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DAY 1 Sunday October 5, 2014 — Los Angeles

Depart Australia on Qantas Airways flight, arriving Los Angeles same day. Sightseeing coach tour of Los Angeles, including Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Sunset Strip, and Santa Monica. Commencement of Tour Dinner. Wayne Horsburgh will sing a few songs. *Overnight:* Hotel Radisson LAX, Los Angeles. (D)

DAY 2 Monday October 6, 2014 — Las Vegas

Travel by coach, through the Mojave Desert, to Las Vegas. See lots of Joshua trees and in the distance, the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains. On arrival in Las Vegas enjoy panoramic coach tour of Las Vegas. See the incredible casino/hotel/entertainment complexes that line the famous Las Vegas 'strip' and see the historic Welcome to Las Vegas neon sign (1959). *Evening:* Wayne Horsburgh and John Howie will take the group to see some of the spectacular casino/hotel/entertainment complexes close to our hotel. *Overnight:* Imperial Palace Hotel, Las Vegas. (B)

DAY 3 Tuesday October 7, 2014 — Las Vegas

Today is a free day in Las Vegas. You may wish to explore the nearby hotel/casino/shopping complexes, such as Caesar's Palace, or visit fascinating exhibitions, such as Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition (optional). Alternatively, you may wish to go on an optional tour to the Grand Canyon (by air and coach). *Evening:* Attend long-running Las Vegas cabaret show, Jubilee! (B)

DAY 4 Wednesday October 8, 2014 — New Orleans

Fly to New Orleans, birthplace of jazz. Check into our hotel in the famous French Quarter. *Evening:* Enjoy a Creole meal in one of New Orleans' excellent restaurants. We then explore the French Quarter, including a visit to historic Preservation Hall (outstanding traditional jazz music) and a walk along Bourbon Street. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn French Quarter. (B,D)

DAY 5 Thursday October 9, 2014 — New Orleans

Morning: Coach tour of New Orleans with local guide, including visit to an above ground cemetery. See the beautiful mansions on St Charles Avenue. Also visit areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, where we will be entertained by excellent street performer, Hack Bartholomew (if available). *Afternoon:* Free time. *Evening:* Enjoy fabulous cruise, dinner and jazz music aboard a majestic Mississippi paddlewheeler. (B,Morning Tea,D)

DAY 6 Friday October 10, 2014 — Baton Rouge

Travel to the western Louisiana swamp country. On the way, visit antebellum homestead at Laura Plantation, including original slave quarters. Travel to town of Breaux Bridge, in the heart of Cajun country. *Afternoon:* Swamp Tour, by boat. See amazing wildlife (alligators and birdlife) and distinctive swamp vegetation. *Evening:* Enjoy Cajun meal and excellent live Cajun band, at restaurant or dance hall in the Breaux Bridge area, before travelling to Baton Rouge for the evening. *Overnight:* Drury Inn & Suites Baton Rouge. (B,Morning Tea,D)

DAY 7 Saturday October 11, 2014 — Memphis

Travel through Mississippi to Memphis, Tennessee, home of the blues and the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Some of today's trip will be on historic Highway 61, in the Mississippi delta region where blues music emerged. Visit the Delta Blues Museum, in Clarksdale, before continuing on to Memphis. *Evening:* Visit Beale Street, colourful entertainment precinct, including live music venues such as B.B.King's, and the Rum Boogie Café. *Overnight:* Double Tree Hotel, Memphis. (B)

DAY 8 Sunday October 12, 2014 — Memphis

Morning: Visit Graceland, Elvis Presley's famous mansion. Our tickets allow admission to all attractions at Graceland, including the mansion, grave site, Automobile Museum, etc. Then attend church service at Al Green's Full Gospel Tabernacle Church, including amazing live gospel music. *Afternoon:* Guided tour of Sun Studio (famous 1950s recording studio, where Elvis, Johnny Cash, and others recorded). Visit the National Civil Rights Museum (the motel – now museum – where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated). Visit the outstanding Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. *Evening:* Dinner at an excellent Memphis restaurant, followed by further exploration of the live music venues in Beale St. (B,D)

DAY 9 Monday October 13, 2014 — **Branson**

Travel through the state of Arkansas, and the picturesque Ozark Mountains to Branson, Missouri. Branson is famous for its many live music 'theaters', operated by entertainers like Mickey Gilley, Mel Tillis, and the Sons of the Pioneers. *Evening:* Attend a show or your choice in one of Branson's music theatres. *Overnight:* The Dutton Inn. (B)

DAY 10 Tuesday October 14, 2014 — **Branson**

A free day for you to take in some of Branson's many attractions. You may wish to attend morning and afternoon shows, and perhaps visit Old Branson Town (Branson's charming downtown shopping centre). All activities today are optional. *Evening:* Attend a show of your choice. All shows during our stay in Branson are optional (except for those at Silver Dollar City). (B)

DAY 11 Wednesday October 15, 2014 — **Branson**

Spend the day at Branson's excellent music related theme park, Silver Dollar City. Like Dollywood (in Pigeon Forge, eastern Tennessee), Silver Dollar City features live music theatres, outdoor musical performances, working craftsmen, etc. Wayne Horsburgh was a regular performer at Silver Dollar City for many years, and will do a special performance for us today. *Evening:* Attend a Branson show of your choice. (B)

