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# New Orleans Pre-Mardi Gras

featuring Avery Island, Evangeline Oak and Plantation Country

FEBRUARY 6-11, 2024



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**DAY 1 Arrive in New Orleans:** Welcome to New Orleans, Louisiana, America's jazz capital. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel Lobby at 6:00 p.m. for a transfer to our welcome dinner and cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Located in a renovated molasses warehouse in the heart of the French Quarter, you will learn the basics of Louisiana cooking from well-known local chefs. Creole/Cajun experts teach New Orleans specialties such as Gumbo, Jambalaya and Pralines, and season them with history, trivia and tall tales. You'll be treated to a wide range of local classics and get to enjoy them in sumptuous feast. It's a "ga-ron-teed" good time for all. After dinner, feel free to enjoy the French Quarter on your own. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 New Orleans City Tour and National WWII Museum:** We begin with a narrated tour of New Orleans. See the sights you've heard about for years such as the historic French Quarter, the beautiful Garden District, the colorful River Walk along the Mississippi and famous Bourbon Street. See New Orleans as the city prepares for the biggest celebration of the year, Mardi Gras, with its colorful costumes, parades and parties. In the afternoon we pay a visit to the National WWII Museum. Designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era. Celebrate the American Spirit as you experience moving personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of Pacific Islands, the Museum salutes the optimism, courage and sacrifice of those who won the war and changed the world. **Meal: B**

**DAY 3 Mardi Gras World and Pre-Mardi Gras Parades:** This morning learn what goes into the making of the Mardi Gras parade floats. Since 1947, the artists of Blaine Kern Studios have been bringing Mardi Gras to life, creating many of the parade floats, from concept through completion. The colors, the lights, the music, the "joie de vivre" is all in one magical place, Mardi Gras World. You'll get a behind the scenes look at the world's largest fleet of carnival floats and see everything that goes into making Mardi Gras such an international phenomenon. Later, experience the fun and festivities of a Mardi Gras parade from reserved bleacher seats and cheer on the "Krewes" who sponsor the floats. Delight in their ornate costumes and royal courts and try to catch some of the gold, purple and green beads thrown at you from the floats. Be sure to sample King Cake, a traditional Mardi Gras treat! **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4 Cajun Swamps and Mighty Oaks:** Travel from New Orleans today and embark on a narrated journey through the Louisiana swamp to see the vast wetlands, exotic wildlife, brilliant flora and the king of the swamp, the alligator. Then, venture into "plantation country." A stop at majestic Oak Alley Plantation, the impressive mansion whose twenty five acres of history and romance is dominated by the "alley" of 300-year-old live oak trees. Enjoy a tasty Mint Julip before coming to Laura Plantation. Step into the past as you explore the museum, visit the Big House and stand in an authentic 1840s slave cabin. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Avery Island, Evangeline Oak and Jean Lafite:** In the quaint town of St Martinville lives a love story so compelling that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow based his epic



World famous Bourbon Street in the French Quarter

poem *Evangeline*. Visit the small museum and see the majestic “Evangeline Oak.” On Avery Island sits the TABASCO Pepper Sauce Factory. Known worldwide, TABASCO is one of the most popular sauces of its kind. Take a behind-the-scenes tour and have an on own lunch. Next stop at the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center. The center relates the story of the Acadians who settled Louisiana’s Mississippi delta and covers their history, customs, language and contemporary culture. Dinner is at Prejean’s Cajun Restaurant where the ambience is pure Cajun-French. Acadian relics line the walls and “Big Al” the fourteen foot alligator, stands in the middle of the dining room. Enjoy live Cajun music, great Cajun cuisine and great service all served up in a fun, casual atmosphere. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Travel Home:** After breakfast, we will transfer to the New Orleans Airport for our flight back home. **Meal: B**



Tabasco Country Store, Avery Island



## Tour Highlights

- 8 Meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Free round trip airfare (if booked by September 30, 2023)
- Spend three nights in “The Big Easy,” New Orleans
- Two night stay in Baton Rouge
- Narrated New Orleans sightseeing tour with a local guide including Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, the Garden District and the French Quarter
- Visit the National WWII Museum, dedicated to the victory by the Allies in World War II
- See the world’s largest fleet of carnival floats and learn about their making at Mardi Gras World
- Enjoy dinner and fun at the New Orleans School of Cooking featuring traditional cuisine
- Reserved seating along the parade route for Pre-Mardi Gras parades
- Take a narrated tour through a Louisiana swamp alive with brilliant flora and exotic wildlife
- Visit impressive Oak Alley Plantation
- Step into the past at Laura Plantation and stand in an authentic 1840s slave cabin
- See the Evangeline Oak made famous in Longfellow’s epic poem *Evangeline*
- Take a behind-the-scenes tour at the TABASCO Pepper Sauce Factory on Avery Island
- Visit the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center and learn the history the Acadians who settled the area
- Farewell dinner at Prejean’s Cajun Restaurant featuring live Cajun music and delicious Cajun cuisine in a fun atmosphere

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Tour the majestic Oak Alley Plantation

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 through 3 – Hampton Inn and Suites, New Orleans, Louisiana

Days 4 and 5 – Drury Inn and Suites, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Price includes

## FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE

*if booked by September 30, 2023*

**\$2,699** per person, double occupancy

**\$3,338** per person, single occupancy

Deposit: \$200 per person

Add \$250 for travel protection

(must be purchased at time of deposit)

Final payment is due by December 5, 2023

*This tour is operated in partnership  
with Mayflower Cruises & Tours*

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

## Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Main Street Tours reserve the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Main Street Tours.

