

# DIXIE in the Spring

*New Orleans, Natchez Pilgrimage, Cajun Country, Evangeline Country, Confederate Pageant, French Quarter, Antebellum Homes, Mississippi Cruise*

*It's jazz. It's cotton, sugar cane, iron-laced balconies, and great, white plantation homes. It's glittering steamboats, trudging barges, and mammoth cargo ships on that big, muddy river. It's bayous, crawfish etouffee, and sweet southern drawl. It's New Orleans and delightful Dixie—AND it's all ours!*

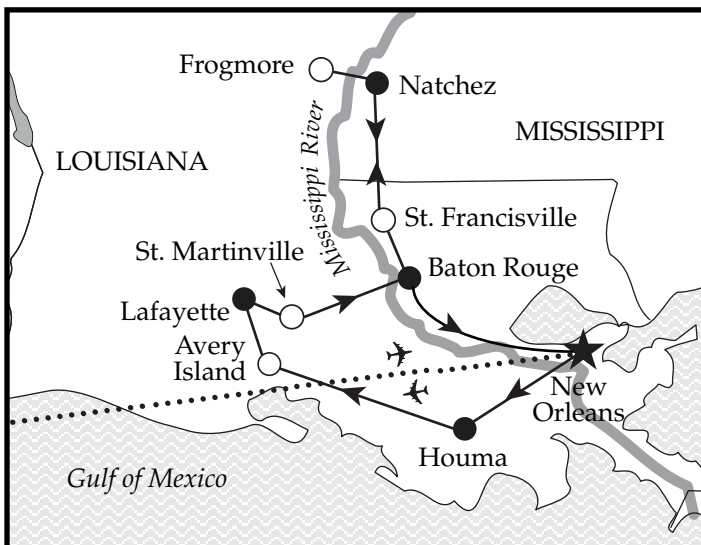
PER PERSON PRICE:

**\$1,725.00**

\$2,095.00

Double Occupancy

Single Occupancy



**DAY 1 HOME / HOUMA**

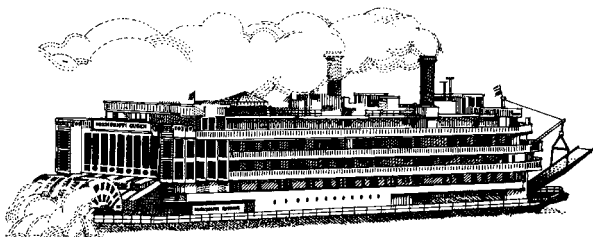
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We fly to New Orleans then cross the Mississippi River into Acadiana where the Cajuns live. Lodge one night in Houma.

**DAY 2 CAJUN COUNTRY / AVERY ISLAND**

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We see bayous, take a swamp tour, and visit the Oaklawn Manor plantation home. Then we drive to Avery Island to tour the Tabasco factory and the Jungle Gardens, which feature azaleas, "gators," and nesting snowy egrets. One night's lodging in Lafayette in the heart of Cajun Country. Dinner tonight is a special treat at the Accidental Chef Cooking School.



**March 21 - 28, 2012**

8 Days



**DAY 3 ST. MARTINVILLE / NATCHEZ**

CB,D

This morning in St. Martinville, we stand under the Evangeline Oak on the bank of Bayou Teche and visit Evangeline's Monument. We drive to Baton Rouge to tour the Louisiana State Museum, then continue to Natchez, Mississippi, to lodge two nights. We relive the grandeur of the Old South tonight at the Natchez Tableau, highlight of the Natchez Pilgrimage.

**DAY 4 NATCHEZ / PILGRIMAGE TOUR**

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Natchez boasts over 300 antebellum (pre-Civil War) homes. On our guided Natchez tour we visit magnificent mansions, open especially for the Natchez Pilgrimage. After lunch at the famous Carriage House we cross the Mississippi River to tour Frogmore Plantation, a historic working cotton plantation.

**DAY 5 BATON ROUGE / NEW ORLEANS**

We drive through historic St. Francisville, then reach Baton Rouge. Here our local guide leads us through the State Capitol Building where Huey Long was assassinated. After a city tour we see the LSU Rural Life Museum. We continue to New Orleans and lodge three nights in the French Quarter.

**DAY 6 NEW ORLEANS CITY TOUR**

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A complete New Orleans city tour takes us beyond the French Quarter to the many facets of this cosmopolitan city. This afternoon it is "All 'board!" as the calliope leads us to the "Natchez" for a narrated cruise on the Mississippi River.

**DAY 7 FREE TIME / NIGHT ON THE TOWN**

CB,D

Today we are free to visit museums and shops, to savor beignets (hot, square donuts!) and coffee at the Café Du Monde, and to enjoy the iron-laced balconies and quiet courtyards. Dinner tonight is at The Court of Two Sisters, a New Orleans landmark.

**DAY 8 NEW ORLEANS / HOME**

CB

We have seen the best that Dixie has to offer. It's time to return home with all our wonderful memories.

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip Airfare Albuquerque to New Orleans (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- 7 Nights' Lodging at Excellent Hotels
- 5 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners
- Guided Tour of Antebellum Homes in Natchez
- Guided French Quarter Walking Tour & New Orleans City Tour
- Admission to All Listed Attractions
- Baggage Handling at Hotels (for one piece)
- Your Professional SUN TOURS Tour Director
- All Taxes and Tips For Included Items

**DEPOSIT:** \$100.00 Per Person NOW Holds Your Place

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** January 19, 2012

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

None .....Through January 19, 2012

\$100.00 .....January 20 - February 14, 2012

\$500.00 .....After February 14, 2012

*Cancellation Insurance is Recommended*