

New Orleans Pre-Mardi Gras

featuring Avery Island, Evangeline Oak and Plantation Country

Tour Dates: February 25 - March 2, 2025



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DAY 1 Arrive in New Orleans: Welcome to New Orleans, Louisiana, America's jazz capital. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel Lobby at 6:00 p.m. for a transfer to our welcome dinner and cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Located in a renovated molasses warehouse in the heart of the French Quarter, you will learn the basics of Louisiana cooking from well-known local chefs. Creole/ Cajun experts teach New Orleans specialties such as Gumbo, Jambalaya and Pralines, and season them with history, trivia and tall tales. You'll be treated to a wide range of local classics and get to enjoy them in sumptuous feast. It's a "ga-ron-teed" good time for all. After dinner, feel free to enjoy the French Quarter on your own. Meal: D

DAY 2 New Orleans City Tour and National WWII Museum:

We begin with a narrated tour of New Orleans. See the sights you've heard about for years such as the historic French Quarter, the beautiful Garden District, the colorful River Walk along the Mississippi and famous Bourbon Street. See New Orleans as the city prepares for the biggest celebration of the year, Mardi Gras, with its colorful costumes, parades and parties. In the afternoon we pay a visit to the National WWII Museum. Designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era. Celebrate the American Spirit as you experience moving personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of Pacific Islands, the Museum salutes the optimism, courage and sacrifice of those who won the war and changed the world. Meal: B

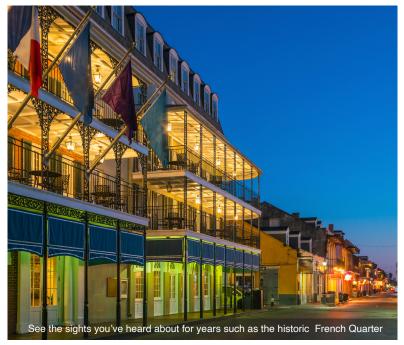
DAY 3 Mardi Gras World and Pre-Mardi Gras Parades:

This morning learn what goes into the making of the Mardi Gras parade floats. Since 1947, the artists of Blaine Kern Studios have been bringing Mardi Gras to life, creating many of the parade floats, from concept through completion. The colors, the lights, the music, the "joie de vivre" is all in one magical place, Mardi Gras World. You'll get a behind the scenes look at the world's largest fleet of carnival floats and see everything that goes into making Mardi Gras such an international phenomenon. Later, experience the fun and festivities of a Mardi Gras parade from reserved bleacher seats and cheer on the "Krewes" who sponsor the floats. Delight in their ornate costumes and royal courts and try to catch some of the gold, purple and green beads thrown at you from the floats. Be sure to sample King Cake, a traditional Mardi Gras treat! Meals: B, D

DAY 4 Canjun Swamps and Mighty Oaks: Travel from New Orleans today and embark on a narrated journey through the Louisiana swamp to see the vast wetlands, exotic wildlife, brilliant flora and the king of the swamp, the alligator. Then, venture into "plantation country." A stop at majestic Oak Alley Plantation, the impressive mansion whose twenty five acres of history and romance is dominated by the "alley" of 300-year-old live oak trees. Enjoy a tasty Mint Julep before coming to Laura Plantation. Step into the past as you explore the museum, visit the Big House and stand in an authentic 1840s slave cabin.

DAY 5 Avery Island, Evangeline Oak and Jean Lafite:

In the quaint town of St Martinville lives a love story so compelling that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow based his epic



poem *Evangeline*. See the majestic "Evangeline Oak." On Avery Island sits the TABASCO Pepper Sauce Factory. Known worldwide, TABASCO is one of the most popular sauces of its kind. Take a behind-the-scenes tour and have an on own lunch. Next stop at the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center. The center relates the story of the Acadians who settled Louisiana's Mississippi delta and covers their history, customs, language and contemporary culture. Dinner is at Prejean's Cajun Restaurant where the ambience is pure Cajun-French. Acadian relics line the walls and "Big Al" the fourteen foot alligator, stands in the middle of the dining room. Enjoy live Cajun music, great Cajun cuisine and great service all served up in a fun, casual atmosphere. Meals: B, D

DAY 6 Travel Home: After breakfast, a group transfer to the New Orleans Airport is available for flights out after 12:00 p.m. Meal: B