DAY 12 Thursday October 16, 2014 — **Nashville**

Travel to Nashville, the home of country music. *Evening:* Dinner in our hotel before attending Opry Country Classics show at the historic Ryman Auditorium. Stars of country music perform classic songs that have defined country music for generations. *Overnight:* Embassy Suites Hotel, Nashville. (B,D)

DAY 13 Friday October 17, 2014 — **Nashville**

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Nashville, with local guide, including the downtown area, Music Row area (recording and publishing companies), and exclusive residential area (see homes of the rich and famous). We then visit the beautiful and historic Ryman Auditorium (Grand Ole Opry venue 1943-1974), for fascinating guided tour. *Afternoon:* Free time. *Evening:* Take in some fabulous live country music in Nashville's main entertainment precinct (around 'Broadway' and '2nd Avenue'). There are lots of great 'honky tonks' (live music bars) in this area, including the legendary Tootsie's Orchid Lounge. Also, you may wish to visit the Wildhorse Saloon (large live music & line dancing venue, in the same area). Another venue you may wish to visit is The Station Inn, a famous bluegrass venue near our hotel (all venues tonight optional). (B)

DAY 14 Saturday October 18, 2014 — **Nashville**

Morning: Visit the amazing Gaylord Opryland Hotel, which features 9 acres of beautiful indoor gardens. We will then visit the new Johnny Cash Museum. *Afternoon:* Free time, before visiting the outstanding Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum. *Evening:* Attend Nashville's famous Grand Ole Opry show, featuring a host of country music's biggest stars. (B)

DAY 15 Sunday October 19, 2014 — **Pigeon Forge**

Travel to Pigeon Forge, eastern Tennessee. On the way, stop in Lynchburg for a guided tour of Jack Daniel's Distillery. Also, stop in Chattanooga for lunch. Continue on to Pigeon Forge which, like Branson, has an outstanding music-related theme park (Dollywood) and numerous live music 'theaters'. *Evening:* Enjoy an informal singalong 'session' with Wayne Horsburgh, John Howie, and Gill Delaney. Please bring your instruments and voices and join in! *Overnight:* Best Western Plaza Inn Hotel, Pigeon Forge. (B,L)

DAY 16 Monday October 20, 2014 — **Pigeon Forge**

Morning: Visit Dollywood, including Dolly's excellent Chasing Rainbows Museum and fabulous live shows. Dollywood's Southern Gospel & Harvest Festival should be in progress, so we should hear some outstanding gospel quartets. *Afternoon:* Visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The trees are a blaze of colour at this time of year (autumn in the USA). *Evening:* Attend Dolly Parton's spectacular live show, Dixie Stampede. Fabulous dinner & show, including great horse riding, buffalo or longhorn cattle, etc. (Note: Dolly Parton does not appear in this show.) (B,D)

DAY 17 Tuesday October 21, 2014 — **Roanoke**

Today is the first of two days where we will be travelling through the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains / Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia. This region has a very rich folk music heritage. *Afternoon:* In the small town of Floyd, Virginia, visit the Floyd Country Store, famous for its long-running Friday Night Jamboree. Floyd Country Store is a wonderful general store (over 100 years old), dedicated to the preservation and promotion of local old-time, bluegrass and gospel music. *Evening:* Attend an 'early American' bluegrass 'session' in Roanoke. This weekly event, involving about 12-15 musicians, has been happening for many years. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Express, Roanoke. (B,D)

DAY 18 Wednesday October 22, 2014 — **Washington D.C.**

Today we drive from Roanoke to Washington D.C. We will stop in the historic town of Lexington. Visit the impressive Virginia Military Institute and the prestigious Washington and Lee University. *Late Afternoon:* Arrive in Washington D.C. *Evening:* Tonight we will explore D.C.'s live music venues. We may visit a venue called Madam's Organ, in the suburb of Adams Morgan. Wednesday night is bluegrass night, and Bob Perilla & the Big Hillbilly Bluegrass Band should be playing (optional). *Overnight:* Hotel Harrington Washington D.C. (B)

DAY 19 Thursday October 23, 2014 — **Washington D.C.**

Morning: Comprehensive coach tour of Washington D.C. with local guide. Visit Arlington National Cemetery (see President Kennedy's grave), the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. See the White House, the Washington Monument, the Capitol and many other famous landmarks. *Afternoon:* Free time. You may wish to join John Howie and Wayne Horsburgh on a visit to some of the wonderful Smithsonian museums, including the Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History (see the original Star-Spangled Banner), and the National Museum of the American Indian. *Evening:* Visit one of Washington D.C.'s interesting nightlife precincts; e.g. Georgetown. You may like to visit Blues Alley, a supper club in Georgetown, for excellent live jazz (optional). (B)

