

OPTIONAL TOURS AND COMPANION PROGRAMS

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 22-26**

Aquarium of the Americas

9:30am – 6:00pm, #1 Canal Street (walk (or take bus) for 15-20 minutes from the Fairmont Hotel)
\$15 Adult/\$8 Child (2-12 yrs.)



Recognized as one of the nation's leading aquariums, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is located along the banks of the Mississippi River. The Aquarium contains numerous species from the Caribbean Sea, the mysterious Amazon Rainforest, and of course the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

Included within the 10,000 animals from 530 species are the Mississippi River gallery featuring paddlefish and alligators, the Caribbean Reef exhibit featuring a clear 30-foot-long tunnel surrounded by beautiful aquatic creatures, and the Gulf of Mexico exhibit boasting sharks, sea turtles and stingrays. There are also daily public animal presentations, feedings, and exhibits.

An interesting part of the aquarium for environmental professionals is the Coastal Ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico/Mississippi Delta. Rare white alligators can't be seen in other aquariums or zoos.

Entergy IMAX® Theatre

9:30am – 6:00pm, #1 Canal Street (walk (or take bus) for 15-20 minutes from the Fairmont Hotel)
\$8 Adult/\$5 Child (2-12 yrs.)

The wonders of nature are magnified at Entergy IMAX® Theatre, where larger-than-life adventures explode with the help of the world's most advanced motion picture technology. Entergy IMAX® Theatre is located next door to Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, and is one of only six in the world with its spectacular flat screen, single projection, IMAX® 3D and high-definition capabilities.

IMAX® is the finest motion picture system in the world. Visitors are immersed in images of unsurpassed size, clarity and impact. Sounds are enhanced by a specially designed six-channel, multi-speaker sound system. The silver screen in the Theatre is five-and-a-half stories tall. The film used in IMAX® is the largest in the world. It is ten times the size of standard 35-millimeter film. All of this makes for an in-your-face entertainment extravaganza at the IMAX® Theatre.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Airboat Tour

12:45pm – 4:30pm, Pick-up Time: 12:30pm
\$72 (Adult rate only, no one under 8 years old permitted)

Get ready for an exciting adventure! Take a thrilling ride through the swamps and bayous of Louisiana, accessible only by airboat. The captain, a native of the area, offers a colorful history of the Cajun way of life. You'll come face to face with alligators, snakes and other native creatures while touring their neighborhood.



MONDAY, JANUARY 24

City Tour

8:45am – 12:30pm, Pick-up Time: 8:30am
\$45 Adult/\$23 Child (3-12 yrs.)



City Tour begins at the French Quarter. Once aboard your comfortable coach, sit back and enjoy a narrated tour of the Quarter that includes Jackson Square and the St. Louis Cathedral, the Cabildo, and all the fascinating architecture unique to New Orleans. Proceed to historic Esplanade Avenue and on to St. Louis Cemetery #3, one of New Orleans' oldest and most intriguing. Cruise the shoreline of beautiful Lake Pontchartrain. Then it's off to explore "**Longue Vue House & Gardens**" for a tour of either the House or Gardens. Afterwards, follow the streetcar line through the old town of Carrollton and down majestic St. Charles Avenue past Tulane and Loyola Universities, Audubon Park and beautifully restored mansions with their extravagant, boisterous gardens. The essential tour of New Orleans draws to an end with a drive through the bustling Central Business District.

One-Hour (Mississippi) Harbor Cruise

2:30pm – 3:30pm, Canal Street Dock (walk (or take bus) for 15-20 minutes from the Fairmont Hotel)
\$17 Adult/\$12 Child (6-12 yrs.)

Sit back and relax on the Promenade Deck aboard the Cajun Queen, an authentic reproduction of a late 19th century passenger vessel. Enjoy the Captain's narration of famous landmarks, history and river lore as you cruise through one of America's busiest ports.



Dinner Jazz Cruise

7:00pm – 10:00pm, Canal Street Dock (walk (or take bus) for 15-20 minutes from the Fairmont Hotel)

\$60 Adult/\$35 Child 6 to 12 yrs. (with Dinner)

\$35 Adult/\$20 Child 6 to 12 yrs. (Cruise only)



When night falls, the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen or Riverboat Cajun Queen rises to the occasion. Step on board and cruise with us into the night where the sleepless activity of America's busiest port buzzes. The sounds of a lively jazz band fill the air as you enjoy a lavish Creole buffet in elegantly appointed dining rooms.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Plantation Tour

8:45am – 12:30pm, Pick-up Time: 8:30am

\$50 Adult/\$33 Child (3-12 yrs.)



The morning tour takes you to the beautiful Oak Alley plantation, built in 1837-39. It is famous for the spectacular alley of 28 oak trees over 250 years old. This is a "must see" on everyone's list. Recently refurbished according to its original inventory, the antebellum mansion now appears much as it did in 1839, when it was brand new.

SeaPlane Tour

8:45am – 12:30pm, Pick-up Time: 8:30am

\$105 Adult/\$55 Child (3-12 yrs.)

Experience the Big Easy as you fly pass Chalmette Battlefield, the French Quarter, and the Superdome, for 35 minutes. View the amazing Mississippi River as you pass over the Port of New Orleans on the way to beautiful bayous where you will land for a closer look at the abundant wildlife. Then its over Lafitte, the town named for the infamous pirate Jean Lafitte, located on Bayou Barataria, then return through the spectacular marshes of South Louisiana.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Swamp Tour

8:45am – 12:30pm, Pick-up Time: 8:30am

\$50 Adult/\$27 Child (3-12 yrs.)



Journey with us by boat, Cajun-style, for a 1 hour 45 minute tour through the heart of Southern Louisiana's swamplands. Your Cajun guide is a native of the area who will share with you the legends and lore of Louisiana's still untamed wilderness. Bring your camera and capture wildlife at any time! Alligators, snakes, egrets, white-tailed deer, mink and nutria all make their home here in the Louisiana swamplands.

Battlefield Cruise

2:00pm – 4:30pm, Canal Street Dock (walk (or take bus) for 15-20 minutes from the Fairmont Hotel)

\$22 Adult/\$12 Child (6-12 yrs.)



Take a journey down the Mississippi River aboard the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen to the site of the 1814 Battle of New Orleans. En-route you will view the historic French Quarter and Port of New Orleans as the captain entertains you with a detailed narration of New Orleans landmarks, history and river lore. The cruise stops at Chalmette Battlefield where U.S. Park Rangers greet you and conduct a tour of the grounds. Hear tales of how Andrew Jackson soundly defeated the British with the help of Jean Lafitte and his privateers. Visit the old Beauregard House, a working plantation built 17 years after Jackson's victory.