Culture & History of New Orleans



Day 1

We arrive in New Orleans and transfer to our picturesque French Quarter hotel where we meet our tour guide. We get familiarized with this vibrant culture and marvel over the Creole cottages on a tour which includes sites like Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, Bourbon Street, and much more. Later, we have a traditional meal while experiencing the delicious Cajun-Creole cuisine. **D**

Day 2

This morning, we head outside of New Orleans to visit the Laura Plantation, where we learn more about slavery in the South and how it shaped Louisiana and the United States. Afterward, we return to the French Quarter and enjoy free time at the French Market, where we have the opportunity to browse unique local treasures, including Cajun spices, Voodoo dolls, and other New Orleans specialties. Later, we visit the New Orleans School of Cooking, where we learn some of their cooking secrets, including the meaning of the term "Holy Trinity." This evening, those interested may join an optional pub crawl on Bourbon Street and Frenchmen Street, including stops at The Cat's Meow and Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop. **B/D**

Day 3

Today we drive to the Lower Ninth Ward to learn more about Hurricane Katrina. We explore the history surrounding the storm, learn about the various levee systems, and see examples of new sustainable housing in the area. Afterward, we continue our learning experience at the Hurricane Katrina Museum. Following some free time, we head to Preservation Hall to enjoy some of the finest jazz music in New Orleans. Get ready to tap your feet! **B/L**

Tour Inclusions

- Motor coach transportation
- Accommodations (double occupancy) at The Old No. 77 Hotel (or similar)
- 5 days / 4 nights
- 8 meals - inlcluding crawfish boil
- Professional tour director
- Local step-on guide services
- Admission to all activities per the itinerary
- Assistance with luggage handling
- Taxes and gratuities for provided services, excluding end-of-tour tips to coach driver and tour guide

Tour Highlights

- Jackson Square
- St. Louis Cathedral
- Bourbon Street
- Laura Plantation
- French Market
- New Orleans School of Cooking
- Hurricane Katrina Museum
- Preservation Hall
- Mardi Gras World
- Crawfish boil
- Sunset Airboat Bayou Excursion
- Café du Monde
- City Park

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Day 4

After breakfast, we make our way to Mardi Gras World to see the production of the famous Mardi Gras floats and create our own Mardi Gras masks. We also learn about Mardi Gras traditions and enjoy a taste of King Cake. This afternoon, we head to Clesi's Restaurant for a one-of-a-kind crawfish boil experience. This evening, we travel outside the city to board an airboat for a sunset excursion through the bayou. Keep an eye out for local wildlife, including alligators. **B/D**

Day 5

This morning, we visit the world-famous Café du Monde to enjoy beignets and café au lait. We then have time to explore City Park before heading to the airport for our flight home. **B**





Payment Schedule

- A deposit of $500 per person is due with reservation.
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure, a $100/person administrative fee plus any land penalties will be assessed. From 119-46 days, a $300/person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 45 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

We strongly recommend the purchase of and offer optional travel insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption.