

NEW ORLEANS

N'awlins" --*It's faster that way!* Hurry down you Here!



Sunday-March 22nd



Today we board our Deluxe Motorcoach and start on our adventure to New Orleans. Upon arrival into New Orleans we will travel to the historic district where you will check into the **Four Points by Sheraton**- The hotel sits on the site of the original French Opera House, which opened in 1859 and reigned for many years as New Orleans' cultural epicentre. It is walking distance to the city's famous jazz clubs, historic French Market, St. Louis Cathedral, the Mercedes Benz Superdome, and countless shops, restaurants, and bars. Dinner tonight will be on your own.

Monday-March 23th

7:45 Gather in the lobby of the hotel to load for a fun-filled day of touring.

New Orleans City Tour 8:00-10:00 Enjoy an overview tour of N'awlins as our guide weaves the history of the city's first settlers, culture, and of course, the legendary history of the Mardi Gras Parade. The tour will highlight the Garden District, where they built the large, elegant mansions exemplifying styles, including Greek Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne Victorians. We continue on St. Charles Avenue, where we will see two of New Orleans' most prestigious colleges: Tulane University and Loyola University. Other highlights are Audubon Park near Tulane University, built on the site of the 1884 World's Fair, and City Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country. The first parcel of land was acquired in 1854, making it one of the country's oldest parks.

Beyond All Boundaries Film tour of WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

10:00-11:30 Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with moving



personal stories, historic artifacts, and powerful interactive displays. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of the Pacific Islands and the Home Front, the Museum brings to life the teamwork, optimism, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who won the war and changed the world. Experience the museum's unique and powerful 4-D Cinematic film, *Beyond all Boundaries*, narrated and produced by Tom Hanks. You will have time to shop and do lunch on your own.



Tour and Visit Mardi Gras World You know this is going to be a fun tour as soon as you arrive. Colorful Mardi Gras props, like a gigantic jovial jester, fiercely realistic alligators, and a gorgeously exciting Marilyn Monroe with skirt flying greet one and all to this amazing fantasy factory. You will even view the most awesome floats ever built for carnival - the Orpheus 140-foot triple-tandem sea monster "Leviathan" and the 240-foot quintuple-tandem "Captain Eddie's S.S. Endymion," with tens of thousands of fiber optic lights. After a brief introduction by a knowledgeable guide and a spirited video about the history of Mardi Gras and the company, you can dress up

in authentic, ornate carnival costumes. Visitors tap into their imaginations, as the ladies don sequined headdresses, gowns, and the gentlemen wear regal coats of armor, imagine yourself as a noble king or queen of the ball!

Mardi Gras Mask Making

Guests will have the opportunity to create Mardi Gras Mask they can take home. Each guest will be provided with one plastic mast, feathers, rhinestones, ribbon and all materials need to creat their one-of-kind mask.



Welcome to the Fun, Food & Folklore and Lots More! N'awlins has long been a muse with an unquenchable taste for revelry, muddling sophistication and fancy in equal parts. This vibrant and enchanting city is known for its nonstop nightlife, incredible jazz music, and the world-famous Mardi Gras festival does not disappoint. The cuisine is influenced by African, European, Native American, Creole, and Cajun cultures that come together to create a beautifully diverse culinary landscape. With New Orleans School of Cooking, you can experience some of the most delicious and flavorful Cajun and Creole dishes the city has to offer! You will learn about the basics of Louisiana cuisine from a professional chef during an entertaining demonstration, then sample classics such as jambalaya, gumbo, and pralines. This will be an evening to talk about for years to come!

Tuesday-March 24th

Bayou Swamp Tour 9:45-11:45- *Your adventure Awaits! Explore acres of authentic Louisiana swamps and waterways, where you will get up close and personal with Alligators! Strap in, it's one wild ride!*



Houmas House Plantation Tour & arrival Lunch on Property.

