



Group Tours

Cajun Country Hub and Spoke Tour

Day One & Day Two: Arrive in The Big Easy for two days of nonstop excitement. Spend a day walking and shopping in the French Quarter. Stroll the Riverwalk or go on a cruise down the mighty Mississippi River. Tour to the Garden District. Take in a show at the IMAX, visit the Audubon Zoo, tour the National WWII Museum, Long Vue Gardens or the New Orleans Metropolitan Museum of Art. In the evening, enjoy dinner at one of the many top-rated restaurants, listen to music at Preservation Hall or House of Blues or try your luck at Harrah's Casino. Overnight in New Orleans.

Day Three: Today travel into Cajun Country and learn about the Bayou Cajuns. In Thibodaux, tour Laurel Valley Plantation, the largest surviving sugar cane plantation in the United States, which is still cultivating cane today. After touring Laurel Valley, drive over to Houma, the Venice of Louisiana, and enjoy a swamp tour. Whether you're looking for musical entertainment, education or exotic nature, Houma has a tour for you. After dining at one of Houma's numerous restaurants, visit the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum where various exhibits explain the life and culture of the Bayou Cajuns. Next, it's off to Morgan City, where you'll tour the Cypress Manor and Mardi Gras Museum. Enjoy appetizers and learn about Mardi Gras. View splendid costumes and memorabilia of local krewes. If time permits, enjoy a walking tour of Morgan City's Historic District or shopping down Main Street. After Cypress Manor and the historic district, arrive at the hotel of your choice and get ready for the evening's entertainment, Krewe de Mardi Gras, where some of your guests will be crowned royalty for the evening! In the evening, try your luck at Cypress Bayou Casino or the Amelia Belle. Overnight in Morgan City/Franklin.

Day Four: After breakfast, travel to Franklin, described as one of the prettiest Louisiana towns by Lyle Saxon in Old Louisiana. A knowledgeable step-on guide from the Landmarks Society will tell you all about this stunning English town, which boasts over 400 noteworthy properties, many listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour two plantation homes, private or public, and enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch. If time permits, enjoy shopping down Franklin's Main Street, where merchants will offer discounts and goodies for your guests. Next, travel to New Iberia, home of the world famous Tabasco® sauce and the spiciest, saltiest and sweetest spot in Louisiana. Tour the Tabasco® factory, Jungle Gardens, Konriko (the oldest rice mill in the United States), Shadows-on-the-Teche (the most documented plantation home in the South) or Rip Van Winkle Gardens. After touring New Iberia, return to Morgan City/Franklin. Enjoy a

catered meal followed by a Cajun humorist or let the bureau set up a Cajun Fais Do Do, complete with music, a catered meal and Cajun dance lessons. Overnight in Morgan City/Franklin.

Day Five: Today you'll visit Plantation Country via Highway 70. The first stop is Nottoway, the largest plantation house in Louisiana. From there you'll travel to Baton Rouge to tour the Old State Capitol. After the Capitol, enjoy lunch at one of Baton Rouge's many restaurants then head over to the Rural Life Museum, an outdoor museum depicting pre-industrial 19th century Louisiana, tour the Louisiana Mud Painting Gallery or shop at one of the many antique malls in Baton Rouge. From there, travel to Vacherie where you'll tour Laura Plantation, a Creole plantation, and/or Oak Alley, the most photographed plantation in Louisiana. Eat dinner at Oak Alley or one of the seafood restaurants located nearby. Return back to Morgan City/Franklin.

Day Six: Today you'll travel to the heart of Cajun Country. The first stop is St. Martinville, home of the famed Evangeline Oak. Afterwards tour St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church or the Acadian Memorial. Enjoy lunch at Mulate's, the world famous Cajun restaurant in Breaux Bridge. Afterwards, travel to Lafayette and tour the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve, Acadian Cultural Center, Vermilionville or Acadian Village for a glimpse into the life of the Acadians. If time permits, enjoy walking Lafayette's downtown for a little shopping. After a full afternoon, enjoy dinner at one of Lafayette's award-winning establishments. Return back to Morgan City/Franklin.

Day Seven: Wake up, pack, eat breakfast, load up and get a farewell gift from the bureau. Head back to New Orleans to fly home or begin your journey home via motor coach.