

Reservation Coupon

Please make ___ reservation(s) for The Best of New Orleans, November 17-23, 2024. I/We have enclosed a deposit in the amount of \$_____ (\$100 per person). If sending a check, make payable to mail to: **Countryside Tours Inc., P.O. Box 48, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343**

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State, ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Traveling with _____

Rooming with _____

Rooming Requirements

(handicapped/special needs):

Dietary Restrictions _____

Departure Point Desired:

Grand Rapids

Hudsonville

Who can we thank for referring you?

Credit Card Payment: Visa/MC/Discover
(please circle one)

Credit Card Number

- -

Expiration Date -

Amount to be charged \$ _____

Cardholder Name

Billing Address

Signature of Card Holder

I/We have read the General Information and Tour Conditions and understand and accept the contents of this brochure:

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General Information and Tour Conditions

Reservations, Deposits, Final Payments: Reservations may be made by phone or in writing to our office. Your deposit is due within 7 days of making reservations. Your reservation is not considered confirmed until your deposit is received. Final payment will be due 30 days prior to departure unless otherwise noted on the tour brochure. It is important that the name and date of the tour appear on your remittance.

Cancellations and Refunds: Cancellations must be made in writing to our office (email is acceptable)

Cancellations received:

Anytime after paying a deposit - \$25.00

60-31 days before the trip date - \$50.00

30 days or fewer before the trip date - no refund

Any refunds needed for those who pay via credit cards will be made by a Countryside Tours check.

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Tours Canceled by Countryside Tours, Inc.: Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to a tour due to insufficient participation. In this case, complete refund of monies will be made.

Broadway Show Ticket: The cost of the ticket will be non-refundable.

Membership on Tours: We reserve the right to accept, decline or dismiss any person as a member of our tour.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: Countryside Tours, Inc. regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to guests for walking, dining, wheel chairs or other personal needs. Persons needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. Smoking on the bus: For the comfort and safety of all passengers, smoking is prohibited while on the motorcoach. Rest and comfort stops are made periodically for that purpose.

Hotels: Hotel accommodations for the overnight stops have been carefully selected based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath. A limited number of single, triple and quadruple rooms are available on request at the cost indicated. Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to substitute hotels when necessary.

Taxes & Gratuities: All taxes and gratuities for attractions and meals are included in the tour cost. Motorcoach driver's tip is appreciated.

Tour Itinerary: Some of our tours are planned a year in advance. Due to conditions beyond our control, some changes (such as theatre performances, restaurants or hotels) may be necessary. If improvements can be made or unexpected conditions arise (such as inclement weather or traffic conditions), we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as we deem advisable. If features must be deleted, they will be done with the mutual understanding that any additional expense will be paid by the individual tour member.

Photographs/Film: The undersigned hereby consents to allow pictures taken on the tour to be included in promotional efforts by Countryside Tours, Inc.

Responsibility: Countryside Tours, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343-0048 and its suppliers providing the services mentioned in this brochure, act in the capacity as agent in arranging the various accommodations and services and therefore assume no responsibility for delays of arrival or departure, theft, accidents, loss, damage or injury to person or property or for any condition beyond its control, or for loss or expense incurred thereby.

**Space is limited and reservations will be
accepted on a first-come, first-served basis**

Countryside Tours Presents...

The Best of New Orleans

November 17 - 23, 2024
(Sunday - Saturday)



Join us for Countryside's first trip to
The Big Easy! Sample local cuisine,
explore the French Quarter, take in
Mardi Gras World, enjoy a cooking class
at the New Orleans School of Cooking,
see the National World War II Museum,
and more!