1:00-4:00 Houmas House Plantation and Gardens is so much more than just a tour of a grand antebellum estate. Experience the southern splendor of "*The Sugar Palace*" when you step into 16 rooms filled with period antiques and Louisiana artwork. Enjoy 38 lush acres of gardens, ponds and a majestic live oak alley. Enjoy the breeze off the Mississippi and navigate through the shadows of ancient oaks. Whether you're being guided through the mansion with its artwork, artifacts, and antiques or discovering the beauty of the immaculate gardens and grounds, you will quickly

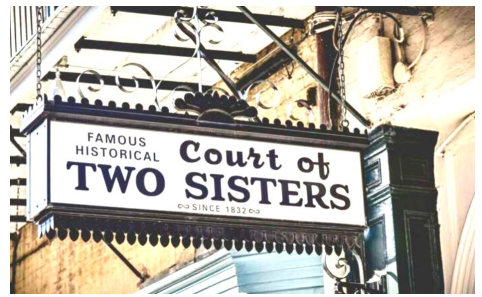
understand that a visit to Houmas House Plantation and Gardens is a unique experience.



Today we will also make a short visit to **Oak Alley**.

Return to hotel to relax and refresh and dress for an evening out.

Dinner at Court of Two Sisters Since at least 1726, the property where the Court of Two Sisters restaurant is now located has been a significant cultural presence. During that year, Sieur Etienne de Perier, the 2nd French royal governor of colonial Louisiana, became the original resident of 613 Rue Royale. Originally known as "Governor's Row", the 600 block of Royal Street was home to 5 governors, 2 State Supreme Court Justices & 1 future Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (Edward Douglas White). Zachary Taylor, who later became the 12th President of the U.S., also resided for a time at 621 Royal. It was rumored that the outrageous Marquis de Vaudreuil, also aka the "Grand Marquis", responsible for transforming New Orleans from a marshland village into a petit Paris, was once a resident of 613 Royal. The second-floor dining room at the Court of Two Sisters is now called the Grand Marquis Room in his honor. Following dinner you will time on your own to enjoy one of the city's oldest live jazz clubs dedicated to preserving "America's classical music". Jazz is one of North America's oldest and most celebrated musical genres, traced back to the 20th century.



Wednesday March 25th

Morning on your own to explore and revisit sites walking distance of the hotel. Depart for home with fond memories of your stay in the Big Easy!!!!!!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!!!!!!

Inclusions

Transportation:

4 days Deluxe Motorcoach transportation

Accommodations:

3 Nights at The Sheraton Four Points on Bourbon Street

Tours, Entrances, & Treats

New Orleans Cooking School Class, City Tour with licensed New Orleans Guide, World War II Museum with Campus Pass with and 4-D film, Tour of Mardi Gras World with Mask Making Class, Bayou Swamp Tour, Tour of Houmas House Plantation and Gardens, Visit Oak Alley.

Meals

Dinner and Cooking Demonstration Class at the NEW ORLEANS COOKING SCHOOL

Lunch at Dixie Café- Houmas House Plantation

Dinner at the Court of Two Sisters

(Breakfast is on your own each day and is not included in this tour)

Rates

Per Person -3 Nights/4 Days

Guests	Single Room	Double Room
	\$1799.00	\$1499.00

Not Included – Meals not listed and travel insurance. Local Tour guides gratuities and bus driver gratuities

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\$200 deposit per person required - Final Payment Date Feb. 1, 2026

Credit cards not accepted for this tour

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Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #2 _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

Phone contact _____

Emergency contact while on trip—Name and Phone _____

Special needs or requests _____

Will you be celebrating anything on the trip. If so, what? _____

Cancellation insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended to protect you from monetary loss due to unforeseen circumstances. For this trip you will need to purchase your own insurance. I recommend two options, shown below. Please make sure you are clear on what your insurance covers before purchasing.

**** Travelguard**—One time trip policy based on age. You can access this link and reserve online or you can call **1-844-324-1823** and purchase with an agent.

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**** Allianz**—If you plan to take more than one trip a year it may be beneficial to you to purchase a yearly multi-trip policy. This policy is not based on age and is \$280 per person. It covers you for up to \$3000 per person for a full year and can cover you for any travel you do. It does not have to be with Cathie & Friends Tour. If this interests you please email **Stacie.crowder@allianz.com**. She will call you back and go over what the insurance covers and if it's a benefit to you. She usually answers within a day.