



7 DAYS IN
LOUISIANA:
featuring
NEW
ORLEANS,
HOUMA &
BATON
ROUGE

Day 1 Arrive/New Orleans

Arrival New Orleans, enjoy a brief orientation tour of the City ahead of checking in to your accommodation in the French Quarter. Dinner this evening will give you your first taste of the amazing local cuisine at a nearby Creole restaurant.

Overnight at Crowne Plaza French Quarter or similar (D)

Day 2 New Orleans

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before we embark on a guided full day sightseeing tour. Highlights will include Bourbon Street, the magnificent St. Louis Cathedral, City Park, Backstreet Cultural Museum and Jackson Square. Dinner tonight will be followed by a live Jazz performance at the famous House of Blues or similar

Overnight at Crowne Plaza French Quarter or similar (B,D)

Day 3 New Orleans

Today's focus is on Mardi Gras (annual carnival parade normally in February). We will visit Mardi Gras World which offers a behind the scenes look at the year long float building process and the tremendous costumes which will be worn. We will also visit the National WWII Museum which gives a great insight into the contribution made by the US towards the Allied victory in WWII. Some free time will be given this afternoon for independent exploration or shopping before we reconvene for an early dinner. After dinner, we will enjoy a ghost/vampire walking tour of the dark quarters and haunted houses of the French Quarter including the mausoleum of Marie Laveau before ending with a nightcap at a local bar.

Overnight at Crowne Plaza French Quarter or similar (B,D)

Day 4 New Orleans/Houma

After breakfast, we say goodbye to New Orleans and head South to Houma in Louisiana's Bayou country, famed for its Cajun culture, swamps and wetlands. A treat awaits on arrival at Mr Ronnie's famous hot donuts where you will have the choice of flavours plus tea/coffee according to your taste. Next stop will be a visit to the Ardoyne Plantation where you will have a tour of this grand Victorian style sugarcane plantation. Dinner this evening at one of the local Cajun restaurants where you will have the opportunity to taste traditional dishes such as Jumbalaya, Gumbo or Boudin.

Overnight Holiday Inn Houma or similar (B,D)

Day 5 Houma

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before a day in the swamps and wetlands. We will visit the Greenwood Gator Farm to see, hold and learn about Alligators. You will also enjoy a tour of the back swamps with Tim the Gator Man. Opportunities for lunch on site (own expense). We will then visit the Chauvin Seafood Company for an enlightening tour of their dock and shrimp processing facilities. Dinner tonight will offer you the choice of more Cajun

fare or typical American cuisine. We will also enjoy a choice of cocktails (2 per person max) this evening.

Overnight Holiday Inn Houma or similar (B,D)

Day 6 Houma / Baton Rouge

Following breakfast, we drive to Baton Rouge where we will visit the Capitol Park Museum on arrival. The museum exhibits showcase the history, industry & culture of Louisiana. We will also enjoy a tour of the USS Kidd, a former US Navy destroyer berthed on the Mississippi River and now a museum. The ship was named after Admiral Kidd who was the first US Admiral ever to be killed in action. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant and will feature a choice of seafood or steak amongst others.

Overnight at Hilton Baton Rouge or similar (B,D)

Day 7 (B) Baton Rouge / departure

One final Louisiana breakfast this morning. We will visit the Louisiana Old State Capitol this morning, a national monument. You will then enjoy free time in downtown Baton Rouge for shopping and lunch (under own arrangements). We will head to New Orleans International Airport in the early afternoon where our tour will conclude.

Alternatively you can spend additional nights in New Orleans. (details on request).



