

Activities « A la Carte » in Louisiana

Options in New Orleans:



Private Airport Transfer (Airport / Hotel / Airport)

Note : Prices are given per vehicule not per person
 Maximum of 2 passengers per Sedan (1 medium-sized suitcase per person)
 Maximum of 4 passengers per Sedan (1 medium-sized suitcase per person)
 Maximum de 6 passengers per Limousine (1 medium-sized suitcase per person)
 Maximum de 10 passengers per Sprinter (1 medium-sized suitcase per person)
 Meeting Point: Airline Baggage Claim (Arrivals) or Outside Hotel Main Entrance (Departures)



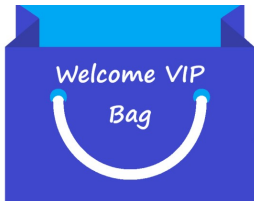
Welcome Envelope

Did you know if you reserve an entire itinerary with Rey Royal your clients receive (at not cost) a Welcome Package that will be delivered to their first hotel and waiting for them upon their arrival? This Welcome Package includes: a welcome letter, useful information concerning each destination in the itinerary and a list of hang-outs (restaurants, bars and neighborhoods) where "locals" go, thus giving the visitor an authentic experience while traveling!



Welcome Bag

In addition to receiving our Welcome Package, this gift bag will include (per person): 1 bottle of water, 1 New Orleans Praline and local potato chips, Louisiana souvenir pin, Mardi Gras Beads, and a local spice (Tabasco or Louisiana seasoning).



Welcome VIP Bag

In addition to all items mentioned under our Welcome Gift Bag, the VIP Welcome Gift Bag will also include: 1 CD of local music + 1 local T-Shirt (medium size unless otherwise specified) per person + 1 City Day Pass (for Bus or Streetcar).



French Quarter Walking Tour

Walk through locked doors surrounded by the stillness of secluded tropical courtyards and step into the mysterious and remarkable lives of five generations of one of New Orleans oldest families. See this Creole world slowly come alive and tragically dissolve as they struggle through changing society, civil war, the birth of Jazz and the Americanization of our city...



Garden District Walking Tour

On your guided walking tour, you will meander through oak tree lined streets in this area of town once called « The American Sector » and hear the story of the conflict between « Creole vs. American ». On your tour you will explore the mysterious cemetery *Lafayette #1*, also known as The City of the Dead, and learn of our unusual burial practices. Continue through the Garden District and discover the numerous architectural styled mansions and their lush gardens, thus giving this section of town its name.

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Options in New Orleans (cont.):



Private City Bike Tour

Take our Private City Bike Tour with our experience guide. Discover the development of the city which is often called the most intriguing city in New Orleans. Our Creole culture is a mix of cultures: French, Spanish, African, Haitian among many other cultures that set up roots here in New Orleans. The best way to visit New Orleans and discover its unique history and culture is by bike, allowing ample time to snap photos along the way.



Private Night Bike Tour

Perhaps you have taken a bike tour or not, but you certainly haven't taken a tour like this! This tour is given at night, with a bike equipped with LED lights and the sounds of local music as you pass through four unique neighborhoods of New Orleans. Your tour will begin in **Treme**, the oldest African-American neighborhood in the USA, founded by free persons of color prior to the U.S. Civil War. Later you will ride to through the **CBD** (city center) arriving at the Crescent City Connection bridge that spans the Mississippi River. Continuing your night tour, your guide will take you through the **French Quarter** to the **Faubourg Marigny**, where the nightlife is equally impressive as the French Quarter with its numerous bars and music clubs that line Frenchmen Street along with artists selling their crafts. This tour is not a history tour but rather an amusing escape from the traditional historic city tours.



Heart of the City Bike Tour

A completely different way to visit a city, visiting three distinct New Orleans neighborhoods: the French Quarter, the Faubourg Marigny and the Faubourg Treme with plenty opportunity to take pictures of these neighborhoods rich in ambiance, architecture and history with our knowledgeable and experienced guide.



