

# ROAD TRIPS

antagonists Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton lived within blocks of each other, and you'll see their former homes on the tour.

A soul-food lunch at Sylvia's is part of the \$35 package. You can eat favorite Southern dishes like fried chicken or barbecued ribs and collard greens. Tours leave Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from 1457 Broadway. Call 212-302-2594.

## The Great Gangster Tour

**Chicago, Illinois**—In this blast from Chicago's notorious past, costumed gangsters take you for a two-hour ride on a black school bus past old Mob hot spots. The historically accurate (yet tongue-in-cheek) tour includes sites of Prohibition-era brothels and gambling dens.

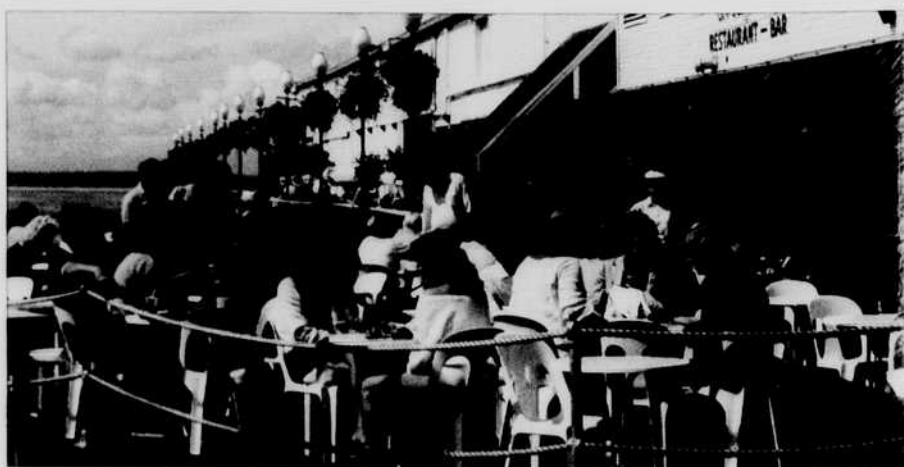
You'll pass the hotel from which Al Capone once ruled the Windy City, then stop at the site of the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre, where six mobsters (and an optometrist) were iced by Big Al's gang. Beware: you, too, may witness a hijacking, shooting, or some other surprise as you



These nasty gangster guides will give you the dirt on Chicago's wicked past from inside a bus decorated with pictures and mementos of all the bad guys.

ride with the dirty rats who run this joint. The \$17 tours leave Wednesday through Sunday at noon from the Here's Chicago exhibit (Michigan and Pearson avenues). Call 312-881-1195.

—Jane Clover



You can get six oysters for \$6.95 and watch the ferries come in at Elliott's Oyster House and Seafood Restaurant in Seattle.

## DESTINATIONS

# On the Waterfront

*Mussels, music, and maritime shops are only part of what you'll find at these lively historic ports.*

### Laclede's Landing

**St. Louis, Missouri**—These nine blocks of cobblestone streets are made for pub crawling. Most of the 27 restaurants and bars lining them stay open until 3 a.m. and offer everything from jazz to heavy metal, often with no cover.

Start at Muddy Waters, where the house band performs a nightly rock-music/stand-up-comedy act. For cheap eats, try Timbers (720 N. First St.), where you can sample toasted ravioli, an area specialty, for \$3.95. Call the Laclede's Landing Merchants' Association at 314-241-5875.

### Old Port Exchange

**Portland, Maine**—Fire once destroyed the 20-block area between Middle and Commercial streets, but it has since been rebuilt. Now fishing and lobster boats again pull right up and dock next to the area's Victorian buildings.

From the waterfront, you can go seal-watching (\$8) or whale-watching (\$25). Or stay on shore and take in the treasure-chest atmosphere inside Shipwreck and Cargo (Moulton and Fore streets), where antique nautical items cost 95 cents to \$1,000. After dark, the Blue Moon Restaurant (425 Fore St.) has live jazz on the weekends—no cover. Call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 207-772-4994.

### The Waterfront

**Seattle, Washington**—Ships no longer leave from this historic waterfront area, now the one-mile stretch of old piers is jammed with novelty stores and cafes instead.

Ye Olde Curiosity Shop and Museum on Pier 54 sells everything from totem poles to jumping beans. Eating fish and chips next door at Ivar's Fish Bar is a Seattle tradition. For \$2.70, you get three pieces of fish, fries, and a patio seat.

While at the piers, you can catch a ferry to one of the nearby islands (less than \$4 round trip). Call the Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 206-461-5840.

### River Street

**Savannah, Georgia**—The 19th-century brick warehouses that extend for a half-mile along the Savannah River once stored cotton; today they're home to about 55 restaurants and shops. Sample native Low Country cooking at W. G. Shuckers (225 W. River St.), where a bowl of Savannah Red Rice—sausage, onions, peppers, rice, and spices—costs \$1.95.

Cap'n Sam's Cruises (9 E. River St.) offers paddle-wheel river tours for \$6.50. Or see one of the nation's largest ship-in-a-bottle collections at Ships of the Sea Museum (503 E. River St.). Call the Savannah Waterfront Association at 912-234-0295.

—Hope Edelman