Tour Highlights

- 8 Meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend three nights in "The Big Easy," New Orleans
- Narrated New Orleans sightseeing tour with a local guide including Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, the Garden District and the French Quarter
- Visit the National WWII Museum, dedicated to the victory by the Allies in World War II
- See the world's largest fleet of carnival floats and learn about their making at Mardi Gras World
- Enjoy dinner and fun at the New Orleans School of Cooking featuring traditional cuisine
- Reserved seating along the parade route for Pre-Mardi Gras parades
- Take a narrated tour through a Louisiana swamp alive with brilliant flora and exotic wildlife
- Visit impressive Oak Alley Plantation
- Step into the past at Laura Plantation and stand in an authentic 1840s slave cabin
- See the Evangeline Oak made famous in Longfellow's epic poem Evangeline
- Take a behind-the-scenes tour at the TABASCO Pepper Sauce Factory on Avery Island
- Visit the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center and learn the history the Acadians who settled the area
- Farewell dinner at Prejean's Cajun Restaurant featuring live Cajun music and delicious Cajun cuisine in a fun atmosphere

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 through 3 - Hampton Inn and Suites, New Orleans, Louisiana Days 4 and 5 - Drury Inn and Suites, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.

Cost for a room in New Orleans is \$249, tax and breakfast included.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost • 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Tour Dates	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
February 25 - March 2, 2025	\$3,099	\$769

Pricing includes Round trip Fargo or Bismarck airfare, hotel transfers, land package, 8 meals, and professional tour manager.









FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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2025 NORTH AMERICA HOLIDAYS **Booking Conditions**

Payments: All deposits and final payments can be made by check or credit card. We accept the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Prices Subject to Change: We reserve the right to vary itineraries and prices and substitute facilities, hotels or events of equal or better quality if necessary.

Guaranteed Share Program for Single Travelers: If you are traveling alone and would like a roommate for cost savings, let us know at the time of booking your reservation. Travelers must be non-smokers and cannot use a medical sleeping device to be eligible. Participants will be paired with another traveler of the same gender at the twin rate. If no roommate is available, you will get a single room at the twin rate. Guaranteed share reservations are available 180 days prior to departure.

Roommate Cancellation: If you are booked as a "twin" and your roommate cancels their reservation, and you cannot find another roommate, you may either travel as a guaranteed share (see above) or travel as a single and pay the single supplement.

Health and Walking on Tour: Some sites visited have limited motorcoach access and may involve considerable walking, stairs or inclines. Travelers should be in reasonably good health. Some programs include destinations in higher elevations that may have varying effects on individual travelers. Tour Managers and Coach Drivers cannot lift or assist travelers into transportation vehicles. Mayflower Cruises & Tours requires that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance.

Revision Fees: A fee of \$25 per person per transaction will be charged for any changes, revisions or alterations made to your reservation after confirmation.

Luggage Handling: The tour cost includes porterage for one average size suitcase. A charge of \$5.00 per hotel will be collected by the Tour Manager for each additional piece of luggage that you bring.

Travel Documents: Your travel documents will be in your possession approximately 14 days prior to departure. Documents include tour itinerary, departure and arrival information and times, hotel and ship information, clothing suggestions, baggage tags, plus any helpful hints.

Mayflower Loyalty Program:

Earn \$100.00 travel credit for every North America Air holiday taken with Mayflower Cruises & Tours. No restrictions to the amount of credits an individual can acquire. Loyalty Credits can be applied to any reservation made within one year of the return of the tour they were earned on. Multiple credits can be used on a single tour. Credits are nontransferable but can be combined with Mayflower promotional savings. Some restrictions apply, call for details.

Smoke Free Environment: Although smoking is not allowed on the motorcoach, frequent rest/smoking stops are made.

Travelers with Special Needs: You must advise Mayflower at the time your booking is made of any disability requiring special attention. Mayflower will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our travelers. Be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is applicable only within the United States and that accommodations for disabled travelers outside the United States may be more limited. If a traveler requires assistance, we require that he/she be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Mayflower personnel, nor its suppliers, may lift or physically assist travelers. If a traveler thinks he/she might need assistance during a trip, he/she should call Mayflower to determine what assistance might reasonably be provided. If special arrangements are provided, and these arrangements add to the Tour Operator's cost, the Tour Member will be responsible to pay the additional costs. Mayflower cannot provide special individual assistance to travelers with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

Membership: Mayflower reserves the right to withhold tour membership, or to require any traveler to leave a tour at any time, when such action is determined by Mayflower to be in the best interests of the traveler or the tour group. Children must be at least six years of age and accompanied at all times by a guardian.

