

## AGA PDC Spouse, Partner & Guest Program

### Tour Descriptions

#### The History of Mardi Gras: The Presbytere & Mardi Gras World

Today you will discover Mardi Gras through five major themes—history, masking, parades, floats and balls. Begin your tour at The Presbytere, a National Historic Landmark, located on Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter. An interactive museum dedicated to presenting the history of Mardi Gras, The Presbytere allows you to experience the thrill of Mardi Gras in various ways.



Then it is off to Mardi Gras World, to get a behind-the-scenes peek at how the magic of Mardi Gras is created. A guided tour will explore the world of artistry, parade themes and costuming. The one-hour tour will include a short movie presentation, an opportunity to try on costumes, taste some King Cake and peruse the Prop Shop where artists create, paint and construct actual floats.



**Date & Time:** Sunday, June 21 ~ 12:45-4:30 p.m.  
**Length of Tour:** 3.75 Hours  
**Minimum # of People:** 40  
**Cost:** \$55

#### Cookin' in the Quarter:

Destination: food. Enjoy a soulful demonstration of delicious food at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Here you'll explore the origins of our world-class Creole and Cajun cooking in this exciting presentation. You'll learn the secrets of preparing such dishes as New Orleans pralines and Cajun Jambalaya. A three-course mouth-watering lunch for your entire group will be prepared right before your eyes. Luncheon follows among the pots and pans.



Sample Menu: Chicken & Andouille Sausage Gumbo, Shrimp Creole and Bananas Foster



**Date & Time:** Monday, June 22 ~ 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
**Length of Tour:** 3 hours  
**Minimum # of People:** 25  
**Cost:** \$35 (Includes Lunch)

#### Crescent City Tour

Experience the soul of the city and watch New Orleans traditions come alive by starting in the Vieux Carre'—where New Orleans first began. You'll see Jackson Square, flanked by the historic Pontalba Apartments and St. Louis Cathedral, and the old French Market.

Next stop is the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, see the "Green Project," "Make it Right," the Industrial Canal and Musicians Village. Ride along Esplanade Avenue (home of St. Louis Cemetery #3) then visit the Lakefront and the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal. Travel through the historic city of Carrollton where the street car line begins. As you head down on St. Charles Avenue, you will see the University Section, Audubon Park and the Historic Garden District.



**Date & Time:** Monday, June 22 ~ 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
**Length of Tour:** 4 Hours  
**Minimum # of People:** 40  
**Cost:** \$30



### **Oak Alley & Laura Plantation Tour:**

Today, at Laura Plantation one can still experience two centuries of true-life stories of Creole men, women and children. A sugar farm built in 1805, this Creole plantation offers what has been called “the best history tour in the U.S.” Laura boasts 11 historic buildings on the National Register, including slave cabins in which the West-African folktales of Compair Lapin (later known as Br’er Rabbit) were recorded more than 140 years ago.



Afterward you journey to an antebellum plantation home along the Mighty Mississippi River, called Oak Alley. Among the most photographed plantations in the South, the mansion boasts a magnificent facade framed by 28 evenly spaced, ancient live oak trees that create a verdant canopy leading to the entrance. Built circa 1837, Oak Alley represents a beautiful example of Greek revival architecture. Once your guests have soaked in the beauty of the surroundings, relax on the grounds and enjoy a box lunch, take photos and browse the large gift shop.



**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 23 ~ 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Length of Tour:** 4.5 Hours

**Minimum # of People:** 40

**Cost:** \$75 (Includes Boxed Lunch)

### **New Orleans Swamp Tour:**

Picture the moss hanging on gnarled cypress trees as you travel into one of the wildest and most pristine river swamps in America. You'll be overcome by the primitive beauty of the cypress trees rising from the water while flatboats take you through the bayou swamplands that are overgrown with tropical vegetation. Your group may encounter snakes, alligators, turtles, cranes and other local wildlife during this unique adventure.



**Date & Time:** Wednesday, June 24 ~ 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Length of Tour:** 4 Hours

**Minimum # of People:** 40

**Cost:** \$47

