

NEW ORLEANS

Student tours of the Crescent City feature the city's Creole architecture and cuisine and the sweet sounds of jazz. Visit the French Quarter for a look at the city's oldest neighborhood and meet the local wildlife on a swamp tour!

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Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Travel to the **Destrehan Plantation**, an antebellum mansion built in the French Colonial style. Local citizens banded together to ensure the restoration and preservation of the house, which dates back to 1787.
- After lunch, discover local ecology on a **Cajun Pride Swamp Tour**. This wild adventure is located only 25 minutes from the city in the **Manchac swamp**, where the bayous are teeming with wildlife and exotic plants.
- Discover the city's darker side learning about voodoo, zombies, vampires, and other haunting phenomena on a **Ghost City Tour**.

Day 2:

- Begin your day at the **National WWII Museum**, which tells the story of "the war that changed the world" from the perspective of the American experience.
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at New Orleans' most iconic tradition at **Mardi Gras World**. Watch artists build floats, learn the history of the parade, try on festive costumes, and even sample the city's famous King Cake.
- Visit the **New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park** in the illustrious Tremé neighborhood near the French Quarter. The park was established in 1994 as a way to document and celebrate the origins and contributions of jazz music and musicians. The site even houses a performance venue.
- Enjoy a dinner and jazz cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the **Steamboat Natchez**.

Day 3:

- Spend your morning in the historic **French Quarter**, the city's oldest neighborhood, and learn about the different cultures that gave the city its distinct identity.
- Walk through **Jackson Square**, stopping at **St. Louis Cathedral** and **The Presbytère**, and visit the **French Market**.
- Enjoy free time for lunch – don't forget to try traditional beignets at a local café!
- Tour the **New Orleans Mint**, which operated as a branch of the U.S. Mint from 1838 to 1861, and again from 1879 to 1909.
- Explore **Frenchmen Street**, a hub for great music, local cuisine, and layers of urban culture.
- Take in a live jazz show during dinner at **The Maison**.

Day 4:

- Discover the city's **Garden District**, a collection of some of the best-preserved historic mansions in the south. You can spot the St. Charles Streetcar (still in operation) as you walk past diverse homes and gardens.
- Take a tour of **Lafayette Cemetery** and its ornate tombs dating back to the 1800s.
- Walk through **Tulane University** as you make your way to **Audobon Park**. The park's ancient oaks make it an ideal spot for picnics. It also features a zoo, an aquarium, an insectarium, and a nature center.
- Depart for home.

