

NEW ORLEANS PRE-MARDI GRAS TRIP – DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: After landing at New Orleans International Airport, board your spacious, video and restroom equipped motorcoach, for exciting and historic New Orleans. After free time for lunch on your own, you will check into a New Orleans area hotel where you will stay for four nights. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: After a Continental Breakfast, enjoy an informative and fun guided tour of New Orleans where you will learn about the past and present of what makes this unique city a real treasure. Then depart for the French Market District. Since 1791, the French Market has served and entertained millions of visitors in the French Quarter. Next, you will visit the National World War II Museum. You will take in a cinematic experience on their 120 feet wide screen. It is a jaw-dropping experience in 4-D, a technique that engages all the audiences' senses with digital effects, life sized animation, as well as film and sound. This evening, you will dine at a local New Orleans restaurant.

Day 3: After a Continental Breakfast, you'll journey beyond the city limits of New Orleans and discover the Destrehan Plantation, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover what it is like to live in another time as you are guided through the lovingly restored main house and its exhibits by a friendly and entertaining costumed guide. Wander among the other authentic buildings on the plantation grounds, see the plantation's daily demonstration, or browse through authentic gifts in the Destrehan Plantation's Gift Shop. Then, depart for New Orleans. Enjoy free time in the French Quarter. Do some shopping, stop to hear great music in the French Quarter – or just see the sights. This evening, you will enjoy dinner with entertainment.

Day 4: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast, then depart for MARDI GRAS WORLD. Learn about the history of Mardi Gras, watch artists at work and enjoy a slice of the famous King Cake! Next, you will head to Riverwalk, which features over 75 retailers and restaurants on the majestic Mississippi River. Later, you will go on a relaxing RIVERBOAT CRUISE on the Mississippi River. Wind down as you set sail and explore the Mississippi River. This evening, you will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Today after enjoying Continental Breakfast at your New Orleans area hotel, you will have free time to enjoy your favorite parts of New Orleans, have lunch on you own, and shop for last minute souvenirs before departing for the airport in the late afternoon for your return flight home, taking with you all the fun memories of the *Birthplace of Jazz!*