

WINTER ESCAPE!!
JOIN US FOR A FUN AND EXCITING TIME IN LOUISIANA!
***NEW ORLEANS, *MARDI GRAS PARADES, *MUSIC, *MEALS,**
***CAJUN COUNTRY, *PLANTATIONS, & *GREAT WEATHER.**



We are holding a seat for you...

Occupancy:
\$1129 p/p 2 sharing
\$1559 private room

Feb 8-15, 2012

Wed—Wed
8 full days

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express
Louisville, KY
Drury Inn.
Birmingham, AL
Wyndham Garden Inn
New Orleans 4 nights
Drury Inn,
Bowling Green, KY

Travel Arrangements by:

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Just let us know as soon as you can if you are joining us. The itinerary is on the reverse side. It's quite a ways to New Orleans, but we have an entertaining stop on the way down in McMinnville, TN. Enjoy abundant tastes with Beignets, Cajun food, seafood, or just plan southern food if that's what you like. You will have music at Mulates and at the Jazz Brunch and at every turn in New Orleans. Learn all about New Orleans history, the Garden District, City Park, St. Charles Ave, and Hurricane Katrina. Another day take a unique journey back to the early days of Louisiana bayou and swamp explorations. Just don't pet the alligators. Plantations are plentiful in LA. Visit an antebellum home (circa 1787) that watches over the banks of the Mississippi River. Don't forget fun times at the Mardi Gras Parades and Mardi Gras World. Years ago Ron and Sue went to a Mardi Gras Parade in Pensacola, FL and it was a blast. You will enjoy these.



- Motorcoach Transportation
- All Breakfasts
- 7 nights hotel
- 2 special dinners
- 4 special luncheons
- Dinner Show
- Murder Mystery
- Cajun Swamp Cruise with guide
- Mardi Gras Parade in Houma, LA
- Free Time at French Quarter
- Plantation Tour
- 2 Mardi Gras Parades in New O.
- Guided Tour of New Orleans
- Mardi Gras World
- Locally guided tour of Birmingham, AL



Garden District Home

Departure & Return: To be determined later

Make reservations by 1/1/12 or until sold out. Final payment due 1/7/12. Should you cancel prior to Jan. 1, there is a \$35 fee. If you cancel Jan 2-Feb 2 there is a \$250 penalty. Cancel Feb. 3 or after and there is no refund. You can get a substitute at any time and incur no penalty. Cancellation protection is recommended.

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Roommate (s) _____

Day 1: Wednesday, February 8, 2012 This being winter we will begin with a mid-morning departure south. Make a fast food lunch stop and arrive in the Louisville area in time to check into our hotel and take in a dinner show at the Derby Dinner Playhouse. We will see Boeing, Boeing. It is 3 beautiful flight attendants who are going to spend some time with their fiancé in Paris and discover they are all waiting for the same gent. Stick around to see what happens. (D)

Day 2: Thursday, February 9, 2012 Our destination tonight is Birmingham, AL but we have miles to go before we stop. Lunch will be in McMinnville, TN at the Falcon Rest Victorian Mansion. Our program will be "Murder at the Mansion." Be prepared for some enjoyment along with delicious victuals. Arrive at the hotel still giggling from today's activities. (B,L)



Day 3: Friday, February 10, 2012 Included breakfast. Pick up our local guide in Birmingham and learn about so many things you really did not know about the charming city. Then begin your final leg into New Orleans, LA. Your hotel in New Orleans is the Wyndham Garden, which is just steps from the famous French Quarter. Arrive at the hotel, drop off your bags and enjoy one of the best dinners around with Cajun dancing afterwards. Don't worry about a partner. Someone will be there to 2-step with you. (B,D)

Day 4: Saturday, February 11, 2012 Included breakfast. Today visit Houma, LA and take a swamp tour with a local guide. Enjoy a specialty lunch at Sweet Olives and then enjoy one of the pre-Mardi Gras parades in Houma. Yes, you will be able to scoop up those beads and candy and medallions, and all other things that come your way. In all seriousness, the parades represent time honored traditions. They are a big deal in the ar-

ea. And this is one reason you drove all these miles to experience the parades the whole family can enjoy. They do not have to be censored. Return to New Orleans. Free time and dinner on your own tonight. (B, L)

Day 5: Sunday, February 12, 2012 Breakfast is included at the hotel. We will depart mid-morning for the French Quarter. You will notice it is not quite as busy as it was last night. Around noon we will have Sunday Jazz Brunch buffet, at the famous, Court of Two Sisters right in the center of the French Quarter. You will probably be too full to bend over and pick up more beads, but we will go to 2 other Parades. Actually, it is one following the other. The Krewe of Carrollton and King Arthur. You still have some free time to enjoy the French Quarter (B, Late Brunch)



Day 6: Monday, February 13, 2012 Breakfast included. Pick up a local guide and learn the history of the city of New Orleans. Included are sights from the Katrina Hurricane. Lunch will be included overlooking beautiful Lake Pontchartrain. Visit the Destrehan Plantation where the sands of Louisiana time seem to stand still. Last stop in New Orleans is a tour of Mardi Gras World where you will see the amazing history of Mardi Gras (B,L)

Day 7: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 Breakfast included. Begin the journey north to Bowling Green, KY. You will notice the climate changes as we travel North. (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 Breakfast included. Continue your journey north to the Detroit area. It's great to spend some time in a sunny climate but there is no place like home. However, you will have time to wash your clothes and take off again. This time go to Sunny Arizona next week, Feb. 21-March 1, 2012.

