

Natchez to New Orleans Spring Pilgrimage Tour

Tour private homes of Natchez, only open during Natchez Pilgrimage!
Plus stay in New Orleans' French Quarter & visit the WWII museum!

March 8 - 13, 2025

Sat, Mar 8 – We're on Our Way!

Our journey southward begins as we head to Natchez, home to one of the largest concentrations of antebellum (pre-Civil War) homes in the country. When we arrive in Natchez this evening, we have a special treat – dinner in a private home, Choctaw Hall! Owners David and Lee welcome us into their home and B&B, lovingly restored to glorious splendor. After a wonderful dinner we head back to our hotel, The Clarion, for the next 2 nights. **(Dinner)**

Sun, Mar 9 – Home Tours Galore!



After breakfast we meet our local guide, a Natchezian local born and raised here, who will take us around the city of Natchez and lead us to our 3 included home tours this morning. We then enjoy some Southern Hospitality with lunch in one of these amazing antebellum homes! This afternoon is free for you to explore the town, or for \$40 more, visit the cotton plantation and Music Museum or take in some additional home tours for an additional fee. Dinner tonight will be at Glenfield Plantation, which survived the Civil War and has been in the Field family since the 1880s. Our tour guide today will have been the owner so you'll already be known to her when we visit their 7,000 square foot home. We'll also enjoy live music as we dine in luxury! **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Mon, Mar 10 – Laissez les bons temps rouler in New Orleans!

We check out of the hotel after breakfast this morning and head across the river to Louisiana. Our first stop is in Baton Rouge, where we tour the Louisiana State Capitol, which at 450 feet tall is the tallest state capitol building in the United States. Learn about former Governor Huey Long as we watch the Ken Burns documentary chronicling The King Fish's reign. Learn how he ran Louisiana even when he was a Senator in D.C. See the building that reflects the outsized impact he made on both the state and the country. Then it's off to New Orleans, the Crescent City, where they like to "Laissez les bons temps rouler" or "Let the good times roll!" We stay two nights in the French Quarter at Hotel Ste. Marie, so no need to ride in from a hotel out by the airport! Tonight dinner is at the famous Court of Two Sisters, where we enjoy some of the best food in the city! **(Breakfast, Dinner)**



Tues, Mar 11 – National World War II Museum and Time to Explore

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we visit the National World War II Museum Complex with five buildings.



Formerly the D-Day Museum, the National World War II Museum thoroughly explores the conflict, from the events that led to the war to the impact it had on our lives today. There are sections dedicated to both the European and Pacific theaters, as well as a movie narrated by Tom Hanks that we have included in your admission that serves as tribute to the courage and sacrifice the men and women made to protect democracy. The rest of the day is yours to explore, to try some of the famous restaurants or just have a famous Beignet and coffee in the park. Join Dea on a streetcar

ride or go shopping in the French Market. **(Breakfast)**

Wed, Mar 12 – A Morning at Leisure and Jackson, Mississippi

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a free morning in New Orleans before we bid farewell to Louisiana. We are heading to another state Capitol, this time in Jackson, Mississippi. Known as the “New Capitol” by the locals, this 1903 building is the 3rd Capitol built in Jackson and is known for its classical revival architecture and is constructed with more than 10 types of marble from other states and countries around the world. We arrive at our hotel in Jackson, the Drury hotel where we enjoy the food and drinks at happy hour. **(Breakfast, Heavy Apps)**



Thurs, Mar 13 – Homeward Bound



We depart after breakfast and make our way homeward. We will stop for lunch in Memphis, TN, famous for its music and great BBQ. We then continue North and arrive home this evening.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed our time together experiencing the Natchez Pilgrimage and New Orleans home tours as much as we have enjoyed sharing these unique events with you. Natchez, Mississippi is truly the epitome of antebellum home preservation. And New Orleans still has the personality of no other city along the river. Thank you for traveling with us! **(Breakfast)**

Trip includes:

- ✓ Round-Trip transportation on a luxury Motor Coach from Monroe County Y
- ✓ Tours of 3 historic homes in Natchez, plus dining in 3 additional homes
- ✓ Tours of the Louisiana and Mississippi Capitols
- ✓ Admission to the World War II Museum in New Orleans
- ✓ Stay 2 nights in Natchez, 2 nights in the French Quarter and 1 night in Jackson
- ✓ 9 meals (5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners) plus Drury's Happy Hour in Jackson
- ✓ Round-trip luggage handling from the coach to your room
- ✓ 2 Professional Tour Directors throughout tour
- ✓ All gratuities to Driver, Guides, and Wait Staff at included meals

\$1,954 Per person, Double Occ \$2,329 Single \$1,855 Per person, Triple/ Quad
Group Trip Insurance Available to cover cancellation and interruption for
\$181 Per Person for Double/Triple/Quad Price \$220 Single Price

When you are ready to sign up, please fill out attached reservation form and make payment by check or cash to: **Heartland Travel.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Heartland Travel at: **(618) 939-3838** or cvtravel@htc.net

Natchez Reservation Form – March 8-13, 2025

Today's Date: _____

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E Mail: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Roommate or Seatmate: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Dietary or Walking Concerns: _____

Date of Birth (if purchasing insurance) _____

NOTES: _____

For all tours, seating preference on coach assigned by date deposit received.

Please indicate where you wish to be seated and with whom: _____

Tour Price: \$1,954 per person, double occupancy

\$2,329 single occupancy \$1,855 per person, triple occupancy

Tour Guidelines:

Deposit Due via check or cash:

\$500* per person at time of sign up plus trip cancellation insurance if you so desire.

****NOTE:** Purchasing Trip cancellation/interruption insurance with deposit ensures coverage of medical, pre-existing conditions if a recurrence happens.

_____ I **accept** Trip Insurance \$181 for Double, Triple \$220 for Single

_____ I **decline** Trip Insurance and understand that after final payment, no part of the tour will be refundable

Signature

Date

Full Amount of final payment will be due on January 3, 2025

Make check to: Heartland Travel

Drop off at Y or mail to same at: **102 West Mill Street Suite 4A, Waterloo, IL 62298**

For information or with questions call Connie at: (618) 939-3838

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