Mid-City Creole Sector Bike Tour

This bike tour is a very good complement to our Heart of the City Bike Tour (see above). On this tour, you will ride down the beautiful Esplanade Avenue to Bayou St. John that runs along City Park, one of the largest city parks in the country. Along the route you will pass majestic mansions constructed by the French and Spanish elite during the colonial era, all the while being shaded by the enormous oak trees dripping with Spanish moss that line this avenue.



Uptown American Sector Bike Tour

After experiencing the Creole neighbor (see above) , why not take another bike tour to the American sector, now known as Uptown? On this tour you will pass the CBD (city center) and the Warehouse / Art District, once where large warehouses were located to house goods coming down the Mississippi River where are now converted condos and hotels. Finally you will end up in the incredibly maintained Garden District with its enormous mansions and expansive gardens (thus giving this area its name).

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Options in New Orleans (cont.):



Mississippi River Cruises

Lunch Cruise: Enjoy a typical selection of local cuisine with a variety of choices of meat, chicken and pasta with salad and dessert included – all the while listening to a narrative of points of interest along the Mississippi River. Includes a Calliope concert on the main deck.

Jazz Dinner Cruise: Enjoy a typical selection of local cuisine with a variety of choices of meat, chicken and pasta with salad and dessert included – all the while listening to a narrative of points of interest along the Mississippi River. Includes a live Dixieland Jazz Band.



Creole Cooking Class in the French Quarter (Demonstration Class or Hands-On Class)

In your **Demonstration Course**, you will attend a preparation of several local classic dishes of New Orleans (and Louisiana) of which you will savor those prepared for you.

In your **Hands-On Course**, you will participate in the preparation of several classic local (New Orleans) dishes of which you will enjoy during this course. Note: One must be at least 18 years of age to participate!



Jazz Brunch at the *Court of Two Sisters*

Enjoy a succulent and enormous buffet of Louisiana specialties (seafood omelette, crawfish, Banana Foster, etc.), a large variety of salads, as well as typical dishes served during breakfast and lunch (thus the word « Brunch ») – all the while listening to the music made famous from New Orleans : Jazz!



Jazz Dinner at *Arnaud's* (since 1918)

This restaurant is one of the oldest and most elegant in New Orleans. Enjoy your dinner Louisiana style with the live sounds of Jazz! Begin your dining experience with soup or salad and then continue your dining experience with a choice of 4 main dishes (seafood, chicken or pork), ice tea or water, un local dessert (« Pecan Pie » ou « Crème Brûlée ») and coffee.



Jazz Dinner at the *Palm Court Jazz Café*

This club is the most well-known Jazz clubs in New Orleans. Your dining experience will include Gumbo (a typical soup-like dish), a House Green Salad, a choice of 4 main dishes (seafood, chicken or pork), one glass of house wine, dessert and coffee. Enjoy your meal while listening to one of the best Jazz bands of New Orleans! Price includes entrance and meal!

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Options in New Orleans and from New Orleans (with transportation) :



Airboat Bayou (Swamp) Tour (includes transportation)

Take a airboat tour through the bayous of south Louisiana, meandering under Spanish moss hanging from cypress trees surrounding by native flora and fauna, not to mention the various native habitants in this sub-tropical paradise. Perhaps you will more than one alligator (in season) along this fast pace tour.



Bayou (Swamp) Tour (includes transportation)

After a short drive to the bayou (swamp), your flat-bottom boat will depart and traverse through the meandering bayous of Louisiana. Discover the splendid nature (plants and animals) unique to Louisiana, and perhaps see an alligator or two!



Bayou (Swamp) Tour + Laura Plantation Tour (incl. transportation)

After a short drive to the bayou (swamp), your flat-bottom boat will depart and traverse through the meandering bayous of Louisiana. Discover the splendid nature (plants and animals) unique to Louisiana, and perhaps see an alligator or two! Afterwards, continue to Laura Plantation and learn of its rich Creole history and true stories of life on this unique preserved plantation. Your tour will end at the authentically preserved slave cabins where life was harsh. These stories and more of the Duparc-Locoul family await to transport you back in the antebellum past to the end of this family's dynasty.



