

New Orleans and Louisiana's Cajun Country

March 26 - April 1, 2019

(7 days - 6 nights)



Tues, March 26

Shreveport, LA

This morning, with our motorcoach filled with happy travelers, we will begin our tour to include New Orleans and Louisiana's Cajun Country. After stopping for lunch in the Metroplex of Dallas/Fort Worth we will continue to Shreveport for our first night.

Wed, March 27

New Orleans, LA

Today we are continuing our southeasterly path through Louisiana towards New Orleans. It is the only state in the US with political subdivisions termed parishes, the equivalent to our counties. We make our way through the largest parish, Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana and the home to Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge is from the French phrase meaning "red stick." Onward to New Orleans where we will enjoy 3-nights in the famous French Quarter.

Thurs, Mar 28

New Orleans, LA

An orientation tour with a local guide will be a great way to begin our first full day in New Orleans. Visit the world famous French Quarter, Jackson Square, City Park and Saint Louis Cemetery No. 1, the oldest and most famous of the 3

Highlights Include:

- 3 nights in French Quarter of New Orleans
- World War II Museum
- New Orleans City Tour
- Mardi Gras World
- Jazz Luncheon Cruise
- Explore French Quarter
- Oak Alley Plantation
- TABASCO factory tour
- Cajun Swamp Tour
- 1 night on Kemah Boardwalk

Saint Louis Cemeteries in New Orleans. This afternoon we will visit the World War II Museum. "It tells the story of the American Experience in the war that changed the world so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn".

Fri, March 29

New Orleans, LA

Begin the day with a behind-the-scenes tour of Mardi Gras World. See firsthand the hard work and extensive planning that goes into this grand event. Since 1947, Blaine Kern Studios has built the breathtaking parade floats for major parades all over the world. Learn how floats are built from the ground up and take photos in front of floats, with props or wearing a traditional Mardi Gras costume. Next, board the Steamboat Natchez, an authentic steam paddlewheel for our Jazz cruise luncheon. Enjoy the live narration of the history and river sites. This afternoon will be at your leisure and

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you may choose to enjoy the French Quarter or return to the World War II Museum for a 2nd day if you did not have enough time yesterday.

Sat, March 30

Lafayette, LA

Today it is time to say good-bye to the “Big Easy”, as New Orleans is often called, and travel along Louisiana’s Great River Road. We will get a fascinating look at lifestyles of the past as we visit Oak Alley Plantation, named for the 300 year old alley of oaks. We will enjoy lunch at the plantation before setting our compass towards Avery Island, home to TASBASCO, Louisiana’s beloved pepper sauce. After we conclude our factory tour we make the short trip to Lafayette for our overnight stay.

Sun, March 31

Kemah, TX

No trip to Louisiana would be complete without an authentic Cajun Swamp tour. Lake Martin is a favorite destination for seeing alligators, bird watching and vegetation while cruising under groves of 500-year old moss covered cypress and tupelo trees. After our swamp tour you will be ready to feast on some traditional Cajun fare at Prejean’s in Lafayette. Sit back and relax as we make our way back into the Lone Star State. Tonight we enjoy the Kemah Boardwalk, just 25 minutes outside of Houston. Kemah Boardwalk is home to fabulous waterfront restaurants, charming retail stores and seaside shows every day. Hop on a Kemah Kruiser and select the perfect setting (and menu) for your dinner.

Mon, April 1

Return Home

After an exciting week while enjoying New Orleans and Louisiana’s Cajun Country, we must pack up and return home. The great news is we will take many memories of the places we have been, the food we have savored and the many friends with whom we shared this fun-filled vacation.

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**



Price Includes:

- Motorcoach transportation from:
Abilene, Big Spring, Midland and San Angelo
- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 continental breakfasts
6 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

	<u>Ins.</u>
\$1499 (2 people per room)	\$137
\$1899 (1 person per room)	\$177

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due February 1, 2019

Travel Protection Insurance is optional and available at a cost of \$137-177 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. All insurance payments must be received with or before final payment of tour. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.

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