

# NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

## 7 Days - 6 Nights

*The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.*

- Day 1** A morning departure from Nebraska has you heading for your overnight stop for check-in. Dinner is on your own this evening. *(Please pack an overnight bag.)*
- Day 2** After breakfast, check out and depart for the **Cajun Country of New Orleans**, also known as the “**Big Easy**.” Upon arrival, you will check into your motel. This evening you will enjoy a delicious dinner at one of New Orleans’ popular restaurants.
- Day 3** Enjoy breakfast, then depart on a **guided tour of New Orleans** and its historic sites. Three centuries of New Orleans and culture will be highlighted during the tour which will include the French Quarter, Jackson Square, historic St. Louis Cathedral and the exotic French Market. You will pass the splendid Creole Cottages on Esplanade Avenue and view one of the unique above-ground cemeteries, referred to as “Cities of the Dead” for their elaborate, architectural tombs. Your guide will detail the local legends of voodoo and pirates as you follow Bayou St. John to Lake Pontchartrain and the renowned seafood restaurants of the West End. The tour path will pass St. Charles Avenue, the University Section and Audubon Park. View the decadent and exclusive homes of the lush Garden District and ride back to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as you pass the Superdome and high-rises of the Central Business District. You will also enjoy a visit to the **National World War II Museum** which focuses on the contribution made by the U.S. to victory by the Allies in WW II and the Battle of Normandy in particular. The museum’s main section focuses on the War in the Pacific and the War against Germany. There is also a special area on the Normandy Invasion and on Higgins Industries of New Orleans that designed and built the amphibious landing craft. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the area at your own pace. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration of a traditional Creole meal and enjoy the finished meal at the **New Orleans School of Cooking**.
- Day 4** Following breakfast, enjoy a tour of the **Houmas House Plantation & Gardens** — “The Crown Jewel of Louisiana’s River Road.” Sugarcane was farmed here on tens of thousands of acres, and it became the largest producer of sugar in the country. The mansion and grounds have been thoroughly restored and enhanced to reflect the opulent lifestyle and grandeur of the successful sugar barons who once lived here. Guides in period dress offer an entertaining glimpse into the resplendent world of southern plantation life through Houmas House, followed by a **buffet lunch**. Spend the afternoon exploring some of New Orleans’ attractions on your own. Enjoy some shopping in the **French Quarter**, New Orleans’ most popular neighborhood and one of the best preserved historical neighborhoods in America. The French Quarter features a strong, lasting Spanish and French influence and is home the best-known party street in New Orleans ... Bourbon Street; you may visit the Riverwalk and Jax Brewery. Dinner is on your own this evening.
- Day 5** After breakfast, depart for **Harrah’s Casino** where you can spend a few hours trying your luck at the slots and other games of chance. Afterwards, you will enjoy a spectacular **luncheon cruise aboard the City of New Orleans Riverboat** on the mighty Mississippi River. Savor the beauty and romance of New Orleans and take a journey back in time aboard the authentic sternwheel steamboat. Dinner is on your own this evening.
- Day 6** Enjoy breakfast, then check out and travel to your overnight stop where lodging has been arranged for you this evening *(Please pack an overnight bag.)* Dinner is on your own in the local area.
- Day 7** Enjoy a continental breakfast, then check out and prepare for your departure home with lasting memories of your journey into the deep South, **Cajun Country of New Orleans**.

**THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!**

### TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*