

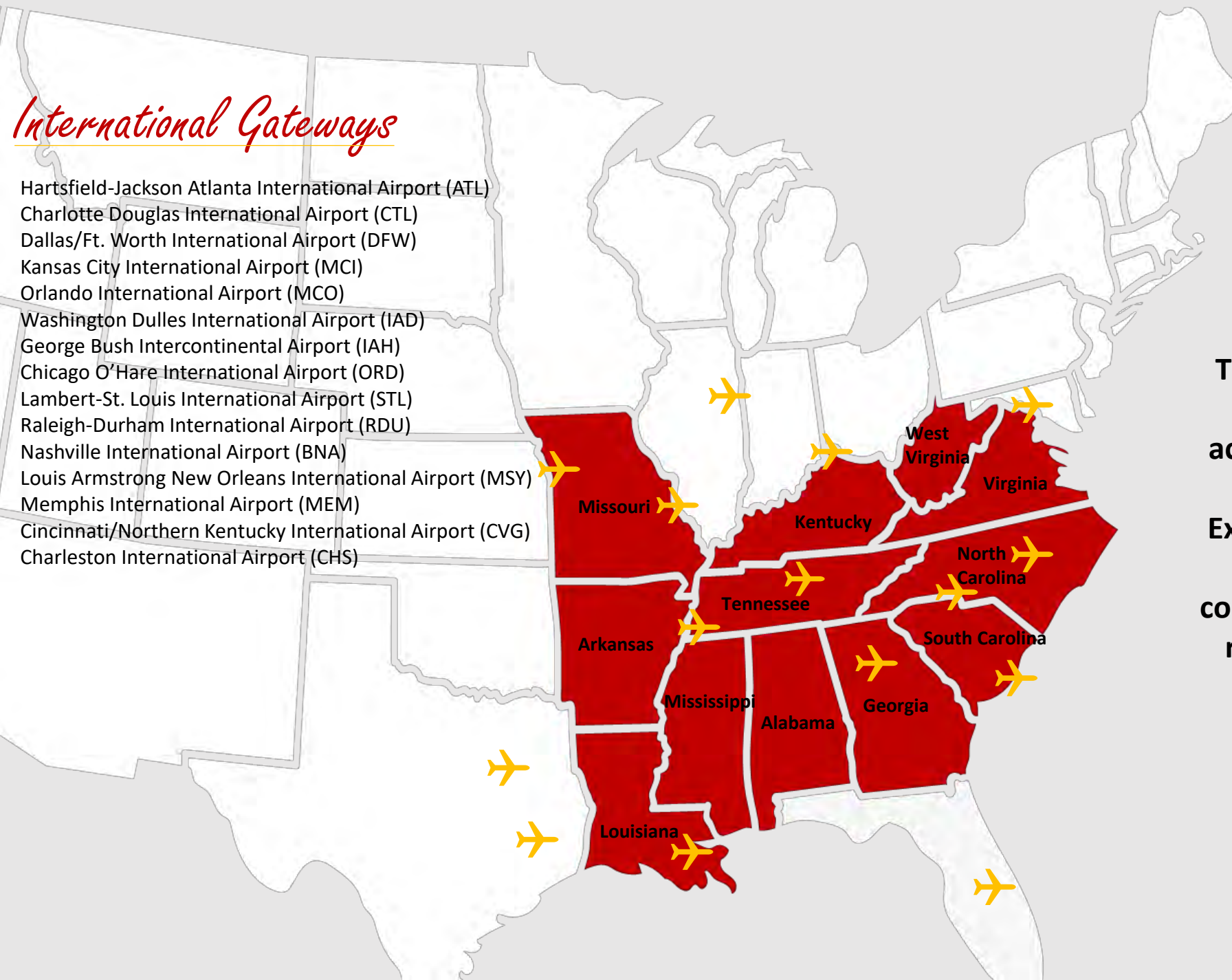
A collage of Southern food and drink. In the background, there's a large pile of cooked crawfish. In the foreground, a bowl of gumbo with shrimp and a black spoon is visible. To the left, there are slices of French bread. To the right, a glass of beer with a thick head of foam sits next to a bottle of Ibita Beer. Another crawfish is on the bottom right. The entire scene is set on a newspaper.