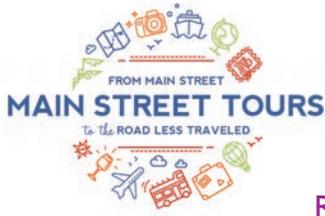
FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## February 6-11, 2024

questions?

Call (800) 300-6246

RESERVATION FORM — Please complete one form per person

Price is the same if paying by check or credit card

- double occupancy: \$2,699 per person
- single occupancy: \$3,338 per person

**PRICE INCLUDES FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE BETWEEN LAX AND NEW ORLEANS  
IF BOOKED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

PLEASE ADD THE TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN FOR \$250  
THIS MUST BE PURCHASED AT TIME OF DEPOSIT

Deposit: With the Travel Protection Plan: \$450 per person  
Without the Travel Protection Plan: \$200 per person

Final Payment: Balance is due by December 5, 2023  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MAIN STREET TOURS

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### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Should you choose not to purchase our Travelers Protection Plan, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

Cancel 61 days or more prior to departure	Deposit Amount
Cancel 60 to 31 days prior to departure	20% of tour cost
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Cancel 14 to 1 day prior to departure	40% of tour cost
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Full Name (as it appears on I.D.): \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F Room Type:  1 bed  2 beds

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card: Visa MasterCard (Note: Credit cards will be processed by Mayflower Cruises & Tours)

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be Charged: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the cancellation and refund policy above, as well as the terms and conditions on the back of this form.

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Booking Agreement Terms and Conditions

M.S. Tours, Inc., dba Main Street Tours and dba Main Street Experiences, is a tour operator specializing in providing our customers with group travel experiences. These terms and conditions (the "Agreement") describe what you are legally entitled to expect from us when you book your trip through us, in addition to important obligations you make as a customer that affect your legal rights. The terms "we", "us" and "our" refer to M.S. Tours, Inc. dba Main Street Tours and dba Main Street Experiences. The term "you" "participant" "customer" refers to the customer visiting our website, and/or booking a reservation through us.

### YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By booking your arrangement with us, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and any additional terms and conditions of any Supplier that are applicable to your booking and travel arrangements. It is the responsibility of each participant to read our Terms and Conditions in its entirety. Pertaining to private group tours, the lead participant assumes the responsibility of sharing these Terms and Conditions with each trip participant, including payment of all amounts when due. M.S. Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any participant's unawareness of the Terms and Conditions due to the failure of the lead participant to share this information with all other participants/customers. If you do not agree to these terms you should not make a booking with us.

You acknowledge and agree that we may change these terms and conditions from time to time and that those changes become effective immediately. You agree to be bound by the terms and conditions that are in effect at the time of your travel or cancellation, whichever applies. You agree that it is your responsibility to be familiar with these terms and conditions and to check back from time to time for any changes.

You represent and warrant that (a) you are of sufficient age to use our services and website and can create binding legal obligations in connection with your use, (b) you are legally authorized to act on behalf of those you represent and accept these terms and conditions on their behalf, and (c) the information supplied by you or members of your group is true and correct. You are responsible for informing such other persons of all terms and conditions applicable to their travel arrangements. You understand that you are financially responsible for any use of our services or website by you and those for whom you make bookings.

You agree that any violation of any such terms and conditions may result in (a) the cancellation of your reservation or purchase, (b) your forfeiture of any monies paid for your reservation or purchase, (c) you being denied access to the applicable travel related product or service, and (d) our right to debit your account for any costs we incur as a result of such violation.

If we do not receive any payment due in full and on time, M.S. Tours, Inc. may treat the booking as being cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out below will become payable. We reserve the right to refuse a booking without giving any reason and shall, in that event only, return any deposit received. Reservations are non-transferrable.

The customer acknowledges that the price quoted for any tour or travel arrangements is based upon prices provided for accommodations, transportation, tickets and other components. Should any prices for such components be increased, M.S. Tours, Inc. reserves the right and the customer acknowledges the right of M.S. Tours, Inc. to increase the tour and travel arrangement price in the amount of any such increase in price. Any customer given notice of increased cost shall have the right to terminate the reservation and obtain a full refund of all amounts paid to M.S. Tours, Inc. unless such payment was expressly made on a non-refundable basis. The acceptance of any tickets, vouchers, or other documentation of tour or travel arrangements shall be deemed to be acceptance of the above General Information, Terms and Conditions by the customer.

