

# City Experience New Orleans: A Tale of Music, Mystique, and Mardi Gras

6 Days | 5 Nights DM-CT MSYEXP

New Orleans, LA

Tour Operates: 01 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024

## This tour is fully customizable

Embark on a journey with our New Orleans Vacation Packages, where every moment is a celebration of life. Explore the enchanting streets of the French Quarter, dance to the rhythm of jazz on Bourbon St, and indulge in a culinary adventure with the city's famous cuisine. New Orleans is not just a destination; it's an experience filled with history, festivity, and charm. Join us for an unforgettable exploration of this vibrant city. Reserve your spot now for an unparalleled New Orleans adventure!



#### **Highlights**

- Garden District Wonders: Marvel at historic homes and lush landscapes.
- French Quarter Fairy Tale: Walk through a living history of music and art.
- Bayou Family Fun: Share an exciting and educational wildlife airboat tour.
- Solo Adventure Day: Seek out jazz, flavors, and fun in the city's heart.
- Evening Jazz Excursions: Enjoy family-friendly live music in vibrant quarters.
- Gumbo Gastronomy: Indulge in a culinary journey through New Orleans.

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#### Includes:

- ✓ 5-Night's hotel accommodation.
- ✓ Walking Tour of New Orleans Garden District (Hotel pickup and drop-off Not Included).
- ✓ French Quarter Historical Sights and Stories Walking Tour (4:00 PM) (Hotel pickup and drop-off Not Included).
- ✓ Airboat Ride with Round-Trip Transportation from New Orleans (Large Boat Tour).
- ✓ Return Airport Transfers.
- ✓ Taxes.



### Day 1 - Arrive in New Orleans, LA.

Dive into the heart of New Orleans with our All-Inclusive Trip to New Orleans. As you step into this city of dreams, our guide will ensure your journey starts with comfort and ease. New Orleans, LA, is a tapestry of exhilarating music, rich history, and culinary delights. Stroll through the historic French Quarter, feel the beat of Bourbon St, and lose yourself in the charm that fills the air. Whether seeking lively nightlife or tranquil nature walks, this city has it all. Prepare to fall in love with every experience that makes New Orleans uniquely captivating.

#### Overnight in New Orleans, LA

#### Day 2 - Discover the Charm of New Orleans - Garden District Walking Adventure

### Highlights:

- Stroll through the elegant Garden District.
- Discover historic antebellum homes' secrets.
- Hear captivating stories of Lafayette Cemetery.
- Unveil 19th-century New Orleans' charm.
- Experience cinematic fame and haunting beauty.

Take a step back in time with our Garden District Walking Tour in New Orleans, a city where every street has a story. This tour is a treasure trove of history, taking you through the enchanting Garden District. As you walk under a canopy of ancient trees, your guide will unveil the history of the stunning 19th-century homes that line the streets. The highlight is a stop at the historic Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, a site filled with tales and cinematic glory. Peek through its gates to explore New Orleans' unique burial customs, narrated by your knowledgeable guide. This tour, a gem among New Orleans vacation packages, is not just a walk but a journey through time, offering an intimate glimpse into the heart of the city's heritage and charm.

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#### **Day 3 – French Quarter Exploration**

## Highlights:

• Uncover history in each French Quarter corner.



- Marvel at St. Louis Cathedral's beauty.
- Enjoy the Mississippi River's grand views.
- Immerse in Jackson Square's cultural buzz.
- Shop and explore at the French Market.

Discover the soul of New Orleans on this enchanting walk through the French Quarter, a top highlight in the Best Things To Do In New Orleans. Be captivated by the historical wonders of Jackson Square and the architectural splendor of St. Louis Cathedral. Feel the rhythm of the city along the Mississippi River and delve into the vibrant energy of the French Market. Royal Street awaits with its unique blend of shopping, dining, and storytelling, offering a true taste of New Orleans' spirit. This tour is a window into the heart of a city like no other.

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#### Day 4 - Airboat Bayou Exploration

### **Highlights**

- Airboat Adventure in Cajun Country Explore lush bayous and see amazing wildlife.
- Learn About Local Life Discover the unique lifestyles of Jean Lafitte's communities.
- Encounter Native Wildlife Spot alligators and birds on your thrilling airboat ride.
- Cultural Immersion Experience the heart of Cajun country, blending thrill with culture.
- Start from French Quarter Journey begins in the iconic New Orleans Quarter..

Discover one of the Best Things To Do In New Orleans with our exclusive airboat tour. Starting from the iconic French Quarter, travel to Jean Lafitte, a village steeped in pirate lore. On your airboat ride, you'll zip across the lush bayous, learning about the unique lifestyles of local communities. Encounter amazing wildlife, from alligators to native birds, making for an unforgettable experience. This tour is not just a trip; it's a journey into the heart of Cajun country, offering a blend of thrill and cultural immersion.

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#### Day 5 - Day Free.

Embrace the mystical and vibrant nightlife of New Orleans on your free day. Begin with an intriguing visit to a local voodoo shop, a unique aspect of New Orleans vacations that offers a glimpse into the spiritual and mystical exploration of the city. As night falls, Bourbon St in New Orleans comes alive with energy. Street performers offer entertainment that's both fun and distinctive, capturing the spirit of the city. To top off your night, consider an evening river cruise along the Mississippi, a serene experience that showcases the city lights and adds a touch of romance and charm to your New Orleans trip packages.

