

SICU2 Sunday Excursion

After the work of the SICU2 workshop is finished, participants will have the opportunity to see a bit of the region together during the Sunday Excursion on 24 June. Details and estimated costs of this Excursion are given below. In considering the Excursion, please note that the weather here in June can be very warm (maximum of about 90°F or 32°C) and humid during the day.

By email to sicu2@olemiss.edu, please let us know your interest and preferences as soon as possible so that Excursion arrangements can be made. Any costs for the attractions will be paid for by Excursion participants.

For **all** those who are interested in the Sunday Excursion, please tell us if you would like

- PART 1 **only** (9 am - 2:30 pm)
- Both** PART 1 and PART 2 (9 am - 5:30 pm)

For anyone interested in PART 2, please tell us your top choice of tour:

- Graceland Tour
- Music-Themed Tour
- Walking Tour of Downtown
- other

Details (tentative) of the Sunday Excursion, for 24 June:

PART 1 -- Tunica, Mississippi: (estimated cost is \$35 not including lunch)

- depart Oxford by bus by 9 am for Tunica, MS (~1.5 hrs);
- visit the Tunica RiverPark Museum (~2 hrs, offers an introduction to the history & culture of the Delta region and the Mississippi river, and provides an opportunity for a "nature" walk along the river);
- take the Tunica Queen river boat ride on the Mississippi for sightseeing and lunch (~1.5 hrs).

PART 2 -- Memphis, Tennessee: (estimated cost is \$40)

- go into Memphis for either a tour of **Graceland** (the home and estate of Elvis Presley=
http://www.elvis.com/graceland/tours/elvis_overview.asp).

OR

- take a **music-themed tour** of Memphis, to include some a combination of *Sun Studios*=
<http://www.sunstudio.com/>; the Smithsonian-Affiliated *Memphis Rock 'N Soul Museum*=
<http://www.memphisrocknsoul.org/home.htm>, and the *Soulsville Stax Museum*=
<http://www.soulsvilleusa.com/>).

OR

- take a **walking tour of downtown** Memphis, possibly to include a visit to the *Cotton Museum*=
<http://www.memphiscottonmuseum.org/>; a stroll down historic *Beale Street*=
<http://www.bealestreet.com/home.html>; a tour of the *Gibson Guitar Factory*; and a *monorail ride* over the harbor to *Mud Island River Park* (showcases the Mississippi River; the park also features an 18-gallery Mississippi River Museum, and a 5-block-long Riverwalk model" = <http://www.mudisland.com/index.asp>).

TWO CHOICES OF EXCURSION LENGTH

- (a) Participants can opt to do PART 1 only, then be taken to the airport to arrive there about 2:30 pm.
 - (b) Participants can choose to do PART 1 **and** PART 2; they will arrive at the airport about 5:30 pm.
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