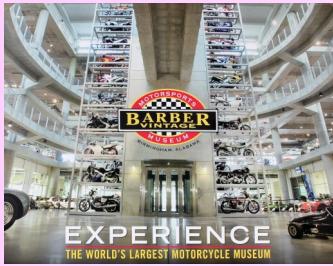


# NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

October 21 - 27, 2019  
7 Days / 6 Nights  
Includes 12 Meals



Day 1: We board our motorcoach early this morning eagerly anticipating our tour to the **New Orleans Cajun Country**. By lunchtime we arrive in **Birmingham, AL**, where we will have lunch on our own. Following lunch we will visit the **Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum**, located on 740 acres. The park includes a world class 2.38 mile racetrack. The museum includes the world's best motorcycle collection, with over 1200 vintage and modern motorcycles and race cars along with the largest collection of Lotus cars as well as other significant makes. The bikes range from 1902 to current-year production. Following an **included dinner**, we will spend the night in Birmingham, a city once known as the "Pittsburgh of the South." **(D)**

Day 2: : Our travels today take us west out of Alabama. Shortly after crossing into **Mississippi** we pass by Meridian, the home of the Singing Brakeman, Jimmie Rogers. Soon, we'll come to the mighty Mississippi River, then head south along the River Road, the path settlers and soldiers followed along the banks of the Mississippi. Soon we reach **Natchez**, a river town rich in history and culture. As we ride through town you'll see many fine examples of graceful pre-Civil War homes. We'll take a **tour of one of these lovely elaborate antebellum mansions**. Tonight we'll experience the distinctive flavor of Natchez cooking at our **included dinner** in the area. Our accommodations will be in the Natchez area tonight. **(B,D)**

Day 3: Crossing into **Louisiana**, we stop at **Frogmore Cotton Plantation & Gins**, in **Ferriday, LA**. Here we join a costumed guide and get insight into the contrasts between a working cotton plantation of the early 1800's and a modern cotton plantation and gin of today. We'll pass through Baton Rouge and on to **Lafayette**, the "Capitol of Acadiana," in the very heart of Cajun Country. Here we enjoy a special treat as we tour **Martin Accordions** to see how accordions are made. Junior Martin and his family custom craft fine diatonic accordions used by professional and amateur musicians around the world. You're sure to enjoy the demonstration of authentic Cajun Music played on these fine Cajun Squeeze boxes. Tonight we enjoy an **included dinner**, at one of the Lafayette's fine restaurants, before spending the night in this area. **(B,D)**



Day 4: This morning we'll travel even deeper into Cajun Country! Our first stop is the **Tabasco Sauce Factory on Avery Island**, where we'll learn about the growing, crushing, aging and bottling process of this famous pepper sauce. We'll take time to shop for some of their fine products at the company gift shop located nearby. Later, our route will pass through New Iberia, Franklin, and Morgan City before reaching Cajun Country, where we'll take a real Louisiana Cajun swamp tour, near Houma. We'll see alligators and other bayou wildlife on this exciting tour. **Lunch will be included** today, along the way. Next, we travel to **New Orleans** for a two night stay. Perhaps you might want to get out and explore the French Quarter area this evening. **(B,L)**



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**Day 5:** This morning we tour the grand city of New Orleans, as we welcome our **local guide** onboard our motorcoach. We'll have a better understanding of how the Cajuns, Creoles, Spanish and French joined together to create the area's truly unique culture. Following lunch on our own, we take an old-time **paddle wheel riverboat cruise**. From the deck of the boat you will enjoy a spectacular view of the city. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the shops at Riverwalk, the French Market, and perhaps try coffee and beignets at the Cafe Du Monde. **Dinner will be included tonight** in the French Quarter. **(B,D)**



**Day 6:** This morning it's on to Slidell, Louisiana for our **Honey Island**

**Swamp Tour.** Honey Island Swamp is unique because it's one of the least-altered river swamps in the country. We'll take a narrated nature tour into the 250-square-mile Honey Island Swamp. We'll enjoy some of the richest wildlife stretches of the river and of Honey Island...all from the comfort of a tourboat! We may see alligator, red wolf, deer, along with many species of exotic birds and an active bald eagle nest. Following an **included lunch**, we will visit **Beauvoir**, notable as the historic post-war home of the former President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis. Its construction was begun in 1848 facing the Gulf Coastline at Biloxi, Mississippi. Now, it's on to Mobile, Alabama where we will spend the night **(B,L)**

**Day 7:** Following our breakfast this morning we head for home. As our motorcoach winds its way through the beautiful scenery, we have time to sit back and relax, as we reminisce about our fun-filled time. **(B)**



**\$1415 PP Double / \$1265 PP Triple  
\$1120 Quad / \$ 1990 Single**

**Deposit/Payment Requirements:  
\$400.00 Deposit Per Person due with reservation**

*Plus cost of travel protection, if desired  
(travel protection offers insurance benefits & non-insurance services)  
cost per person is: \$93 Double, Triple or Quad , \$115 Single*

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