



CHICAGO Living the Blues is a Road Trip along Highway 61 from New Orleans to Chicago through Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.



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Living the Blues is a Road Trip into the roots of the blues and the road from New Orleans to Chicago. It's predominantly a picture book with some background and descriptions. The focus is on New Orleans, Memphis, Chicago, and the Highway 61 - the Blues Highway, and the most significant record companies and their artists, sights, clubs to visit, historic places. A book to be inspired by and to plan your own Road Trip with, that will really bring it home to you that the blues is alive and well and has so much diversity and richness to offer.

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The journey begins in New Orleans, goes deep in the bayous, and winds up along the Mississippi on Highway 61 to Chicago.

You can make the trip about 1,400 km, but then you will miss out on a lot.

We drove a total of 2400 km in three weeks and got to really see most of it!

The story of the birth of the blues doesn't start in New Orleans, but in Western Africa by way of slaves who were shipped to the United States and put to work on the southern plantations. There were no instruments among the slave workers, so they sang, clapped, drummed and stamped with their feet. This African music

blended with the white music from the New World that the seafarers and colonists from Europe had brought along. On Congo Square in the late 18th century everything began.

In New Orleans, jazz and the blues begin to evolve, and on the trip north of the Mississippi, the Delta Blues grew strong. In the late 40s, rock 'n' roll put down roots in Cosimo Matassa's legendary studio in New Orleans.

Though the US Civil War freed the slaves, the United States were marked by racial discrimination in the late 19th century and far into the 20th.



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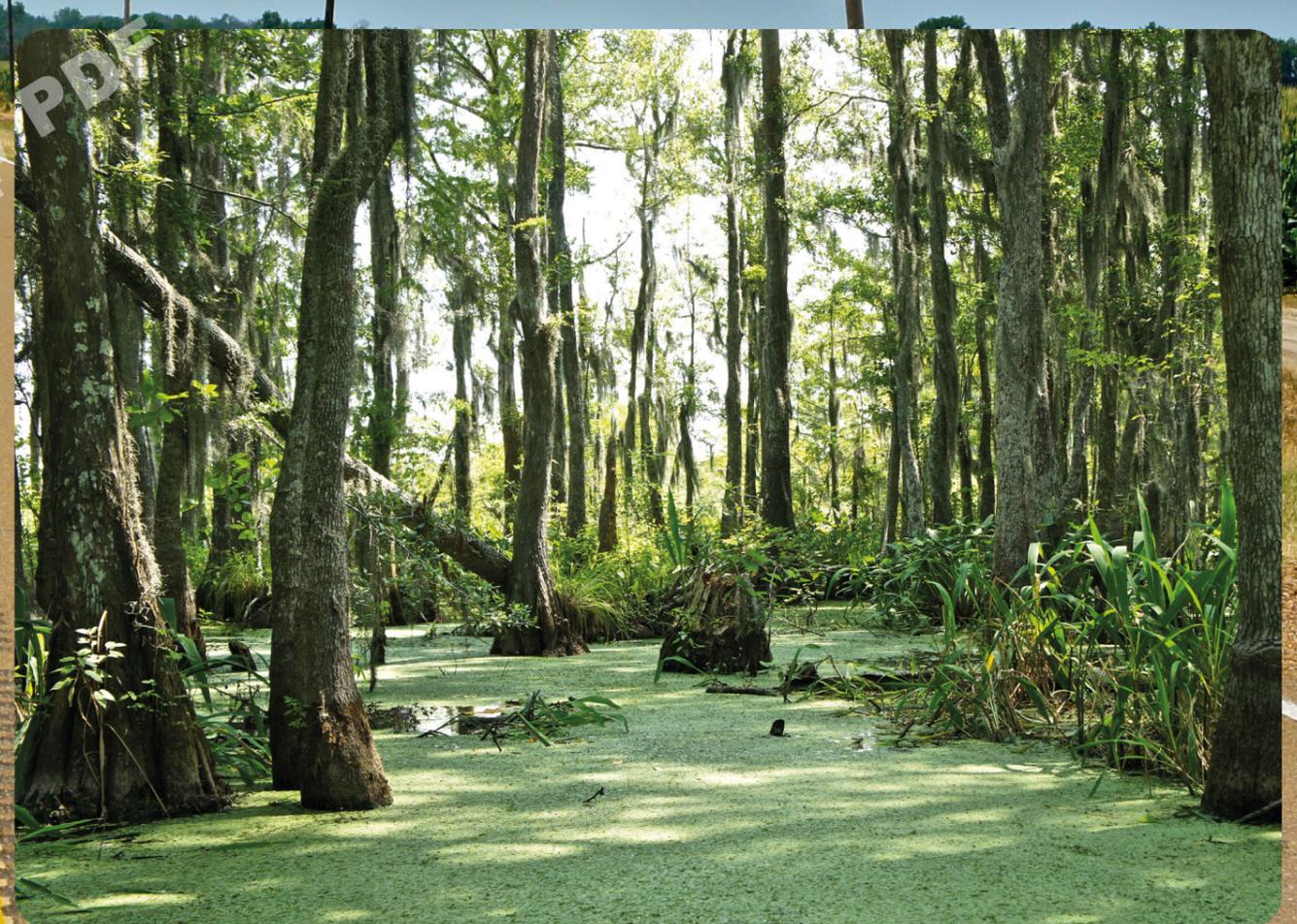
Honey Island Swamp

Swamps are home to alligators, they live in the open and the people living down here have sturdy fences around their homes.

Honey Island was named for the honey bees that live in trees hollowed by termites. There is plenty of honey!

The alligators come up against the boat so you better stick to the inside of the railing to stay out of danger.

It's a dramatic and unique environment, and fishermen and shrimp trawlers live on the Bayou.



French Quarter

Banana Courtyard Bed & Breakfast

We found the most incredible and most unlikely Bed & Breakfast on the edge of the French Quarter. An older couple who dedicate most of their home to guests. Each room has a particular style, and there's a common breakfast in the morning for guests.

Exciting meetings and rewarding conversations. And of course there is a big bunch of bananas on the table.

We were handed a cold beer on arrival and supplied with lots of great advice. There was also safe parking for our rental car.

Staying in the French Quarter is highly recommended, since you can reach all music and restaurants on foot.



Bourbon Street and French Market

In central New Orleans you will find The French Market that applies in the daytime and in the evening French Quarters with Bourbon Street and Frenchmen is where it all happens. There are hundreds of bars, restaurants and music venues. Everywhere the music flows and characterizes the atmosphere.