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#### Day 6 – Your Experience New Orleans Tour comes to an end today. A Gateway to Enchantment awaits your return.

Your journey with our New Orleans vacation package may be concluding, but the city's allure remains. Imagine coming back to delve into the depths of New Orleans, a place where every street has a story. The French Quarter's cultural exploration and historical richness are just the beginning. Let the music and entertainment sweep you away in a celebration of life. Your culinary adventure has only scratched the surface of the city's flavorful delights. New Orleans is not just a destination; it's an experience of festivity, romance, and charm. The nightlife beckons for more, and the spiritual and mystical side of the city calls for a deeper exploration. As you depart, remember that New Orleans always has more secrets to share, inviting you and your loved ones to return.

End of New Orleans, LA Tour.

#### **Exclusions**

- \* Breakfast and other meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Please note If you must choose to decline our offer to sell you Travel Insurance, we will require you to provide us with a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. Stars & Maple Holidays sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Resort Fees if applicable.
- × Gratuities for driver and tour guide (expected).

#### **Hotels Featured**

Destination	Hotel	Star	Room Type
New Orleans	Homewood Suites By Hilton French Quarter	3	Standard Room

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise. Hotels featured will be as above or similar. We feature a range of hotel properties. Hotel upgrades are available. Please check with us for rates and availability.



#### **Deposit & Payment Policy**

- 61-days or more prior to start date of tour \$250 per person.
- Full payment required 30-days prior to start date of your tour.

#### **Change & Cancellation Policy**

- 31-days or more prior to start date of tour refundable less \$100 per person.
- 30-days or less 100% non-refundable.
- No Show 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services non-refundable.

#### FAQ

- Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director? No. This is not an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Some services offered on an escorted tour such as check-in assistance by a dedicated Tour Director, etc. are therefore not offered on our Independent Tours. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or narrated by your driver-guide in English.
- Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour? No, our tour doesn't have just a few specific days when it leaves. It leaves every day during the season, so you can pick any day you like to start your adventure!
- Will we be with the same group of people throughout this tour, like in an Escorted Tour? No. On this tour, the people you travel with may change. You won't always be with the same group of people like you would be on an Escorted Tour.
- How will we transfer from New Orleans Airport (MSY) Airport to our hotel in downtown New Orleans. Our driver will meet you at the kerb and transfer you to your hotel in downtown New Orleans. More detailed information will be provided to you in the final confirmation and tour voucher sent to you upon confirmation of your tour.
- Will we be picked up from our hotel for the transfer to the Airport? No. You must make your own way to the airport. The fare will be same printed under arrival transfers. We do offer Airport Transfers as an optional add on. Please check with us for rates.
- Will we be picked up from our hotel for the transfer to New Orleans Airport (MSY) Airport? Yes, you will be picked up directly from your hotel. The Private Vehicle will arrive at the designated hour in front of your hotel. Please be aware that the vehicle will wait no longer than three minutes. On occasion, you may be required to reach a designated pickup point on your own. The voucher you receive upon confirming your tour will have all necessary instructions for this transfer.
- Will someone come to my hotel to pick me up for the tours? Yes, in most cases, you will be picked up from your hotel for the tours. We'll let you know for sure when we send your tour confirmations. If



there's a time when you need to go to a pickup point for the tour, it will always be a short ride away, never more than 15 minutes by cab or Uber. More detailed information will be provided to you in the final confirmation and tour voucher sent to you upon confirmation of your tour.

- Is it necessary to sign a Waiver to participate in your tours? No. If our tour package includes a tour component that is considered a soft adventure activity, you will be obliged to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that tour or activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- Are there any specific dress code requirements for participating in the tours? There is no formal dress code for our tours. However, we do request that clients dress modestly and appropriately according to the local weather conditions. For soft-adventure tours, there are strict dress code guidelines that must be followed for safety purposes. These specific requirements will be communicated to you at the time your tour is confirmed.
- Size of Coaches for Transfers and Tours What are the sizes of the coaches used for transfers and tours? For our transfers and tours, we use coaches of different sizes. Depending on the tour and the number of people, you might be on a big coach with 56 seats, a medium-sized one with 33 seats. We also use 24-seater, 14- and 10-seater vans as well as mini vans for our tours.
- Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from Stars & Maple for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours? Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by Stars & Maple or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.
- **Do clients need a Credit Card for Hotel Check-Ins?** It is mandatory for clients to provide a credit card under their name when checking in at hotels, lodges, and inns. The hotel typically places an authorization hold of \$500 to \$750 on the card for incidental expenses and possible damage. This hold is released within 72 hours after check-out, deducting any incurred charges.
- Can we use Cash or a Debit Card instead of a Credit Card at Hotel Properties? It is important to note that most of our hotel properties do not accept cash or debit cards as a substitute for a credit card. Guests are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid credit card available for use during their stay.
- Do guests need to provide a Photo-ID during Hotel Check-In? Absolutely yes. At the time of check-in, clients are required to present a government-issued photo-ID, such as a passport or driver's license. Please be aware that other forms of government-issued photo-IDs, like a Social Insurance Number card, health card, citizenship card, etc., may not be acceptable.
- What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?

Check-in: 4 PM



Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-Checkouts require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

■ What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons? — Stars & Maples, our service providers, employees, contractors & subcontractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. Stars & Maples is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

### For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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