Force Majeure: Except where otherwise expressly stated in these terms and conditions we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any event which we or the supplier of the services in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid.

Responsibility: These tour programs are operated by Mayflower Cruises & Tours, Inc. 650 Warrenville Rd, Suite 500, Lisle, IL 60532. In common with other companies, Mayflower acts only as an agent for Tour Members in arranging room accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, admissions and restaurants. Mayflower reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes in the itinerary and is not responsible for expenses, loss of time, money or other occurrence resulting from a change of tour scheduling made for Tour Members. Mayflower reserves the right to accept, decline or retain any person as a member of the tour, and is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, or for injuries, expenses or damages incurred by any Tour Member.

United States Tour Operators Association \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program: Mayflower Cruises & Tours, Inc. shares the coverage available under the United States Tour Operators Association ("USTOA") \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program with affiliates of Mayflower Cruises & Tours who, as an Active Member of the USTOA is required to post \$1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Mayflower Cruises & Tours travelers in the unlikely event of Mayflower Cruises & Tours bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 Million posted by Mayflower Cruises & Tours may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program and a list of affiliates may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 345 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1801, New York, NY 10001, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting www.ustoa.com

Payment Information: Within five business days of making your reservation, you must make your initial trip payment. Once your trip deposit is made, you then have 24 hours to add the optional Travel Protection Plan (TPP), if you choose to purchase it. For more details on the F431M Travel Protection Plan (TPP)" offered on North American Air Holidays, please see the section below. The TPP plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. To obtain additional information on the fees for non-insurance components contact assistancefees@tripmate.com.

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE - Land	tour price up to \$3,500	
Land Tour with Air*	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment
 With TPP Coverage 	\$549	60 Days
 Without TPP Coverage 	\$200	60 Days
Land Tour Only*	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment
 With TPP Coverage 	\$449	60 Days
Without TPP Coverage	\$200	60 Davs

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE - Land tour price from \$3,501 and up Land Tour with Air* Deposit Per Person **Final Payment** • With TPP Coverage \$599 60 Days • Without TPP Coverage \$200 60 Days Land Tour Only* Deposit Per Person Final Payment • With TPP Coverage \$499 60 Days • Without TPP Coverage \$200 60 Days

The F431M TPP plan described in this brochure is not offered on select North America tours, including Canadian Rockies by Rail, From the Red Rocks to the Rockies, Hawaiian Cruising in Paradise, New England and Canada Autumn Cruising. These trips may be covered under the F431G plan, please visit www.tripmate.com/wpF431G for more details on this Travel Protection Plan.

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE - Canadian Rockies by Rail; From the Red Rocks to Rockies

Land Tour with Air*	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment
 With TPP Coverage 	\$969	120 Days
Without TPP Coverage	\$400	120 Days
Land Tour Only*	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment
With TPP Coverage	\$869	120 Days
 Without TPP Coverage 	\$400	120 Days

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE - Alaska Adventure Cruise; New England and Canada Autumn Cruising: Hawaijan Cruising in Paradise

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Land/Cruise Tour with Air*	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment	
 With TPP Coverage 	\$899	120 Days	
 Without TPP Coverage 	\$400	120 Days	
Land/Cruise Tour	Deposit Per Person	Final Payment	
 With TPP Coverage 	\$799	120 Days	
 Without TPP Coverage 	\$400	120 Days	

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE - New England and Canada Autumn Cruising

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\$899	140 Days		
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*Land tour price is based on twin occupancy rate

Refund and Cancellation Policy: With the exception of deposit amounts, all payments for land, air and train arrangements (ticketed by Mayflower Cruises & Tours) are refundable when cancellations are prior to your final trip payment due date. Deposits are non-refundable. However, if the F431M Travel Protection Plan (TPP) is offered for your trip and you choose to purchase it, you may apply for reimbursement under the non-insurance Part A Cancellation Waiver. If the F431G TPP is offered for your trip and you choose to purchase it, you may seek reimbursement by filing a claim under the Trip Cancellation benefit. Additional terms and conditions apply to the F431M and F431G; please review the plan documents for full details.

Important Note: Non-Refundable airline tickets purchased from Mayflower Cruises & Tours are not covered under Part A of the F431M Travel Protection Plan (TPP). If you are protected under the F431G, airline tickets can be considered a travel arrangement under the definition of the plan.