

New Orleans the Antebellum South and home of Jazz trip.

Day 1 Saturday, January 11: (D)

- Arriving New Orleans by early afternoon
- Board your coach at the airport and depart for the Hotel.
- Check into the **Historic Hotel St Marie** in the French Quarter
- Enjoy a cocktail reception at the hotel.
- Welcome Dinner at **Court of the Two Sisters**,

Day 2 Sunday, January 12: (B, brunch, D)

- Light breakfast at the hotel
- **Jazz brunch Cruise on the Creole Queen** - New Orleans jazz band while cruising down the mighty Mississippi River.
- **Guided tour of New Orleans.**
- This afternoon is free time in the French Quarter
- Dinner at **Copeland's**

Day 3 Monday, January 13: (B)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning you visit the world class **World War II Museum** - you will have a combo ticket that includes the Freedom Theater. The national WWII museum exhibits cover the epic and global scale of the war that changed the world, in a voice that is intimate and personal. Exhibits not only highlight the role of world leaders, but also the everyday men and women who found the strength and courage to accomplish the extra ordinary.
- **Lunch is on your own.**
- This afternoon you visit the **New AUDUBON Aquarium** - voted as one of the top five by USA today. The aquarium transports visitors to an underwater world from the Caribbean to the Amazon rainforest, to the waters that give New Orleans it's life blood: the Mississippi river and the Gulf of Mexico
- Tonight, dinner is on your own in the French quarter.

Day 4 Tuesday, January 14: (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we visit 3 plantations on the river road. First stop **Destrehan Plantation** - completed in 1790 in the French colonial style the plantation grew sugarcane and was in the family for generations. Second stop **Oak Alley** - a visit to Oak Alley plantation is an immersive journey into the antebellum South and is a national historic landmark. Final stop is **Houmas House**- built in 1840 in the Greek revival style. The mansion has been restored to the antebellum era, reflecting the opulence and wealth this sugarcane farm boasted in the 1880s. The guided mansion tour walks through the 250-year history, showing the architectural evolution of this manor house and how it became a grand estate.
- Luncheon included.
- Dinner at **Landry's**

Day 5 Wednesday, January 15: (B)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning is a visit to **Mardi Gras World** - where every day is Mardi Gras. Private tour on how Mardi Gras is made and the history behind it all. After the tour you will get the opportunity to make your own **Mardi Gras mask**.
- Lunch on your own and free time for shopping in the **French Market/French Quarter**
- **Voucher to visit café Du Monde for famous beignets and coffee.**
- Dinner is on your own in French Quarter.

Day 6 Thursday, January 16: (B, D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning, we head out to the Bayou for a good ole **Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour**. Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve. Explore Louisiana's back country along its meandering bayous abundant with wildlife and exotic plant life. Head into the murky waters of Louisiana swamps where you will come face-to-face with the beauty and beasts of nature.
- Lunch on your own and more time at the French Market
- Visit **the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum** this afternoon: Guided tour for a look at early medicine and voodoo potions circa 1800. This two-story French Quarter Museum showcases apothecary bottles (some with their original ingredients) and puts you in the mindset of what it was like to be America's first licensed pharmacist. (Stairs to the second level.)
- This evening you enjoy a Louisiana meal and Cajun music at **Mulates**.

Day 7 Friday, January 17: (B)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Board the coach and depart for the airport.

Please note: Itinerary is subject to change.