



Cajun and Creole Country

Experience the Sights, Sounds, and Flavors of Louisiana

— MARCH 8-14, 2027 —

Experience the rich traditions, flavorful cuisine, and lively culture of southern Louisiana as you journey through Cajun and Creole Country. From swamp tours and seafood boils to live Cajun music and historic plantations, you'll experience the people, stories, and flavors that make this region unlike anywhere else. Along the way, you'll meet local farmers, fishermen, musicians, and artisans while enjoying a relaxed pace and warm Southern hospitality.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE BIG EASY!

Welcome to New Orleans! Get acquainted with your fellow travelers and meet your Tour Director at tonight's welcome dinner. **D**

DAY 2: HOUMAS HOUSE/GREAT RIVER ROAD MUSEUM/ SWAMP TOUR

Travel into Cajun Country for a guided tour of Houmas House Estate, a beautifully restored mansion along the Mississippi River that reflects the wealth and grandeur of a nineteenth-century sugarcane plantation. After lunch at Dixie's Café, enjoy a relaxing cruise through Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin Swamp, where you may spot alligators, osprey, and other wildlife along the waterways. Later, visit Cypress Cove to meet Yvette Landry and Jourdan Thibodeaux for an engaging introduction to Louisiana French music and culture. Listen to Cajun and Creole music, hear local stories, learn traditional dances, and even try your hand at Cajun percussion instruments or the accordion. **B, L, D**

DAY 3: FARM TOUR/HISTORIC VILLAGE/BEIGNETS

Visit a working rice and crawfish farm to learn how local farmers grow and harvest both crops in the same fields using double-cropping techniques. Then travel to Vermilionville Historic Village, where you'll enjoy lunch and watch a demonstration on making traditional Louisiana beignets, complete with a



chance to sample this sweet local favorite. Later, stroll through the historic village to learn about the Native American, Acadian, and Creole cultures of the Attakapas region and the natural resources that shaped life in southern Louisiana. **B, L**

DAY 4: AVERY ISLAND/HOT SAUCE/COOKING DEMO/ALLIGATORS

Today, visit the world-famous TABASCO® Pepper Sauce Factory on Avery Island to see how the iconic sauce is made. Then enjoy a special four-course Southern meal prepared with TABASCO® flavors alongside one of the company's executive chefs. After lunch, explore Avery Island Jungle Gardens and Bird Sanctuary, home to exotic plants and native wildlife. Later, tour a working alligator farm where you may even have the opportunity to hold a baby alligator. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: SHRIMP/BASKET WEAVING/AUTHENTIC SEAFOOD BOIL

Learn about the hardworking fishing families of southern Louisiana as you watch the process of drying and seasoning shrimp, often called Cajun popcorn. You'll also enjoy the chance to sample this flavorful local specialty. Later, visit the Bayou Terrebonne Water Life Museum to meet master palmetto basket weaver Janie Luster of the United Houma Nation. As she demonstrates her craft, you'll learn more about the tribe's culture, history, and traditions. Tonight, gather with locals for an authentic Cajun seafood boil, with non-seafood options also available. **B, L, D**

DAY 6: NEW ORLEANS/WWII MUSEUM/FRENCH QUARTER

Return to New Orleans for a visit to the National WWII Museum, where exhibits, letters, films, and artifacts share the stories of American men and women during World War II. Enjoy lunch and a musical performance at the museum before setting out on a guided tour of New Orleans. Explore the famous French Quarter, view the elegant homes of the Garden District, and see some of the city's distinctive cemeteries filled with ornate sculptures and decorative artwork. Tonight, enjoy free time near the French Quarter to explore and dine on your own. **B, L**

DAY 7: MARDI GRAS/FAREWELL

Before returning home, enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to Mardi Gras World, where you'll see how the spectacular floats for New Orleans' famous Mardi Gras celebrations come to life. Then say goodbye to new friends as you head home with wonderful memories of Cajun and Creole Country. **B** 



Taste the flavors of Louisiana



Celebrate New Orleans' festive spirit

TOUR DETAILS

7 Days • 15 Meals

Mar 8-14, 2027

Price Per Person:

Double: \$2,647; Single: \$3,095

Pre/Post Hotel: \$228/night

Depart/Return:

New Orleans, LA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour Mardi Gras World and see how famous parade floats are created
- Visit working rice, crawfish, shrimp, and alligator farms
- Taste authentic Louisiana cuisine, including a cooking demonstration and seafood boil
- Explore the National WWII Museum, Vermilionville Historic Village, and the TABASCO® factory
- Cruise through Louisiana swamps in search of alligators, birds, and native wildlife

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Hilton New Orleans Airport, LA

Nights 2-3: SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Lafayette, LA

Nights 4-5: Comfort Inn and Suites, Houma, LA

Night 6: New Orleans Marriott, French Quarter, LA

