



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW ORLEANS

March 29 - April 2, 2020

5 days / 4 nights

\$2415

Join this exciting, fun Collette tour to the great city of New Orleans with its delightful French Quarter, old South ambiance, Mardi Gras World, delicious beignets, Oak Alley Plantation, a roaring jazz revue and delightful cuisine. Unpack once for 4 nights' accommodations at the Royal Sonesta Hotel!

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Day 1 - DOVER/WILMINGTON/PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT

Your tour begins at Modern Maturity Center in Dover or at Osher Lifelong Learning Center in Wilmington as you board the motorcoach for Philadelphia Airport for your flight to New Orleans. On arrival transfer to your hotel is provided.

ROYAL SONESTA HOTEL

Day 2 - FRENCH QUARTER

Our local guide will join us for a panoramic city tour. Begin at the St. Louis Cemetery #3 which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Then relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. The road eventually leads you past St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Tulane and Loyola. **This afternoon it's your choice!** Take a walk through history at the National World War II Museum or celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World and come to know the history of this tradition; tour a working warehouse where artisans create spectacular floats for the famous parades. Tonight learn how to cook New Orleans-style. During a cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking your chef will indulge you in everything Louisiana cuisine has to offer. Meals:B,D

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Day 3 - FRENCH QUARTER

A walking tour this morning includes the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, the French Market place where you'll explore Pirates Alley, Jackson Square and the famous Pontalba buildings. Next, head over to Café Du Monde for a taste of a true New Orleans favorite - beignets. This afternoon experience the bygone era of the Antebellum south as we travel to Oak Alley Plantation. Stroll down the magnificent alley of 300-year old live oak trees and enjoy a professionally guided tour of the mansion and the rich history of the Antebellum south. Meals:B

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Day 4 - NEW ORLEANS

Set out on a drive along New Orleans' historic Esplanade Avenue. Then journey through a swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this ecosystem and keep an eye out for wildlife, from bald eagles to herons, turtles and alligators. Spend an afternoon on your own in the colorful French Quarter or take an optional excursion aboard a New Orleans Steamboat. Dinner this evening at the well-known Court of Two Sisters Restaurant in the French Quarter. After dinner a roaring Jazz revue at a local Club in the French Quarter. Meals:B,D

ROYAL SONESTA HOTEL

Day 5 - NEW ORLEANS HOME

After breakfast, a farewell to New Orleans as you are transferred to the airport for your return flight to Philadelphia where transportation will be waiting to return you home. Meals:B

TOUR INCLUSIONS: Roundtrip transportation from Dover or Wilmington to Philadelphia Airport * airfare PHL/New Orleans-New Orleans/PHL * air taxes and fees (subject to change until ticketed) accommodations for 4 nights at the Royal Sonesta Hotel (on some date an alternate hotel may be used) * daily guided sightseeing days 2, 3 and 4 * meals include 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners * taxes and gratuities for hotel and included meals * local guides gratuities * luggage handling at hotel * luggage handling at airports with minimum of 15 passengers * services of a Tour Director from 4 Seasons Tours with a minimum of 15 passengers * services of a Tour Manager from Collette Tours in New Orleans.

Not included: Collette Tour Manager gratuities *

Conditions: A deposit of \$250 is due with each reservation. Final payment is due January 20, 2020.

Cancellations: Deposits are refundable until October 18, 2019. **Insurance is available at a cost of \$110 per person and must be paid at time of deposit.** With insurance you may cancel for any reason prior to the day of departure and receive a full refund except the Travel Protection Fee of \$110 per person.

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