Bayou (Swamp) Tour + Oak Alley Plantation Tour (incl. transportation)

After a short drive to the bayou (swamp), your flat-bottom boat will depart and traverse through the meandering bayous of Louisiana. Discover the splendid nature (plants and animals) unique to Louisiana, and perhaps see an alligator or two! Afterwards, continue the most photographed plantations in the South – Oak Alley Plantation. Be awestruck at the majestic row of 28 oak trees that approach this Green Revival plantation of 28 columns (symbolic of the 28 oak trees leading to the house). Hear the various stories of life on the plantation before and after the Civil War. After your guided tour of the mansion, take a self-guided tour through the various slave quarter replicas just behind the mansion.

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Options Near New Orleans (45 minutes to 1 hour)



Bike Rental along the St. Tammany Trace (Covington)

The St. Tammany Trace was developed from land purchased from the Illinois Central Railroad thanks to local, state and national government cooperation. It is a rider's dream path of more than the 45km of paved road-way exclusively used for cyclists. One you leave Covington, you can pass (depending on how long you want to cycle) through the towns of Abita Springs, Mandeville and Lacombe and even reach as far as Slidell. Choose a short distance or the entire 45+km depending on your experience and feel completely invigorated afterwards!



Insta-Gator (Alligator) Ranch Tour (Covington)

Here you have a tour out of the ordinary! This tour allows the visitor to discover the complete history of the governmental controlled alligator industry that saved this once near endangered species. On this tour you will see alligators of all sizes and walk away with a better appreciation of this marvelous creature.



Fishing Experience (Hopedale)

Upon your afternoon arrival, check-in to your cabin and later enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal. The following morning after breakfast, spend the morning about a small boat with your personalized captain. Soak in the gulf breezes and fish to your heart's content and leave your work behind you. This relaxing experience is certainly going to be one of the highlights of your trip to Louisiana. Prices include lodging, two meals (dinner and breakfast), license and all necessary fishing equipment.



Guided Bayou Kayak Tour (Lacombe)

Are you are looking for an experience in an intact natural park to escape the hustle and bustle of the craziness of the city life? Then this tour is for you! Paddle your kayak on this guided tour through one of the most pristine (preserved) bayous in Louisiana arriving at Lake Pontchartrain, one of the largest lakes in the USA! On your guided tour our naturalist guide will point out various indigenous plants and wildlife that will surround you on this amazing relaxing kayak tour. This will be one of those unforgettable travel memories!

Options along the Plantation Route (between New Orleans and Baton Rouge):



Houmas House Plantation & Gardens Tour (with or without Lunch) (Darrow)

Truly an unforgettable visit : When one thinks of plantation and images of « Gone with the Wind », one thinks of Houmas House Plantation. This was the largest plantation in the South that produced sugar cane. Many Hollywood movies were filmed here. After your 30-45 minute tour of the mansion, take a stroll at your leisurely pace through the luscious gardens with the sounds of the many fountains found here. Take advantage of the delicious lunch prepared on site before or after your stroll through the gardens.

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Options along the Plantation Route (between New Orleans and Baton Rouge) (cont.):



Laura Plantation Tour (Vacherie)

During your guided tour of the plantation, you will learn of the prominent Duparc-Locoul family rich French Creole history, both before and after the Civil War. This visit includes both the tour of the mansion and the authentic slave cabins located next to the sugar cane fields. You will certainly walk away from this tour with a true sense of Louisiana's rich French Creole heritage.



Oak Alley Plantation Tour (Vacherie)

This is certainly the most photographed plantation in the South. Be awestruck at the majestic row of 28 oak trees that approach this Green Revival plantation of 28 columns (symbolic of the 28 oak trees leading to the house). Hear the various stories of a time long ago on the plantation (before and after the Civil War). After your guided tour of the mansion, take a self-guided tour through the various slave quarter replicas just behind the mansion.

