



It's all within a *Day Trip* of Memphis

Have you walked in the footsteps of Civil War Soldiers at **Fort Pillow**? Can you imagine yourself in the 19th century living among beautiful antebellum homes and architecture in **La Grange**? Did **Alex Haley's** words inspire you to trace your heritage?

All of these activities are a day trip away from Memphis! Every Day Trip begins in Memphis and takes you out to explore the surrounding towns and their unique heritage, culture, and history. View our award-winning video series that will help you plan your day trip through rural Shelby, Fayette, Tipton, and Lauderdale counties.

Civil War Travelers

Memphis, Tennessee

Mississippi River Bluff – Battle of Memphis (June 6, 1862) – a quick battle that began at 5:40AM and the Confederate Army surrendered before noon to Lt. Charles R. Ellet.

Contraband Camps – Referred to as “New Africa,” these camps were filled with contrabands (runaway slaves). In the Memphis Area there were 3 main camps: Camp Shiloh and Camp Fiske (Near Fort Pickering) and Camp Dixie (President’s Island).

Hunt Phelan Home – The ca. 1840 Federal-style house was designed by architect Robert Mills. This was General Ulysses S. Grant’s War Headquarters.

Randolph, Tennessee

Forts Wright & Randolph (1861) – The site of Confederate soldier training camps located on either side of the Hatchie River. Nathan Bedford Forrest, “Wizard of the Saddle,” began his military career here.

Henning, Tennessee

Alex Haley House Museum – Alex Haley, famous author of “Roots”, lived here from 1921-1929. “Roots”, is a 1976 Pulitzer-winning book that has inspired a mini-series and many people to trace their heritage.

Fort Pillow (1861) – Built on the bluff in 1861, the fort was used as a trading center by both troops. On April 12, 1864, Confederate veterans assaulted the fort, resulting in many casualties.



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Historic Architecture Travelers

Memphis, Tennessee

Magevney House (1830s) – Owned by the Irish immigrant, Eugene Magevney, this pre-Civil War, 1830s, middle class home is one of the oldest remaining residences in the area.

Mallory Neely House (1852) – Located in the Victorian Village district, this Italian villa-style mansion contains many original furnishings and interior qualities. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

Collierville, Tennessee

Historic Collierville Main Street (1835) – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the location of Collierville, at the edge of four counties, made this city a vital and important stop on the Railroad line.

La Grange, Tennessee

La Grange (1819) – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this town is known as the antebellum center of wealth, education, and culture. The small town still has a large collection of antebellum architecture.

- Immanuel Church (1834)
- Woodlawn Plantation (1828)
- Northcross Home (1838)

Bartlett, Tennessee

Davies Manor Plantation (1807) – The oldest home in Shelby County, this 2-story log frontier house sits on a 640-acre Revolutionary War land grant.

