New Orleans!

March 28 – 31

We’ll fly to the Crescent City to explore great local cuisine, the jazz and Mardi Gras traditions, and the renowned National World War II Museum. Explore old French-style architecture, including plantations along famed River Road. Small group city touring at its best!

Trip highlights:

- authentic New Orleans cuisine
- center-city accommodations
- guided touring of enchanting parts of the French Quarter and the Garden District
- the National World War II Museum
- River Road plantations, like Destrehan and Oak Alley
- New Orleans icons: St. Charles Avenue, the St. Louis Cathedral, the Café du Monde, Jackson Square, and more
- music at Preservation Hall
**Itinerary:**

**Monday, March 28**

Morning departure for the Charlotte Airport and our direct flight to New Orleans. We'll arrive in the early afternoon and check into our central hotel. After we're refreshed, let's embark on a relaxed-pace stroll in our immediate surroundings. Enjoy the waterfront and Jackson Square. How about a bowl of red beans and rice – a New Orleans Monday tradition?! We'll have “down time” in the late afternoon, before we prepare for dinner at one of New Orleans's famous restaurants. Overnight, New Orleans.

**Tuesday, March 29**

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel. Afterwards we'll visit Blaine Kern’s Mardi Gras World, where we'll learn first-hand about the creation of the famous Mardi Gras floats. In the mid-day, we'll enjoy a carriage tour in the Garden District. This afternoon, have some free time, combined with a visit of the World War II Museum. Dinner and overnight in New Orleans.

**Wednesday, March 30**

We'll spend the day exploring the Old River Road, leading up the Mississippi River. We'll encounter creole plantations, built in the same style as on the French Caribbean islands. Our stops will include the Destrehan and Oak Alley Plantations.

We'll return to New Orleans in the afternoon. This evening enjoy a special dinner, as we toast our creole experience. Those who wish can join Chumley to hear authentic New Orleans-style jazz at Preservation Hall. Overnight, New Orleans.
Thursday, March 31

This morning, you can enjoy a stroll in the French Quarter (or even a trip over to the Café du Monde for beignets and coffee). We’ll depart around noon, arriving back in the Carolinas by the late afternoon.

Price:

Price: $1099 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, $275); includes comfortable transportation in and around New Orleans; overnight accommodations in the historic district (3 nights); all meals except for 1 lunch and 1 dinner; all touring. Price does not include airfare (though Explore Up Close can arrange this for you).
Trip Registration – New Orleans, March 28 – 31

Please print and mail this registration form, along with your $250 deposit (check, payable to Explore Up Close), to:

Explore Up Close, LLC
613 Poplar St.
Spartanburg, SC  29302

Your Name:  ___________________________

Mailing Address  _______________________________________________________________

Telephone:  _______________________  Email:  _________________________________

Name of person(s) traveling with you (if applicable):

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Contact information (if different from yours):

Telephone:  _______________________  Email:  _________________________________

Lodging specifics (requests will be honored to the degree possible):

_____  room with two (2) beds   _____  room with one (1) bed

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