Options in Baton Rouge:



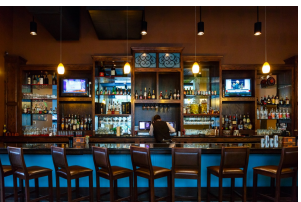
Private Tour of Rural Life Museum (Baton Rouge)

Step back in time from colonial Louisiana to antebellum Louisiana in this peaceful setting among giant oaks and wide-open fields in the heart of Baton Rouge. On your personal and private tour, your knowledgeable guide will take you through the various authentic buildings of the era: Blacksmith Shop, Kitchen, Slave Cabins, School House and the Grist Mill or Sugar House. Although times were not advanced as they were today, you will be amazed at the ingenious inventions the inhabitants used to make life easier during this period of time.



Private Walking Tour of Downtown Baton Rouge

Your private tour starts at the Art Deco Louisiana State Capitol building, where your guide will point out the numerous symbolic images that permeate this unique capitol (the tallest in the USA). Before leaving this magnificent structure, you will take two elevators to the observation deck at the top of the capitol with breathtaking views of Baton Rouge and the surrounding area. Your tour will continue to the Capitol Park Museum (closed Sunday & Monday) for a short visit through this unique museum displaying Louisiana's rich culture and history. Your walking tour continues past the Louisiana Old State Capitol, "the castle on the hill", with its Gothic Revival architecture before ending at the bluff overlooking the mighty Mississippi River.



Dinner at Stroubes (Baton Rouge)

Voted one of the best restaurants in downtown Baton Rouge, this restaurant serves dishes with a Louisiana flare. Your carefully selected menu will include: a Stroube or Caesar Salad, Choice of 3 Main Dishes (Pork Porterhouse Chop with mascarpone mashed potatoes, or Fish with crawfish risotto, or Beef Bourguignon with parmesan whipped potatoes), followed by a Louisiana favorite Dessert.

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Options in Frogmore:



Frogmore Plantation Tour (*Frogmore, Louisiana*)

Frogmore Plantation was once one of the largest cotton plantations in Louisiana. It is the only plantation still active in cultivating and producing cotton! During your approximately 1½ hour visit, you will learn the process of cotton from start to finish and if your visit occurs in the harvesting season, you may even be able to pick some cotton! Your visit begins with a brief narrative film (approximately 20 minutes) and afterwards you are able to visit the various other buildings open for viewing to fully understand how the production of cotton has evolved over the centuries. This is one of our most popular plantation tours as it is a working plantation and not just a museum!

Options in Houma and the surrounding region:



Swamp Tour of South Louisiana (*Des Allemands, Louisiana*)

This swamp tour is more intimate than other swamp tours as it limits (up to 11) in will take in its boat. Your captain is a native to the region and therefore knows the various paths through the winding bayous in this are of South Louisiana. On your boat tour, you will stop at an uninhabited island and why this small island was abandoned, except for the wildlife that maintains its presence on the island. As you pass through this natural wonder, your guide will point out the various plants, birds and wildlife you will see along the way and perhaps you will be lucky to see one or more alligators (in season) along the way!

Airplane Tour of Houma Region (*Houma, Louisiana*)

If you take only one tour in Louisiana to better understand how fragile our wetlands and coastline are in Louisiana, this tour is the tour to take! You have two flight options...



Option 1 (30 minutes flight) : Take a 30 minute flight in and around Houma, Louisiana and explore the vast wetlands and bayous (swamps) in and around the area. Your knowledgeable guide will explain how fragile this ecosystem is and key points of interest in the area.

Option 2 (1 hour flight) : This one hour tour is our most popular tour as it takes you all the way to the Gulf of Mexico and gives the vistors a birds eye view of our delicate wetlands in Louisiana and why Louisiana loses an area the size of 1 football field (5351 square meters) an hour to erosion, or a staggering 43 square kilometers a year! Your knowledgeable guie will explain the effects of costal erosion and how this has affected the inhabitants of lower Louisiana as well as key points of interests in and around the area. The view from your private plane will be one of the highlights of your trip to Louisiana!

Cette visite est un grand must pour les jeunes et les moins jeunes!



