

Tracks of the Deep South; A DIY roadtrip- Part 8 Pensacola Beach

Pensacola Beach

We were up early at New Orleans, ready to check out of our hotel and retrieve the car- hopefully loading would be less stressful than unloading. It was and by 9am we were on our way. Our next and final for this trip stop was Pensacola Beach, Florida. To get here we

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travelled 3 hours through Alabama, some of which was spent singing Sweet Home Alabama (bet you sing that out loud!).

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Our final few miles into Pensacola Beach

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area were so exciting as we crossed into Florida for the first time, the foliage immediately changed and it felt like we had reached exotic lands.

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We crossed a large bridge to get to Pensaco-

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la Beach as it's located on a large spit, and excitement levels were off the radar by the time we parked up at our hotel, The Hampton by Hilton ON Pensacola Beach. We'd splashed out on this last evening and I'm so glad we did. As soon as we arrived we were greeted with vast white sands and beautiful blue sea. Our room looked over the sea with a balcony, and we were lucky enough to get early check in. I had to pinch myself, I couldn't believe we were here and it looked just as good as online!

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We wasted no time, apart from a quick room beer on the balcony- we changed into our beach wear and got in the sea! It was paradise. Just perfection.

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We had a lovely lunch at the beach bar, called crabs, and had a fun chat and beers with a couple of brothers vacationing here from New Orleans. They made us laugh when they said we ‘survived’ New Orleans and therefore obviously ‘did it right’.

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We had the most wonderful afternoon walking some of the beach and the large pier, where we had our first pelican experience ! We did some sun bathing, and had a couple of cocktails.

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As the sun went down we changed and went back to the beach bar for dinner. We enjoyed red snapper, caught locally with potatoes and asparagus. It was delicious and very nice to have some non fried food!

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We slept with our curtains open so we could see the moonlight on the sea, and it fair to say the mood was sombre as we packed our cases on Saturday morning. We managed breakfast on the beach and an hour in the sea - plus a two mile walk up the beach and back.

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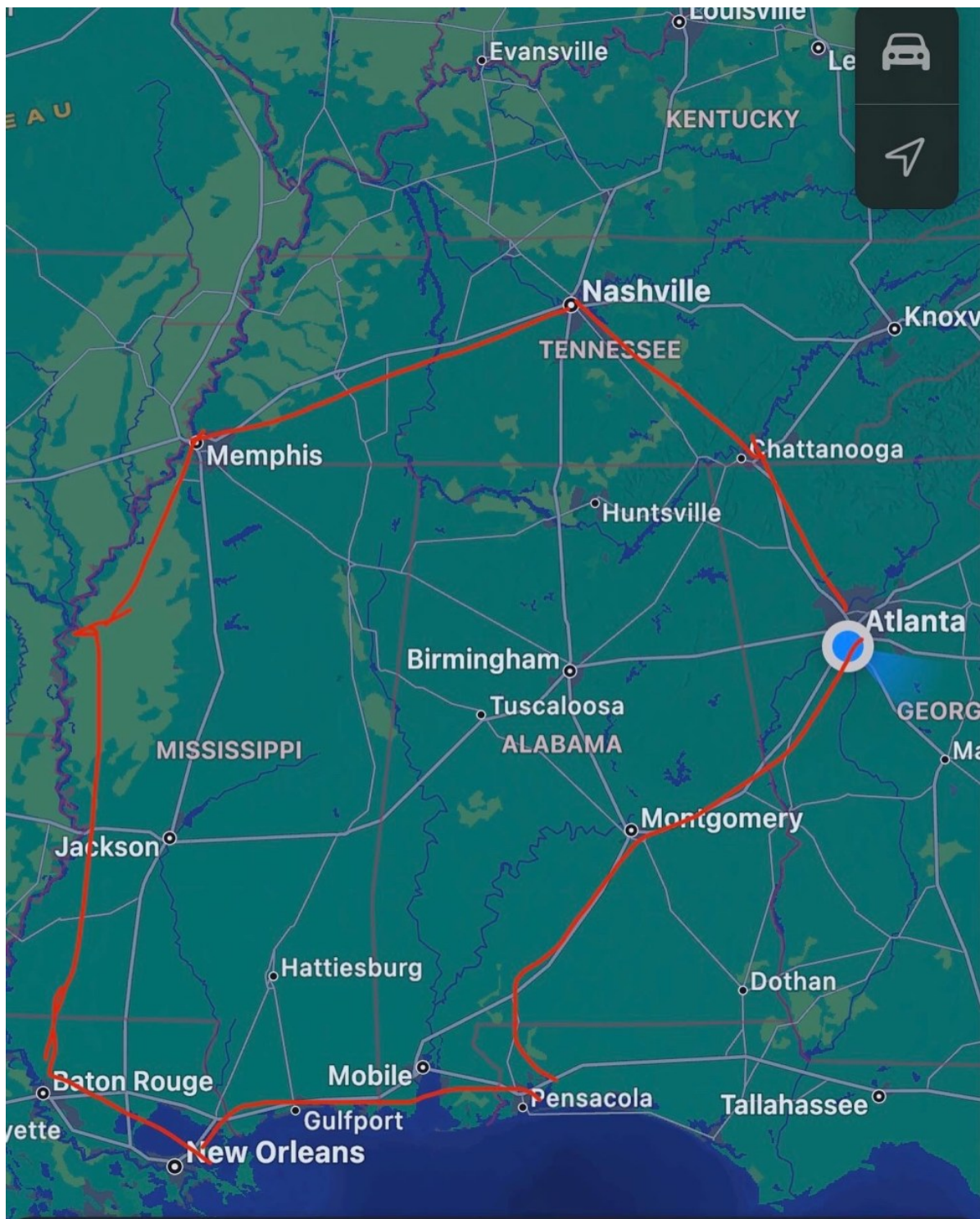
But we could put it off no longer, it was time to turn the car's wheels back towards Atlanta. We Adored our night on Pensacola Beach and will definitely return sometime.

We had travelled full circle! Crossing the border and the time zone line back into Georgia an hour south of Atlanta Airport late Satur-

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day afternoon. 6 states and approx 1500
miles in 14 days! 5 tanks of fuel at between
£30-£40 per fill and thousands of pictures!
Memories to last a lifetime!

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It turned out to be the trip of a lifetime and

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one we would highly recommend especially if you're a music or American civil war fan.

It's actually not going to be too much longer before you hear from us again.... In 4 weeks to be precise. Stay tuned to see where we're off to next ☺ hopefully we can enjoy the run up more for this one!

Until next time

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