DAY 20 Friday October 24, 2014 — **Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Today we travel through Pennsylvania, towards New York. Guided tour of Gettysburg National Military Park (site of Civil War's Battle of Gettysburg,1863). Continue on to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This region is home to the 'Pennsylvania Dutch', including the Amish people. Many of these people wear dark, plain clothing and some travel in horse-drawn buggies. Coach tour of the Amish region with local guide. Have lunch with Amish family in an Amish farmhouse. We will also visit an Amish farmers' market. Continue on to the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania, about 85 miles from New York. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Allentown. (B,L)

DAY 21 Saturday October 25, 2014 — **New York**

Morning: Sightseeing Coach Tour of New York, with local guide. Visit Midtown area, Central Park, Harlem, Wall Street financial district, and Ground Zero (World Trade Center site). *Afternoon:* Free time. John Howie will take those interested to the Empire State Building (optional). Observatories on the 86th and 102nd floors offer spectacular views of New York. *Evening:* Attend a Broadway musical or theatre production of your choice (optional). *Overnight:* Millennium Broadway Hotel New York. (B)

DAY 22 Sunday October 26, 2014 — **New York**

Morning: Attend a colourful New York church service, featuring outstanding live gospel music. Then enjoy a cruise on New York Harbor, aboard the famous Staten Island Ferry. See the Statue of Liberty. *Afternoon:* Free time. John Howie will take those interested for a walk on the Brooklyn Bridge. Alternatively, you may like to go shopping. New York is a shoppers' paradise; in addition to famous department stores, like Macy's, Bloomingdale's, and Saks Fifth Avenue, the 'Big Apple' has every kind of shopping experience you could imagine. *Evening:* Visit Manhattan's Greenwich Village area. In the 50s, 60s and 70s musicians such as Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Peter, Paul & Mary, Joan Baez, and Simon & Garfunkel used to perform in 'the Village'. Today Greenwich Village still has lots of good live music venues. We will have our End-of-Tour Dinner in the 'Village' before taking in some live music. (B,D)

DAY 23 Monday October 27, 2014 — **Depart New York**

Free time for shopping and packing. *Mid-Afternoon:* Transfer to airport, to commence return trip to Australia. (B)

DAY 24 Tuesday October 28, 2014 — **In flight**

DAY 25 Wednesday October 29, 2014 — **Arrive back in Australia**

Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.

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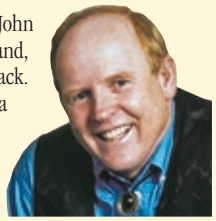

John Howie will be the tour leader/manager. Since 1995 John has led many successful music tours of Ireland, Scotland, Europe, the U.S., New Zealand and the Australian outback. He has also led many successful music cruises. John is a musician and former secondary school music teacher. He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers, one of Australia's leading country music / easy listening / vocal harmony acts.

Tour Price

The tour price is	$ 8995 per person, twin share
Air taxes as of 10/12/13 are	$ 860
Total tour price is	$ 9855 per person, twin share
Single Supplement	$ 1620

Included in the tour price :

- Return economy-class airfare to USA flying Qantas Airways (ex Sydney/Melbourne/ Brisbane). Economy-class air travel within the USA.
- 22 nights' accommodation in centrally located first-class and moderate first-class hotels, with private facilities, on twin share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals: Breakfasts daily (mostly Full breakfasts; some Continental); 9 dinners; 2 lunches; 2 morning teas.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Admission to the following music concerts/events: Jubilee! show, Las Vegas; Preservation Hall, New Orleans; live jazz music on Mississippi Paddlewheeler, New Orleans; Cajun band, Breaux Bridge area; gospel music at Al Green's church, Memphis; live music performances (including Wayne Horsburgh performance) at Silver Dollar City, Branson; Grand Ole Opry and Opry Country Classics shows in Nashville; music session with Wayne Horsburgh, John Howie & Gill Delaney, Pigeon Forge; live music, including gospel quartets, at Dollywood, Pigeon Forge; Dixie Stampede, Pigeon Forge; 'early American' music session, Roanoke; gospel music at church service in New York. Lots of other live music will be free, in the 'honky tonks' in places like New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. Also, lots of fun-filled, informal singalong sessions with Wayne Horsburgh, John Howie & Gill Delaney.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person.
- Tour escorted throughout by well-known Australian & International entertainer, Wayne Horsburgh.
- Tour managed throughout by John Howie, of The Howie Brothers, including organisation of excursions, almost every night of the tour, to hear the best of American music. John has been leading outstanding annual music tours to America for 13 years.
- You can extend your stay in America at no additional airfare cost (air taxes may be additional). Please check with us for optional tours, car hire, hotels, bed & breakfasts, etc

Not included in the price:

- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and morning teas that are 'included' are marked B, L, D, and 'Morning Tea', in the itinerary.
- Entrance to concerts/entertainment events, other than those listed above.
  Entrance to any other musical entertainment to be paid direct. Some entertainment venues, in places such as Beale Street (Memphis), 'Broadway' district (Nashville), and the French Quarter (New Orleans) have a modest cover charge, but many have free admission.
- International airport and departure taxes above the rate quoted.
- Domestic flight connections to and from departure cities.

Gill Delaney

Gill Delaney (accordion/ukulele/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will join the tour as an assistant tour leader and musician, and will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with John and Wayne and the tour group.

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