

Escorted - New Orleans Adventure

May 31 - June 4, 2026 Sun-Thu 5 Days/4 Nts



Stay right on Bourbon Street!

City Tour * Jazz Dinner Cruise * Swamp Boat Tour * WWII Museum * Laura Plantation and more

Day 1: Depart by motorcoach to Hartford/Bradley Airport for our flights to New Orleans to begin our adventure. Upon arrival, meet our local guide and check in to our hotel, the Four Points Sheraton right on Bourbon Street!

This afternoon we will get to see **Sail 250**. New Orleans is the first stop as America welcomes the Tall Ships of the world for the nationwide celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Come see some of the ships and time for dinner on own.



Day 2: After breakfast we will enjoy a riding city tour before our first stop, **Mardi Gras World**. Here, you'll get an overview of the history of Mardi Gras in New Orleans before your guides take you through the float den, where the artists work year-round to build spectacular floats and props. You never get this close to the floats while they're rolling in Mardi Gras parades, and this is certainly the only place to see how these amazing pieces come to life each year.

Then off to the incredible **National WWII Museum** which tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world - why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today - so all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

Return to the hotel to freshen up before our evening fun...the **Natchez Steamboat Dinner Jazz cruise** on the Mississippi River.

Day 3: Today we are off to the **Laura Plantation** for a guided tour of this 200 year old sugar plantation homestead with its 'Big House', kitchen potager, slave cabins and more. Lunch will be included at **Frenier Landing**.

Next, we experience a **Louisiana Swamp Boat Tour**. From the relaxed comfort of our covered Swamp Tour Boat, we will drift slowly past a 2000 year old Indian Burial Mound, a Cajun cemetery and Fishing village! You may see the wildlife that made the Barataria Swamps the Crown Jewel of the Louisiana Purchase. Here, birds, snakes, turtles, fur animals, and Gators are the king of the swamp and easily spotted. Tonight we will enjoy a cooking class and dinner at the world famous **New Orleans School of Cooking!**

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Day 4: This morning enjoy a **walking tour**, stop at the Cathedral, visit the French Market and stop at famous Café du Monde with tips on how to order.

Free afternoon to explore before meeting for a **Live New Orleans Jazz show** at Fritzel's European Jazz Pub prior to dinner at **Tujague's Restaurant**.

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Day 5: After breakfast we transfer to New Orleans Airport for your return flight home with great memories of the 'Big Easy'!

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COST: \$3199 pp double Including Air from Hartford/Bradley

Based on current air rates and schedules. Based on minimum of 30 passengers.
Transportation to the airport based on minimum # of passengers.

Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach to Bradley Airport, Roundtrip air flights to New Orleans, 4 nights hotel, 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners, Sightseeing & admissions per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort, Professional Guide upon arrival in New Orleans and more.

SAILFEST 250: The schedule for this event will not be finalized until much closer to the event date. Pending flight schedules and event schedules, we are hoping to include a visit to the event on Day 1 of our itinerary. If schedules do not permit, this itinerary will be altered. This change will not be cause for cancellation or refund by the guest.

DEPOSIT: \$900 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: February 6, 2026

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to February 6, 2026 the cancellation fee is \$500 pp; February 7, 2025 to April 7, 2026 the cancellation fee is \$1500 pp; no refunds if cancelled after April 7, 2026. All cancellation fees are plus any non-refundable airline fees.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Friendship Tours offers Travel Protection insurance through two providers: NTA Travel Protection Plan and Travel Insured International. Travel Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for Covered Medical Reasons, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical Services, Travel Delay, & more. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage can be purchased from either provider (see timing guidelines below) and will reimburse up to 75% of prepaid nonrefundable trip costs if canceled at least 48 hours prior to your trip for a non-covered reason. Please see the attached pricing for the AON/NTA Insurance. Please call for pricing on a Travel Insured International Policy.

Insurance Premiums are non-refundable. Terms and conditions apply.

The **NTA (AON) Travel Protection Plan** is based on the cost of the trip and offers 3 levels of insurance: Basic, Enhanced, or Enhanced with CFAR. Emergency medical coverage is secondary coverage. The pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan or the Enhanced with CFAR Plan within 14 days of initial trip payment.

To enroll: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> **Tour Operator Location #076068** OR call AON 1-800-388-1470.

Travel Insured International Worldwide Trip Protector (WTP) plans are based on each person's age as well as the cost of the trip and offer several levels of coverage including Platinum and Deluxe. Emergency medical coverage is primary coverage. Policy must be purchased within 14 days (for Deluxe) or 21 days (for Platinum) of your initial payment to have the pre-existing medical condition exclusion waived and to purchase CFAR coverage. Bundles for cruises and flights are also available.

To enroll: <https://www.friendshiptours.net/protection-plan> **Agency #18649**

IMPORTANT FLIGHT INFORMATION:

REAL ID: Effective May 2025, all passengers on Domestic (US) flights must present a **Real ID** (valid Driver's License with the yellow star) or a valid US Passport.

PASSENGER NAME(S): The name on your airline reservation should match the Real ID or Passport you use at the airport.

AIRLINE SEATING: Advanced seat assignments are not guaranteed on group bookings and may not be assigned until check in. Some airlines will preassign seats, but not all. Seat requests are not guaranteed and can be changed by the airline at any time. In some instances, the airline will assign seats within a group block at random and we cannot guarantee roommates will be seated together. We are unable to preassign bulkhead and exit row seating.

BAGGAGE FEES: Domestic flights do not include checked baggage fees. Fee is additional.

KTN & FREQUENT FLYER NUMBERS: If you provide us with your Known Traveler Number (KTN) such as Global Entry or TSA Pre-check number before final payment, we will provide the number to the Airline. It is advised that you also bring these numbers with you on the day of travel to add to your reservation at check in if needed.

This package is subject to our full **Terms & Conditions** including our **Tour Policies and Responsibilities** which can be found on our website at <https://www.friendshiptours.net/tour-policies>. Paper copies are available upon request. It is your responsibility to read these Terms & Conditions. By signing up and making payment on a tour, you agree to be bound to these Terms & Conditions.



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