NEW ORLEANS PRE MARDI GRAS February 9-13

Day 1- Monday February 9,2026

Airport transportation from Chambersburg, Hagerstown and Frederick

8:30 a.m. Depart for New Orleans via Southwest Airlines.(Time subject to change)

10:35 a.m. Arrive New Orleans airport. Meet our local representative (Michael DeVidts) in the baggage claim area and be escorted to the awaiting motorcoach.

11:00 a.m. Comprehensive city tour, to include lunch stop on own with lunch stop on your own.

3:00 p.m. Admission included to Mardi Gras World Museum (King Cake and refreshments served).

4:30 p.m. Check-in: Four Points Sheraton 541 Bourbon Street

6:30 p.m. Dinner included at Orleans School of Cooking (Chef prepares 3 Louisiana dishes – dinner served at the end of class) (walking distance – approximately 4 "French Quarter" short blocks).

Day 2 - Tuesday, February 10, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Full breakfast included at hotel.

9:15 a.m. Depart for National World War II Museum (by coach).

9:30 a.m. Admission included to the National World War II Museum (including 4D film).

Free afternoon for shopping, sightseeing, etc. with lunch on own.

5:30 p.m. Dinner included at Tujague's Restaurant (walking distance – approximately 6 "French Quarter" short blocks).

Day 3 - Wednesday, February 11, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Full breakfast included at hotel.

Free day for shopping, sightseeing, etc. with lunch and dinner on own.

6:30 p.m. Reserved parade bleacher seating for the Krewe of Druids Parade.

Day 4 – Thursday, February 12, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Full breakfast included at hotel.

10:30 a.m. Depart for Steamboat Natchez (walking distance – approximately 5 "French Quarter" short blocks).

11:00 a.m. Boarding begins for the Steamboat Natchez.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Steamboat Natchez Mississippi River Harbor Cruise with lunch included.

Remainder of day free for shopping, sightseeing, etc. with dinner on own.

5:45 p.m. Reserved parade bleacher seating for the Krewes of Babylon, Muses, and Chaos Parades.

Day 5 - Friday, February 13,2026

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Full breakfast included at hotel.

7:30 a.m. Bags out.

8:30 a.m. Depart for Swamp Boat tour with lunch stop on own.

9:30 a,m. Louisiana Swamp Boat Tour. See the Cajuns of the Bayou living and surviving in harmony with the swamps. Here, the waterways are their highways. 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 in Spring, Summer, and Fall.

11:30 a.m. Lunch stop on your own

12:30 p.m. To New Orleans airport.

1:00 p.m. Arrive New Orleans airport.

2:50 p.m. Depart New Orleans via Southwest Airlines.(Time subject to change)

6:10 p.m. Arrive at airport.