Sights, Sounds & Flavors

**A Guide to a Perfect trip to
Louisiana and Alabama**

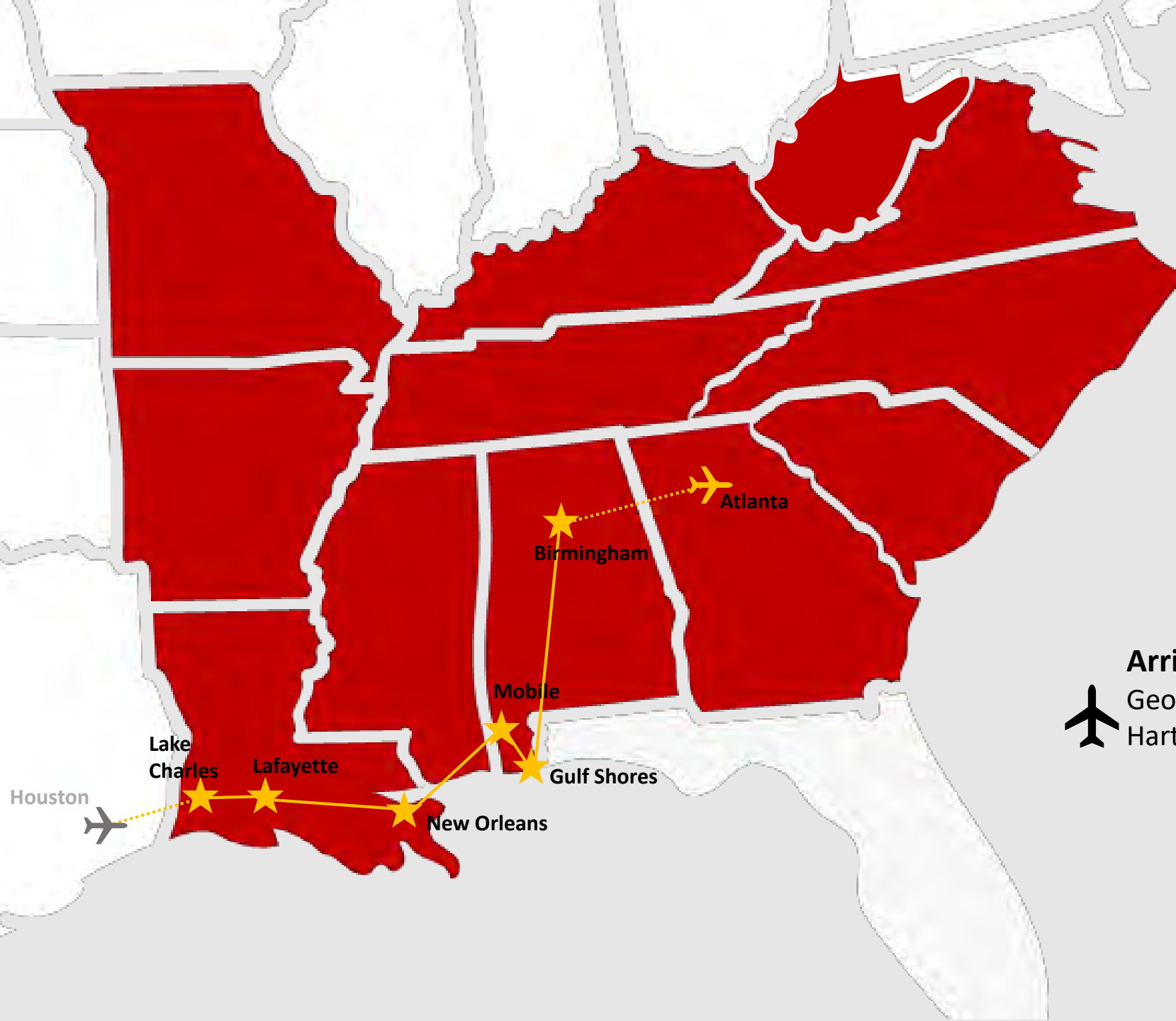
International Gateways

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CTL)
Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport (DFW)
Kansas City International Airport (MCI)
Orlando International Airport (MCO)
Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL)
Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)
Nashville International Airport (BNA)
Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
Memphis International Airport (MEM)
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG)
Charleston International Airport (CHS)



**The American South welcomes you
to take a trip on the open road
across 12 authentic southern states.**

**Experience a mix of charming towns
and vibrant metropolitan
communities, local culinary favorites,
rich music, amazing outdoors and
true hospitality!**



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Driving Distance: 1,580 km



Suggested Time: 2 Weeks

Arrival/Departure Airports:



George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

A close-up photograph of several blue crabs resting on a weathered wooden plank. The crabs have vibrant blue legs and a greenish-brown carapace. A semi-transparent white circle is centered over the image, containing the text "Lake Charles" in a red, cursive font.

Lake Charles



Southwest Louisiana's Culinary Traditions

Jambalaya, gumbo, spicy crawfish, boudin and bread pudding, these are just a few things you can sample of Southwest Louisiana's famous Cajun French and Creole cuisine.



Louisiana's Outback

Start on the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road, which passes through marshland wilderness and Gulf of Mexico beaches in Southwest Louisiana, where you're likely to spy alligators, marine life and some of more than 400 species of birds.



Lafayette



Come for the Food, Stay for the Music

There's no better way to marry the two than at a Lafayette festival, where those unique flavors – often accompanied by the sounds of live zydeco and Cajun music – come to life.



New Orleans



Sounds of New Orleans

Always, forever, the city's music is its beating heart – especially true during Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest and other celebrations. The musical notes of jazz, brass, R&B, soul and many mixes fill the air along with night-blooming jasmine and other fabulous tropical fragrances.



Mobile



Discover Mobile

Mobile is a melting pot of people, flavors, cultures, and traditions. Join the jubilee and welcome every day with an enduring passion and a little soulful hospitality. Funky, feisty and festive. Historic, hip and happening. Or colorful, cool and cultured. You can call this coastal town a lot of things when you have a vibrant 300-year history with lots of stories to tell and long-standing traditions celebrated on a regular basis.

A scenic photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean is visible in the middle ground, and the foreground shows sandy dunes with sparse, dark grass. A large, semi-transparent white circle is centered over the image, containing the text 'Gulf Shores' in a red, cursive font. A thin red line runs horizontally across the bottom of the image.

Gulf Shores



Picture Perfect

Picture a perfect day at the beach: blue skies, a gentle breeze and turquoise waters lapping at the shore of a sugar-white sand beach. Alabama's 51 kilometers of pristine beaches on the Gulf of Mexico set the scene for holiday memories that last a lifetime.



Fresh Gulf Seafood

Whether you catch your own on an offshore fishing charter or simply select from a restaurant menu, seafood plays a starring role in the culinary scene of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.



Birmingham



Beauty, Class, Art, Charm, Fine dining and Civil Rights

The largest city in Alabama is, unsurprisingly, not short on things to do.

16th Street Baptist Church

Birmingham's prominent role in the USA's Civil Rights Movement



Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

Questions?

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