



Count Down to Mardi Gras!

New Orleans & Cajun Country

February 14 - 19, 2023



6 Days & 5 Nights
\$2,699.00 Per person, double occupancy
\$3,299.00 Per person, single occupancy

Sightseeing Highlights

- ♣ New Orleans City Tour
- ♣ Walking Tour of the French Quarter
- ♣ Pre-Mardi Gras Parades with Seating
- ♣ National WWII Museum and Movie
- ♣ Bayou Airboat Ride
- ♣ Baton Rouge Capitols
- ♣ Martin Accordions Company
- ♣ Tabasco's Avery Island
- ♣ Vermilionville
- ♣ Nottoway Plantation

Itinerary

Day 1: Tuesday, 2/14 - We begin the tour by flying into New Orleans; the birthplace of Jazz, where European, Caribbean, African and Hispanic cultures blend together for variety and intrigue. The food, architecture, music, and traditions are so unique and they demand to be experienced and enjoyed. Staying at the Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter (3 nights) will place you near the center of New Orleans nightlife. Enjoy a welcome dinner, where you meet your fellow travelers in one of the country's best culinary locations. (D)

Day 2: Wednesday, 2/15 - Today we take the **New Orleans city tour**, with a highly acclaimed local guide, who will bring life to the points of interest and reveal city secrets. The city tour will include a walking tour of the French Quarter, Bourbon Street; and your exploration will also include observing various exhibits in the **National WWII Museum**. The evening is yours and you'll have a chance to explore the vibrant night life of New Orleans. (B)



Tour Price Includes:

- ♣ Roundtrip Airfare
- ♣ Round Trip Airport
- ♣ Deluxe Motorcoach
- ♣ Professional Tour Director
- ♣ Local Experts
- ♣ Luggage Handling
- ♣ Meals: 5 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners

Hotel Accommodations

- ♣ 3 Nights in New Orleans Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter
- ♣ 2 Nights in Lafayette, LA Springhill Suites Marriott

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Day 3: Thursday, 2/16 - Start your morning off gliding through the bayou on an **airboat**. Get an up close look at the wild life in the swampland with your local guide. We then return to the hotel, giving you time to explore the tastes and sounds of the city on your own. During your evening, you will have time to enjoy one of the **Pre-Mardi Gras Parades** from reserved grandstand seats. (B)

Day 4: Friday, 2/17 - Heading Northeast, we will first stop at **Nottoway Plantation**, the largest existing antebellum plantation home in the south. This home first built in 1859, is known for its beautiful architecture and oak draped lawns overlooking the Mississippi River. Continuing north along the river, we will explore the **old and new capitol buildings** in **Baton Rouge**. We then continue to Lafayette (2 nights). (B)



Day 5: Saturday 2/18 - Lafayette is considered the center of Acadian, the area of Cajun and Creole culture in Louisiana and the United States. Begin the day exploring **Vermilionville**, a living history museum and folk life park that promotes and propagates the cultural resources of the Acadian, Native American, and Creole people – from 1765 to 1890. Then see unique handmade accordions and enjoy a musical performance at the **Martin Accordions Company**. We end the night enjoying Cajun food and dancing at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, 2/19 - Begin the morning at **Avery Island**, the home of **Tabasco Sauce**. This is a chance to see how the famous hot sauce is made on their private island. We then return to the New Orleans Airport and depart for home. (B)

General Information

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CANCELLATION: No Cancellation will be given after **December 6, 2022**.

DEPOSIT: **\$200 per person** is required to hold your reservation. Your deposit is fully refundable up to December 6, 2022.

Final Payment is due by **December 6, 2022**.



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