

# The King's Guide to Memphis for Elvis-Obsessed Travelers

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Long live the King. Today would have been Elvis' 80th birthday. And in his honor, we present the Memphis Map for Elvis Fans, a fabulous travel resource, whether you want to know everything about the singer's life in Memphis or just see a different side of the city he called home.

The detail of this meticulously researched and hand-illustrated map is mind-blowing, with a whopping 137 factoids, from the riveting to the just plain quirky. It is the passion project of two New York-based superfans, Andrea Shaw and Alan Grossman, who are experts on everything Elvis. (In fact, they're so obsessed that at their 1991 wedding they had a life-size cutout of the King on display.)

The map is divided into three sections: Downtown, which includes a self-conducted walking tour; Greater Memphis, with a panorama of the city and landmarks from Elvis' life; and Graceland, with painstaking details of the whole spread.

Here are some of the memorable highlights from the map and Elvis' life:

## ALABAMA AVENUE HOME

*Address:* 462 Alabama Ave. (former site)  
*What:* Elvis' family once had a rental apartment here. It is where Elvis lived when he made the transition from truck driver to southern music star.



## BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

*Address:* 899 Union Ave. (former site)  
*What:* This hospital was the location for numerous Elvis moments, happy and sad: it is where Lisa Marie was born and where he was pronounced dead.



## CROWN ELECTRIC

*Address:* 353 Poplar Ave. (former site)  
*What:* Elvis once drove a delivery truck for this company.



## ELLIS AUDITORIUM

*Address:* 225 N. Main St. (former site)  
*What:* Home to many an Elvis memory, from his high school graduation to the place where he met his back-up singers, the Jordanaires.



## SUZORE #2 THEATER

*Address:* 279 N. Main (former site)  
*What:* This used to be the local cinema; the young Elvis caught flicks here and once hid in the aisles from his parents.



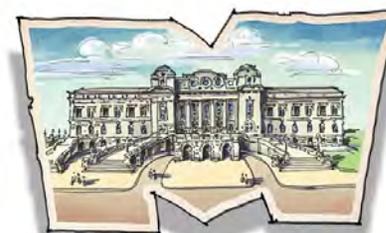
## TAYLOR'S RESTAURANT

*Address:* 710 Union Ave.  
*What:* This canteen was the unofficial HQ of Sun Studio; musicians like Elvis hung out here.



## UNION STATION

*Address:* G.E. Patterson between 2nd and 3rd St. (former site)  
*What:* Here, you'll find the one-time location of Union Station — where Elvis departed by train for New York City to film the Ed Sullivan Show.



*The map is available on Amazon for \$9.95 and also sold locally in Memphis landmarks like the Peabody Hotel, Sun Studio, Lansky Bros., A. Schwab, and Graceland's gift shop.*