### PARKING

Parking at the departure point is free and at your own risk.

### NON-OPERATION OF A TOUR

Most tours are based on a minimum number of participants. M.S. Tours, Inc. makes every effort to ensure that tours meet their minimum requirements. However, if the tour drops below the minimum number of participants, cancellation or modification of the tour may occur at the sole discretion of M.S. Tours, Inc. We may offer alternative tour dates or other travel arrangements. You may choose to accept these arrangements or to cancel your booking, in which case a full refund will be provided. Any air cancellation will be in accordance with the terms of the carrier and M.S. Tours, Inc. will not be liable for the carrier's refusal to make any refund whatsoever. In such case M.S. Tours, Inc. will not be liable for any additional costs incurred outside of the tour prices such as visa and passport fees, travel insurance or any other purchases made by the guest in anticipation of the tour.

### CHANGES TO ITINERARIES

The customer acknowledges that tour itineraries, accommodations, travel arrangements and other aspects of a tour must at times be modified or cancelled due to acts of God, (including but not limited to, fires, earthquakes, floods, acts or threats of terrorism) unavailability of accommodations or other causes beyond the reasonable control of M.S. Tours, Inc.. M.S. Tours, Inc. reserves the right to make changes to its published itineraries which we deem insignificant and are due to reasons beyond our control. In such cases, we will arrange for the substitution of comparable services. As an example, significant changes do not include the following, change of accommodation to another of the same standard, any change in the itinerary due to holiday, facility closure or weather, and any minor itinerary change where we make a reasonable substitution. M.S. Tours, Inc. will not be responsible for delays prior to the departure of your tour, during the tour or at any time and will not be responsible for any additional cost or loss which may be caused as a result of these delays.

### CANCELLATION BY M.S. TOURS, INC.

If for any reason M.S. Tours, Inc. cancels your trip, excepting in case of a force majeure, an alternative trip of a similar standard will be offered to you. If this is not acceptable to you, then all monies paid by you to M.S. Tours, Inc. will be refunded. Beyond the trip costs paid

to us, M.S. Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any loss or damage that arises out of any cancellation for any reason whatsoever.

### FORCE MAJEURE

M.S. Tours, Inc. cannot accept liability, provide any refund, or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected, or you otherwise suffer any loss, injury, death, inconvenience or damage as a result of circumstances amounting to "force majeure." "Force majeure" means any event or circumstances which we or the supplier of the services in question could not foresee or avoid. Such events and circumstances may include, acts of God, actual or threatened, war, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil action, decisions by governments or governing authority, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes of schedules or operational decisions of air carriers, terrorist activity or the threat thereof, industrial action, natural or nuclear activity, epidemic, pandemic, illness, physical injury, quarantine, medical or customs or immigration regulation, delay, or cancellation, or adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside our control.

### YOUR CONDUCT/RESPONSIBILITY

Each participant is expected to act responsibly and adhere to all behavior guidelines established by M.S. Tours, Inc. and our local guides and suppliers. We and our local guides and suppliers reserve the right to remove you from any trip if you endanger yourself or others or disrupt the general well-being of the trip itself. In any such case, there will be no refund.

When you book with us, you accept responsibility for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss (reasonably estimated if not precisely known) must be paid direct at the time to the accommodation owner or manager or other supplier. You must indemnify us for the full amount of any claim (also including legal costs) made against us. M.S. Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any costs incurred concerning a guest removed from a vacation/holiday. Guests agree not to hold M.S. Tours, Inc. or any of its related entities liable for any actions taken under these terms and conditions. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

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### ADDITIONAL RISKS

Additional risks and dangers may arise including, but not limited to, the hazards of travel which could result in your serious injury or death: hazards of travel by train, automobile, aircraft and other means of conveyance, animal interactions; hazards at sports events; the behavior of yourself and other attendees; consumption of alcohol; forces of nature, political unrest, other unrest, risks associated with water, food, plants, insects, and acts of national and local governments and unrest and acts of others against governments. These risks are not an exhaustive list but are examples of many kinds of risks. You are voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge that there are significant dangers involved, and you hereby agree to accept any and all risks. As lawful consideration for the agreement with M.S. Tours, Inc. to participate in such trips and activities you agree you will not make a claim against M.S. Tours, Inc., its related companies or its personnel or sue for bodily injury, emotional trauma, death, property loss or damage or other loss, cost or expense, however caused, as a result of or related to your contracting for, traveling to or from, or in any and every other way participating in the trip. You release M.S. Tours, Inc., its related companies and its personnel from any and all claims, known or unknown, arising from contracting for, traveling to or from, and in any and every way participating in a trip. This release of liability and assumption of risk agreement is entered into on behalf of you and all members of your family and party, also including minors. This agreement also binds your heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC LIKENESS

The customer acknowledges M.S. Tours, Inc.'s right to use any photographs for promotional material unless M.S. Tours, Inc. receives written notification of the customer's declination.

### SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these terms and conditions shall be held unenforceable, such provision shall be struck and the remainder shall remain enforceable.

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