

Great Day! Scheduled Tour

BEST OF THE GULF COAST – FRENCH QTR NEW ORLEANS & BILOXI **SUN SEPT 26-SUN OCT 3, 2021**

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Medina, Mansfield, Columbus, Grove City, Washington CH.

The “Best of the Gulf Coast” includes both New Orleans in Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. Over the years the region welcomed people of many nations and diverse cultures, leading to great food, a special kind of hospitality and plenty of musical entertainment. During our tour, we will learn about this rich history and seeing Jackson



Square, the French Quarter and unique places including their above-ground cemeteries. We call it “The Best of” . . . and you will too when you find that it is lower-priced than our 2020 tour that also included New Orleans and we now stay in both the French Quarter and in Biloxi, known by many as the “Playground of the South”!



We all know the excitement that New Orleans offers visitors including dining along Bourbon Street and Royal Street, gaming along Canal Street and Pat O’Brien’s landmark “Flaming Fountain” where the “Hurricane” is so popular. Our rooms will be at the centrally-located Four Points by Sheraton in the iconic French Quarter, a contemporary hotel overlooking Bourbon Street. It is located close to Café du Monde, Jackson Square, House of Blues and other attractions.



This tour of New Orleans starts out with a question. Specifically, what is the difference between “Cajun” and “Creole”? Cajuns were the French colonists who settled, during the 1600s, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, naming that region “Acadia”. During the early 18th Century, the British took over Canada, mistakenly expecting that the Acadians would defend the kingdom and would adopt the King’s religion. Due to their resistance, the government seized their property and expelled the Acadians. Soldiers loaded

them onto ships and sent many to the Southern States where they found acceptance in Louisiana, with its strong French background and religious heritage. The Acadians

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:30 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

eventually became known as "*Cajuns*", developing a lifestyle while settling in the swamp areas of South Louisiana.

"*Creoles*", on the other hand, are an "*ethnic group*", most likely born in New Orleans with French and Spanish ancestry. They have played an important part in the culture of the city and, like "*Cajuns*", contributed to art and music, making these cities so unique. That's why we say it has "*Cajun Spirit and Creole Soul*". All this makes Louisiana unlike any other; *it's "southern and coastal" with both bayous and sprawling oak trees . . . and we plan to see many of these attributes.*

While availability of the riverboat and its evening dinner cruise is currently not a certainty, we will either be having dinner aboard a cruises on the Mississippi or at one of the upscale restaurants that is so well known in the French Quarter. Enjoy your choice of the delicious entrees from a menu that makes the city oh-so-popular for those who enjoy fine dining. After dinner you will have more time this evening to explore the French Quarter on your own.



But this is just one of the fascinating inclusions for 2021. We will be touring Mardi Gras World and the National World War II Museum on Magazine Street. Mardi Gras World, located along the Mississippi River, was originally created by a family of float builders that traces its roots back to 1947. They will be showing us the behind-the-scenes look at float building as well as completed parade units and costumes. The National World War II Museum has a number of historic and fascinating exhibits that cover the epic and global scale of the "war that changed the world", as well as its sights and sounds, its men and women and the importance of the submarines to our win.



A short 1-1/2 hour ride takes us the IP Biloxi Casino Resort & Spa, right on the Back Bay, for a two-night stay; each passenger will be receiving a \$25 slot bonus and a \$16 food credit. We will tour the area, learning the history with time afterwards to soak up the sun, sit by the pool or try our luck in the casino. We will also be enjoying a live performance at a dinner theater during this tour, which is one of the thirteen meals included this year.

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Package includes 13 meals including the a show at a dinner theater

\$1694 per person in a double
\$1659 per person in a triple
\$1624 per person in a quad
\$2196 per person in a single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.

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