

Durgan Travel Service

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LOUISIANA SOUTHERN COMFORT

New Orleans ~ Plantation Country ~ Cajun Country ~ Baton Rouge & More!



**6 Day / 5 Night
Departures**



SPRING / FALL

At **\$TBA** for payment by credit card

At **\$TBA** for payment by cash/check

All rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$71.00
in air taxes and fees. (Subject to Change)

OUR LOUISIANA SOUTHERN COMFORT TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-NEW ORLEANS: Depart Boston's Logan Airport aboard our flight to New Orleans (with possible intermediate stop). Arriving at Louis Armstrong Airport in New Orleans, where we will be met by our Tour Guide who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the ride into New Orleans and a guided panoramic tour of many of the "Big Easy's" most famous landmarks, including those illustrating the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. Then, we check-in at the *Holiday Inn Express French Quarter* (or similar). Dinner is on our own this evening. Overnight.

DAY 2 – RIVER PARISH & PLANTATION COUNTRY: Breakfast at our hotel. Today's touring begins with boat tour through nearby waterways where we will learn about the unique wildlife in the Louisiana Wetlands, particularly the American Alligator and the life and history of the Cajun town of Frenier. Next on our agenda, we will visit impressive Oak Alley Plantation, which is located on the Mississippi between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Entrance to this spectacular setting is lined with a quarter-mile canopy of 300 year old live oak trees which form a covered avenue leading to this classic Greek-revival style antebellum home. Cajun buffet lunch will be served at Oak Alley. In the afternoon, we will visit Laura Plantation, a historic sugar plantation built in 1805. Our guided tour is entitled: "The Creole Family Saga" and is based-on documents found in the French National Archives and on Laura's *Memories of the Old Plantation Home*. This evening, we will be hosted on a fabulous Dinner Cruise aboard the steamboat *Natchez*, with round trip transfers from our hotel. Overnight. (CB, L, D)

DAY 3 – LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA & VERMILIONVILLE: Breakfast at our hotel. Our morning tour of Lafayette begins with a visit to the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center, where the story of the Acadians, who came from Nova Scotia to settle Louisiana, is told. Next, a tour of revitalized Downtown Lafayette will acquaint us with the Robert Dafford Murals, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (with its 450 live oak trees), the Alexander Mouton House and Lafayette Museum (home of the first Democratic governor of Louisiana), and much more! Following our tour of Lafayette, we will next tour Vermilionville, the heritage and folk Life Park situated on the banks of the Bayou Vermilion. The village of Vermilionville authentically recreates the life of the Acadian settlers between 1765 and 1890 with a distinctly French accent. While in Vermilionville, we will enjoy lunch on the grounds at *La Cuisine de Maman* (Mama's Kitchen). Return to our hotel in New Orleans. Dinner is on our own this evening. Overnight. (CB, L)

DAY 4 – BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will head northward, along the Mississippi, to the State Capital of Louisiana –Baton Rouge. It owes its location and its historical importance to its site upon Istrouma Bluff, the first bluff upriver from the Mississippi delta and the Port of Baton Rouge is the tenth largest in the United States in terms of weight. While in Baton Rouge, our guided tour will take us to the State Capitol (built in the 1930's under the direction of then-governor Huey P. Long), the Louisiana State Museum (a brand new museum opened in February 2007 which depicts the vast and varied history of Louisiana), and the eclectic Main Street Market. There will be time for lunch (on our own) while at the Market. In the afternoon, we will tour the Old Governor's Mansion, also built in the 1930's of stucco Georgian construction and is reported to be a copy of the White House as it was originally designed by James Hoban. Return to our hotel in New Orleans with time to freshen-up prior to our four-course dinner at the famous Red Fish Grill on Bourbon Street. Overnight. (CB, D)

DAY 5 – NEW ORLEANS: Breakfast at our hotel. Full-day at leisure to explore New Orleans and the surrounding area on our own. Or do some shopping-and-browsing for that special gift with "Southern Charm"? Or just relax strolling through the French Quarter, or, for the more adventurous, visit the intriguing cemeteries of New Orleans known locally as "the Cities of the Dead"! Lunch and dinner are on our own today. Overnight at our hotel. (CB)

DAY 6 – NEW ORLEANS-BOSTON: Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the New Orleans' Louis Armstrong Airport to board our return flight to Boston (with possible intermediate stop). (CB)



OUR LOUISIANA SOUTHERN COMFORT TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ❖ Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-to-New Orleans and return (*possible intermediate stop*). The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ❖ All transfer and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ❖ 5-night accommodations at the *Holiday Inn Express French Quarter* (or similar) in New Orleans, based-on twin occupancy. The Single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour*. Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ❖ Continental breakfast (CB) at our hotel each morning, 2 lunches (L), and 2 dinners (D), including a Dinner Cruise aboard the steamboat *Natchez* on Day 2 and a 4-course dinner at the Red Fish Grill on Day 4.
- ❖ Complimentary vouchers for use at the famous Café du Monde, at our leisure.
- ❖ Discount coupons for our personal use while in New Orleans.
- ❖ Full services of an expert tour guide who will accompany our group through out the tour.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag.

A \$200 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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