him to paint one for you. All the furniture made right in Laurel is for sale or you can have a special piece made. Have lunch at one of the many restaurants on Main. Pearl's is a favorite choice with its famous down-home cooking. After lunch we will visit the Laurel Rogers Museum of Art. Dinner included this evening.

**#3 March 22** Visit one of the oldest cities on the Mississippi River. Natchez is famous for its astonishing antebellum architecture with over 600 historic homes. We will tour some of the homes and gardens which come alive with color this time of year. Natchez is known throughout the world for its spring pilgrimage season when most of the homes are open with costumed guides.

**#4 March 23** Travel to the Mississippi Gulf Coast; check into a plush casino. In the afternoon, board an authentic paddlewheel boat & watch the dolphins and other wildlife. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and waters of Biloxi Bay. This evening dinner is included and do try your luck in the casino!

**#5 March 24** After our included breakfast we will depart for home.



\$1,359 per person - Twin, \$1,130 - Triple,  
\$1,659 - Single. Insurance \$129- twin & triple,  
\$149 Single. \$200 deposit

Included: deluxe motor coach, 4 nights deluxe hotel, all  
tours & shows, 3 dinners, 1 lunch & 4 breakfasts, tickets,  
baggage handling & gratuities.