



NEW ORLEANS STYLE

Enjoy the best that the Big Easy has to offer! From French history to Creole cuisine, New Orleans boasts a style all its own. See iconic locations like Melrose Plantation, Mardi Gras World, The Natchez Paddle-wheeler and more!

1 // Longview, TX Our adventure south begins with a drive to Longview, Texas for our overnight hotel stay.

2 // New Orleans, LA Arrive at **Melrose Plantation**, a picturesque antebellum historic house with a Creole connection. Dive into the 200-year-old history of the property, the legacy of Marie Therese Coincoin and her ten Franco-African children with Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer. Then, continue to New Orleans for the first of a **three-night stay**. Then, delve into the Southern history and beauty of New Orleans along the Mississippi River aboard the **Steamboat Natchez**. Enjoy captivating views, informative narrative, a delicious **dinner**, and live jazz music on the city's only authentic steam-powered paddle-wheeler.

3 // New Orleans, LA Begin the day with a behind-the-scenes tour and learn what goes into the making of the Mardi Gras parade floats at **Mardi Gras World**. Since 1947, the artists have been bringing Mardi Gras to life, creating many of the parade floats, from concept through

completion. The colors, lights, music, and "joie de vivre" are all in one magical place. Blues, crayfish, the French Quarter, cemeteries and a basilica...get a feel for the Big Easy on our **New Orleans city tour** this afternoon. We'll travel through three centuries of history and legends to discover everything from the outrageous colonial history and the Creole culture to piracy and oak trees draped in Spanish moss. With centuries old architecture and culinary treasures around every corner, this evening will be yours to explore the city at your own pace.

4 // New Orleans, LA This morning, explore an oasis of elegant beauty with a visit to **Longue Vue House and Gardens**. This historic estate features a world-class museum and eight acres of stunning gardens with an unparalleled collection of Louisiana irises. This afternoon, pay a visit to the **National WWII Museum**. Designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII-era. Powerful interactive displays accompany historic artifacts and moving



Oct. 19-24, 2026

Departs Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

Included Meals:

- 5 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunches
- 2 Dinners

Activity Level Active

\$1749 Double **\$1689 Triple**
\$1679 Quad **\$2039 Single**

Pricing is Per Person

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person

Optional Travel Protection Available

Final Payment Due 60 days before departure

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personal stories. The museum salutes the optimism, courage and sacrifice of those who won the war and changed the world. **Dinner** is served in the French Quarter, at one of the city's oldest restaurants.

5 // Longview, TX Get up close and personal with wildlife today. A local guide will show us the way through swamps and bayous during a **swamp cruise**. Sit back and keep your eyes peeled for alligators and other wildlife lurking in the murky waters. Authentic Cajun music and the guide's narrations will keep you entertained as we explore some of the most beautiful cypress swamps around! See the abundant wildlife such as alligators, nutria, raccoons, great blue heron, great egret, gallinule rail, bald eagle, turtles and deer while learning the cultural history of the area. Enjoy a delicious **lunch** together as we make our way back to the Lone Star state.

6 // Home After a fabulous foray into the food, culture and style of New Orleans, we return home with a greater understanding of Louisiana's most vibrant city. Recount your favorite highlights as we travel north today.