

Panhandle Seniors & US Tours present...

New Orleans

The Big Easy

4 Days February 24-27, 2026



Experience the unmatched beauty of New Orleans—where history, music, food, and celebration come together like nowhere else in the United States. From the lively sounds of jazz in the French Quarter to stunning Creole architecture, and mouthwatering cuisine, this city captivates at every turn. Whether you're strolling under the oak trees, savoring beignets, or dancing in a second line parade, there's no place quite like NOLA.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mardi Gras World Guided Tour
- Jazz Dinner Cruise
- New Orleans City Tour with St. Louis Cemetery #3
- National WWII Museum
 - with "Beyond All Boundaries" 4-D Experience
- New Orleans School of Cooking Demo & Dinner
- Oak Alley Plantation w/Cajun Lunch
- Free Time to Explore the French Quarter
- Cafe du Monde Coffee & Beignets
- The Presbytere Self-Guided Tour
- Court of Two Sisters Jazz Brunch
- Free Time at The Riverwalk
- Three Nights Lodging in The French Quarter
- Three Breakfasts
- Two Lunches
- Two Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Driver's Gratuity
- *Itinerary Subject to Change*

PER PERSON PRICES

\$1,149 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,349 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$400 per person deposit due by October 21, 2025

Final Payment due by January 20, 2026

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Day 1 – New Orleans, LA – Mardi Gras World – Free Time in French Quarter – Jazz Dinner Cruise – Today, travel to New Orleans, LA where you arrive in time for free time and lunch on your own at The Riverwalk. Next, visit Mardi Gras World where you see the floats and learn the history of this famous event. The colors, the lights, the music, the joie de vivre. It's all here in one magical place where you can peek behind the curtain and see Mardi Gras in the making.

Then enjoy free time in the iconic French Quarter. Stroll through its charming streets, browse unique shops, and soak in the rich culture that defines this historic district. Take in the lively sights and sounds of street performers, jazz musicians, and the bustling energy of Jackson Square. The French Quarter offers an unforgettable experience.

Check into the Wyndham New Orleans, French Quarter for a three-night stay. Located in the heart of the French Quarter, the hotel is just steps from Bourbon Street, Jackson Square, and the Mississippi River.

End the day with a Jazz Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez. Enjoy the beauty of the New Orleans skyline plus a delicious buffet and entertainment by the Dukes of Dixieland Jazz trio. **(D)**

Day 2 – Big Easy Guided City Tour – The French Market – National WWII Museum – New Orleans School of Cooking Dinner & Demo – Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before meeting your local guide for a tour of the Big Easy. See historic New Orleans from Jackson Square, the French Market, and Congo Square. See Basin Street and hear about Storyville, the infamous red-light district of New Orleans where Dixieland Jazz got its start.

Travel down Bayou St. John, where the original plantation homes remain today. Walk through St. Louis III, one the New Orleans' famous cemeteries and hear the story of the unique above ground burial. Coffee and beignets are also included with your tour. Then enjoy lunch on your own at The French Market the oldest public market in the country.

This afternoon, explore the National WWII Museum with powerful exhibits, personal stories, and immersive displays. Also included is Beyond All Boundaries, a 4D film narrated by Tom Hanks. The film covers the powerful, immersive journey through the events of World War II. Shown in the Solomon Victory Theater, it combines archival footage, special effects like rumbling seats, fog, flashing lights, and personal stories to bring history to life.

Tonight, enjoy a Cooking Demonstration & Dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking. It's entertaining classes and the Louisiana General Store are in a renovated molasses warehouse built in the early 1800s in the Heart of the French Quarter. Fun is a primary ingredient in our kitchen! The Creole/Cajun experts teach New Orleans specialties such as Gumbo, Jambalaya and Pralines, and season them with history, trivia and tall tales. It's a "ga-ron-teed" good time for all. **(B,D)**

Day 3 – Oak Alley Plantation w/lunch – Free Time in the French Quarter – This morning, tour the Historic Oak Alley Plantation near New Orleans. Built in 1837, is a historic antebellum plantation located on the Mississippi River. The design is Greek Revival with freestanding colonnade of 28 Doric columns. Enjoy a guided Tour of the Big House and self-guided walking tour of the grounds. A Cajun buffet lunch is included with your visit to Oak Alley.

Returning to New Orleans, the rest of the day is at your leisure. Explore the Historic French Quarter, do a little shopping and enjoy dinner on your own. The French Quarter offers an unforgettable culinary experience—from world-famous Creole and Cajun cuisine to modern Southern fare, classic po'boys, fresh Gulf seafood, and tempting beignets. Whether you're in the mood for a fine-dining experience or a casual courtyard café, the Quarter's vibrant atmosphere and historic charm make every meal memorable. **(B,L)**

Day 4 – Cafe du Monde for Coffee & Beignets – The Presbytere – Court of Two Sisters Jazz Brunch – Depart for Home - Stop this morning for coffee and beignets at the Café du Monde. Enjoy a visit to The Presbytere featuring an exquisite collection of Mardi Gras artifacts and memorabilia. The story of New Orleans' extraordinary Mardi Gras tradition is dynamically told in a high-tech, interactive, permanent exhibition titled "Mardi Gras: It's Carnival Time in Louisiana." The exhibit traces the celebration from its ancient origins to the 19th century emergence of New Orleans' parades and balls to present-day celebration that attracts millions of visitors each year.

Enjoy a live jazz brunch at The Court of Two Sisters in the heart of the French Quarter, where you can dine beneath a breathtaking 175- year-old wisteria tree. This famous buffet offers everything your heart desires, from classic Creole and Cajun dishes to Southern favorites, all while live jazz fills the air. It's a perfect way to savor the flavors and ambiance of New Orleans in a historic courtyard setting.

Following brunch, depart for home. **(B,L)**