



Natchez Trace

A taste of southern Comfort

*Indian mounds and antebellum mansions;
wild turkeys and magnolias*

7 Days, \$995
(Single supplement: \$200)
Begins and ends in Jackson, Miss.
April 12-19, 1997.

■ **What's included:** Please see page 17.

Is this the right trip for you? Our typical cycling day is 30-40 miles of flat and gently rolling terrain, making this an ideal trip for the casual cyclist.

No road in America carries as much history as the Natchez Trace. Carved out 8000 years ago by deer, it was later used by Choctaw Indians, Mississippi boatmen, outlaws, itinerant preachers, and Civil War troops. Today the Trace is a cyclist's paradise, an artfully landscaped route of enormous natural beauty. We'll make our way past Port Gibson, the town that Ulysses S. Grant called "too pretty to burn" to Natchez, a town first settled by mound-building Indians that still feels much as it did when traders on the Mississippi used it for their base. Finally we retrace the route of a vast Confederate army during the battle of Vicksburg.

- ★ Cycle peacefully past flowering dogwoods, grand magnolia, and sprawling cypresses bearded with Spanish moss.
- ★ Stand atop the 8-acre Emerald Mound, the nation's second-oldest Indian mound.
- ★ Picnic at romantic Windsor Ruins, once the grandest of the southern estates, now reduced to kudzu-covered columns.
- ★ Watch a great blue heron swoop down for a trout dinner in the legendary Cypress Swamp.
- ★ At Vicksburg's evocative national park, high on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, relive the seige and attacks that changed the course of the Civil War.
- ★ Sip mint juleps at a grand antebellum mansion, a Civil War cannonball still embedded in its walls.

