New Orleans Style

From French history to creole cuisine, New Orleans boasts a unique style all its own. Escape with us on a tour that features bold adventures in the Big Easy and all along the way.

Day 1  D  Marshall, TX
Our adventure south begins with a drive to Marshall, Texas. Enjoy a flavorful dinner, meddling the cuisine styles of Texas and Louisiana. Get to know your fellow passengers as we dine, then get some shut-eye in preparation for tomorrow’s adventures.

Day 2  CB  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.

Day 3  CB, L  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” is all in one magical place. Lunch is served in the French Quarter at one of the city’s oldest restaurants. Blues, crawfish, 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 to Creole culture, 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.

Day 4  CB, L  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. Then, delve into the southern history and beauty of New Orleans’ along the Mississippi River aboard the Natchez Paddlewheeler. Enjoy captivating views and informative narrative, a delicious lunch and live jazz music on the city’s only authentic steam-powered paddlewheeler. 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 personal stories. The museum salutes the optimism, courage and sacrifice of those who won the war and changed the world.

Day 5  CB, L  The Woodlands, TX
Get up close and personal with wildlife today. A local cajun 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. Afterwards, we’ll fill our bellies with Cajun cuisine before making our way back to the Lone Star state.

Day 6  CB  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.