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Your Price:

Double: \$2,479.00

Single: \$3,109.00

Triple: \$2,359.00

Quad: \$2,297.00

Your Tour Includes:

- Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach
- Our signature breakfast to-go bag
- Six nights hotel accommodations, including four in the french quarter
- Thirteen meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 5 dinners
- Dinner at the **famous Lambert's Cafe - "Home of the Throwned Rolls"**
- A **local guide** in New Orleans
- Time to explore the French Quarter
- **City Tour of New Orleans by Motorcoach**
- Admission to Mardi Gras World
- Admission to the **National World War II Museum**, including their 4D film, *Beyond All Boundaries*
- An evening at the **New Orleans School of Cooking**, where the Chef will prepare four Louisiana dishes - dinner will be served at the end of the class
- Admission to the **Laura Plantation**, including a guided tour of the newly restored Big House, and the 200 year old sugar plantation homestead
- A **Louisiana swamp boat tour**
- A live New Orleans **Jazz show at Fritzel's European Jazz Club**
- A dinner cruise aboard the **Natchez steamboat**
- Services of a Countryside Tour Director
- Tax and tips for all inclusions ~ driver's tip is appreciated!



Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, Nov 17 (B, D)

We will depart early this morning and make our way toward New Orleans. We will stop for our signature breakfast, and lunch (on your own) along the way. Tonight will be spent in Sikeston MO, with dinner included at the famous Lambert's Cafe - "Home of the Throwned Rolls".

Day 2: Monday, Nov 18 (B)

Today we will travel the rest of the way to New Orleans, arriving in the evening to meet our local guide. We will be staying at the Four Points Sheraton while we are in New Orleans. You will have the evening to get dinner, and explore the French Quarter on your own. The French Quarter sits on a crescent in the Mississippi River on some of the highest ground in New Orleans.

Day 3: Tuesday, Nov 19 (B, D)

After breakfast this morning, we will take a comprehensive city tour to help us get to know New Orleans better. After our tour, we will go to Mardi Gras World, where you'll get an overview of the history of Mardi Gras in New Orleans before continuing through the float den, where artists work year-round to build spectacular floats and props. You will see where the Mardi Gras magic is made! After lunch on your own, we will go to the National World War II Museum. The National WWII Museum, formerly known as The National D-Day Museum, is a military history museum, dedicated to telling the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world. While we are there, we will view their 4D movie, Beyond All Boundaries. This evening we will be headed to The New Orleans School of Cooking, where a chef will prepare four Louisiana dishes for us for dinner.

Day 4: Wednesday, Nov 20 (B, L, D)

Today we will visit The Laura Plantation. Here, on the banks of the Mississippi River, at one historic farm surrounded by fields of sugarcane, you will find the difference that exemplifies Creole Louisiana. We will tour the newly remodeled Big House, the 200-year-old sugar plantation homestead with a visit into the three gardens, and one of the cabins of the enslaved people. Lunch will be included at Frenier Landing before we head out on a Louisiana Swamp Boat Tour, where we will see how the Cajuns of the Bayou survive and live in harmony with the swamps, and look for the wildlife that populates the area. In the late afternoon, we will return to the hotel to freshen up before we enjoy a Natchez Steamboat Dinner and Jazz Cruise on the Mississippi River.

Meals Included Key: MBS=Morning Breakfast Snacks, CB=Continental Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

How much walking will there be on this trip?



Light



Moderate



Active

Day 5: Thursday, Nov 21 (B, D)

Today, after you enjoy breakfast at your leisure, you will have the day on your own in the French Quarter. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a New Orleans Jazz Show at Fritzel's European Jazz Pub. After the show, we will have a delicious dinner in the Creole tradition at historic Tajague's Restaurant.

Day 6: Friday, Nov 22 (B, D)

This morning we will depart New Orleans for Sikeston MO, where we will again spend the night at the Drury Inn, which features a 5:30 Kickback with complimentary hot food and beer, wine, mixed drinks or soft drinks. If you prefer to go out, there is a Ruby Tuesday about a block from the hotel.

Day 7: Saturday, Nov 23 (B)

We will make our way home today, stopping for lunch (on your own) and arriving in Hudsonville at approximately 6:00 pm, and Grand Rapids at approximately 6:30 pm. We will not be making a dinner stop.



Departure Points and Times:

7:00am Grand Rapids

Park & Ride Lot: Exit 38 ~ I-96 (East Beltline, M44/M37)
GPS Address: 3250 Deposit Dr NE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

7:30am Hudsonville

Meijer Parking Lot: 4075 32nd Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Bus will be parked by Wendy's***

Approximate return home time: 6:00pm

