



NCSA 2024 Pre-Conference Tour of Memphis

🎵 Long distance information, give me Memphis Tennessee! 🎵

***LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE SO BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THIS SPEICAL
PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR ASAP!***

When: Friday December 6, 2024, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Meet us in the lobby of the hotel and we will board the bus together

How: During registration, select the option for this Pre-Conference tour.

Cost: \$40.00 per person (not including lunch)

Why: Memphis has impacted the world in history, sports, and music. Let's take a fun tour hitting those spots while your guide gives you all the behind the scenes knowledge you never knew you needed.

For more information, scan the QR Code below or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ncsatour24>



Stops on our tour will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

Pink Palace

Currently known as the Memphis Museum of Science and History, this gorgeous pink mansion has a unique history that changed the face of grocery stores and individual purchasing forever.

<https://moshmemphis.com/>

Mid-South Coliseum

The Coliseum has been the home to many sporting events including one of the most infamous late-night feuds in sporting history. But this building didn't just hold the greats of athletics, it was also the place where the greatest musical acts of 20th century shared their genius. Proud Mary would be glad to share her Stairway to Heaven here.

<https://midsouthcoliseum.com>

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Started in 1962, this hospital has become world renown for their breakthrough in treatment of childhood cancer and pediatric disorders. No child treated here ever receives a bill and no parent who steps through these halls is ever left unsupported.

<https://www.stjude.org>

Sun Studio

Sun Studio is renowned globally as the "Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll." This iconic studio is where musical legends such as B.B. King, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and Jerry Lee Lewis were discovered. It played a pivotal role in the evolution of genres in the 1950s, including Blues, Gospel, Country, and Rock 'n' Roll. Sun Studio is still an active recording studio today, and has hosted artists like U2, Def Leppard, Tom Petty, and John Mellencamp.

<https://www.sunstudio.com/>

Mason Temple Church of God in Christ

Built between 1940 and 1945 during World War II, it was one of the largest buildings in Memphis at the time and remains one of the largest church buildings in the United States. The temple is best known for being the location where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech on April 3, 1968.

<https://civilrightstrail.com/attraction/mason-temple-church-of-god-in-christ/>

Clayborn Temple

Clayborn Temple is perhaps best known for its role in the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike. The church served as a headquarters and meeting place for the strikers and civil rights activists. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Memphis to support the striking sanitation workers. The iconic "I AM A MAN" signs were distributed from Clayborn Temple. Today there is an "I AM A MAN" sculpture adjacent to the Clayborn Temple that pays tribute to the sanitation workers and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

<https://clayborn.org/>

FedEx Forum

Home of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies, and the University of Memphis men's basketball team. In the Forum Plaza, you will find the Memphis Rock -n- Soul Museum. The FedEx Forum is located on Beale St.

<https://fedexforum.com/>

The Memphis Pyramid

Originally built in 1991, the Memphis Pyramid opened with a concert by mother-and-daughter country artists Naomi and Wynonna Judd. In the beginning, the Pyramid was a venue for sporting and entertainment events, including many basketball tournaments, concerts (Bruce Springsteen, Mary J Blige, Prince, and more), a Rolling Stones concert, a Mike Tyson boxing event and more. Today the Memphis Pyramid is home to Bass Pro Shop with retail space, 10 aquariums, a cypress swamp, an observation deck, and the Big Cypress Lodge (104 room hotel with tree house cabins).

<https://www.memphisrocknsoul.org/>

National Civil Rights Museum

Located at the former Lorraine Motel, the site where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, the National Civil Rights Museum serves as a crucial reminder of the struggles and triumphs of the civil rights movement. It honors the legacy of Dr. King and other civil rights leaders.

<https://www.civilrightsmuseum.org/>

Optional Lunch Spots:

Central BBQ

No trip in Memphis is complete without some bbq. And Central is one of the best. The owners come from the bbq championship circuit and know their way around a pit. These pigs can fly (literally as you can have them shipped to your home) and their homemade potato chips make their nachos the best meal this side of the Mississippi.

<https://eatcbq.com>

The Arcade Restaurant

One of Elvis' favorite spots. The Arcade Restaurant, family owned restaurant, is the oldest cafe in Memphis and a beloved historic eatery located in Memphis, Tennessee, known for its classic diner atmosphere, Southern comfort food, and rich history. It has been featured in numerous films and TV shows, including "Walk the Line," "Great Balls of Fire," "Mystery Train," and "Elizabethtown," making it a notable spot in pop culture.

<https://arcaderestaurant.com/>

Slider Inn

The Slider Inn is a popular bar and restaurant located in Memphis, Tennessee, known for its relaxed atmosphere, craft beers, and gourmet sliders.

<https://www.thesliderinn.com/menu>