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thursday, january 25

Perspectives on Antebellum Life: Tour of Laura and Oak Alley Plantations with Lunch

Take a journey to plantation country and experience two different perspectives of life in the Old South. Visit Laura Plantation, a true example of life on a Creole Plantation, and Oak Alley, which epitomizes the elegance of the American style Plantation home.



While most antebellum homes evoke images of hoop skirts and white columns, Laura Plantation, built in 1805, presents a different view of Creole life. Your expert guide will provide an insider's perspective into a Creole household. Hear stories detailing daily life and major events of the inhabitants, both free and slave, including the discovery of the first written records of the American fable, Br'er Rabbit. And, view one of the largest collections of family artifacts original to a Louisiana plantation.

Continue up River Road for a tour of Oak Alley Plantation, built in 1837. The Southern days of old are captured at one of Louisiana's most photographed Southern Mansions, which have been brought back to life in numerous Hollywood movies. Famed for its alley of live oak trees, the quarter mile avenue was already an impressive 100 years old when Oak Alley was built. This Greek revival style mansion was constructed with 28 fluted Doric columns to match the number of trees. Oak Alley is one of the finest examples of adaptive restoration on the Mississippi River. Lunch will be served at Oak Alley.



All Inclusive Fee per Adult: \$85.00
All Inclusive Fee per Child (4-12 years old): \$35.00
Anyone over 12 will be charged the adult rate.
Coach Departure: 9:00 AM (Please meet at the Canal Street Entrance, Lobby Level by 8:45 am)
Return: 3:00 PM



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friday, january 26

MYSTERIES OF THE SWAMP - JEAN LAFITTE SWAMP TOUR WITH LUNCH

Just as so much of New Orleans is culturally unique, so are its natural habitats. In a landscape marked by a temperate climate and fed by the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Louisiana swamp is a symphony of local critters. Alligators, nutria, egrets and herons abound.

Boarding a private, specially designed canopy-covered pontoon boat, this excursion starts on a Bayou...local parlance for small rivulet or stream. A sense of difference is immediate as you gaze upon gnarled and twisted cypress stumps and branches lushly draped with Spanish moss. The swamp reveals its hidden treasures as well as its historic ability of hiding famous pirates waiting for their prey. On the water in the swamp you'll feel a distinctive sense of Louisiana living while learning of, and experiencing, the



history of pirogues, canoes and fishing boats which have made the swamp a part of daily life. Following the tour of the swamp, you'll be taken to a nearby restaurant, Des Familles, located on the moss-draped bayou, for a true Cajun meal.



All Inclusive Fee per Adult: \$89.00
All Inclusive Fee per Child
(4-12 yrs of age): **\$39.00**
Anyone over 12 will be charged the adult rate.
Coach Departure: 9:30 am (Please meet at the Canal Street Entrance, Lobby Level by 9:15 am)
Return: 2:30 pm



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Cultural Walking Tour of the French Quarter



A must for every visitor to New Orleans is a walking tour of the world famous French Quarter. Highlighted here are such famous landmarks as the Pontalba buildings (one of America's first apartment dwellings), the Saint Louis Cathedral, flanked by the Cabildo and Presbytere, and Jackson Square, with its old world flavor and its own colorful art colony. View the iron lace balconies, romantic patios, and quaint antique shops, providing the South's finest selection of European and American antiques, as your guide tells fascinating tales of this historic city.

Travel on to the Historic New Orleans Collection to take a tour through the complex French Quarter buildings and glimpse the artistic wonder of this treasured museum that displays memorabilia from Louisiana's history and tells the tale of the state's fascinating past.

All Inclusive Fee per Adult (12 years and older): \$30.00

All Inclusive Fee per Child (4-12 yrs of age): \$15.00

Anyone over 12 will be charged the adult rate.

Coach Departure: 9:00 am (Please meet at the Canal Street Entrance, Lobby Level by 8:45 am)

Return: 12:30 pm



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saturday, january 27

“REBUILDING TOGETHER: LONGUE VUE”

Today, take the opportunity to bond with your peers while contributing to the “Rebuild and Renew” motto of New Orleans. Longue Vue House and Gardens, the dream home of Edgar and Edith Stern, pillars of the New Orleans community, is one of the last great homes to be custom-built in America with over eight acres of magnificent gardens. Fashioned after the great country houses of England, these elegant gardens were severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Flood waters and strong winds killed many of the estate’s trees, plants, and other foliage. While some parts of the garden may take years to replenish, every effort to replant and cleans helps restore the grounds to its original state of beauty; a delightful treat for both locals and tourists visiting the city.



A motor coach will take you to the site of the volunteer project. Power bars and bottled water will be provided, and an ACCENT guide will escort you.



No Charge to Attendees - advance registration is required to ensure adequate transportation is available.

Coach Departs: 1:00 pm (Meet at the Canal Street Entrance, Lobby Level, no later than 12:45 pm)

Return: 4:30 pm