Greenwood Gator Farm Tour (*Gibson, Louisiana*)

If you want to learn the life cycle of an alligator from egg to maturity, this is the place to see, hear and **touch** this larger than life mammal! Learn how virtually every part of the alligator is used: from the meat in local dishes to handbags and shoes sent to Italy for production. If you are so adventurous, hold a baby alligator! This visit is a must for both young and old alike!

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Options in Lafayette and the surrounding region:



Private Tour of Vermilionville Cajun Village (*with or without lunch*)
(Lafayette, Louisiana)

A visit to Lafayette without a visit to *Vermilionville* would be a pity! Your private guide will explain the culture and lifestyle of the Acadians (Cajuns) from the 1700s when they were expelled (deported) from Canada until the present. You will visit several buildings of the era important in their history – without a doubt an unforgettable experience!



Private Cajun Dance Lesson at Vermilionville (*Lafayette, Louisiana*)

After your visit of *Vermilionville*, learn to Cajun dance in your 30 minute private session where your instructor will teach you the basics of Cajun dancing. This will be a nice introduction so you will be ready to dance at a Fais-do-do dinner (See following option!) and partake in our « Joie de vivre » (Joy of Life)!



« Fais-do-do » (Cajun Music & Dance) Dinner (*Lafayette, Louisiana*)

A typical local Fais-do-do Dinner, where you will enjoy a typical Cajun meal, all the while listening to the music that is heard throughout the world and watching (and perhaps participating!) young and old alike dance to this unique musical rhythm! « Fais-do-do » is the term originating before WWI where parents would put their children to sleep (do-do) and then they would have a music and dance party with their close friends and family.



Atchafalaya Experience Bayou Tour (*Beaux Bridge, Louisiana*)

This intimate (maximum of 10 passengers) Bayou (Swamp) tour allows the visitor to travel through very narrow passageways through the bayou. Don't be surprised if you have to duck to avoid Spanish moss hanging from the indigenous Cypress trees. Listen to the sounds of nature at your footstep with the various unique birds that are perched in their nest or flying overhead and perhaps see a couple of alligators along the way – without a doubt our most sought-after and most memorable tour in Louisiana!



Atchafalaya Airboat Bayou Tour (*Henderson, Louisiana*)

This airboat tour will take you through the largest protected wetlands in the USA just outside in Lafayette. Along your fast-pace exciting airboat tour, your experience guide will point out the numerous flora, fauna and wildlife you will see on your tour. Perhaps you will see an alligator or two (in season) !



Lake Martin Swamp Tour (*Beaux Bridge, Louisiana*)

Take a short promenade (via boat) in the heart of a Louisiana swamp – Lake Martin with a local guide. Discover our picturesque swamp with an unforgettable perspective of Louisiana's nature. Observe the numerous Cypress trees with their hanging Spanish moss and various variety of birds typical of Louisiana. If you are really quiet and astute, you may even see an alligator or two!

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Options in Lafayette and the surrounding region (cont):



Private Tour of St. Martinville *(St. Martinville, Louisiana)*

St. Martinville, the heart of French Louisiana, is a charming city along Bayou Teche, only 26 km (30 minutes) from Lafayette. During your private tour, discover this picturesque authentic old square that hasn't changed much over a century and hear the story of Evangeline, the Acadian (Cajun) story made famous by Henry Longfellow, understanding how these Acadians (Cajuns) arrived in Louisiana from Nova Scotia and other parts of French Canada. On your 1-1.5 hour walking tour you will visit the Acadian Memorial, St. Martin de Tours church, Evangeline Oak as well as other interesting stops along the way!



Tabasco Factory Private Tour *(Avery Island, Louisiana)*

On this tour your guide will take you through the process from the planting of the seeds of this famous hot sauce to the factory where they bottle up to 700,000 bottles a day only here on Avery Island! This tour permits the visitor to understand the complete complex process of the fabrication of this world-famous hot sauce known throughout the world.



Tabasco Private Cooking Class *(Avery Island, Louisiana)*

This private cooking class can be a great complement to your private Tabasco Factory Tour (see above). If you would like to learn how to integrate Tabasco in some of your dishes, why not take our private course? During this course, you will learn how to prepare a couple of local dishes using this famous hot sauce and afterwards enjoy the dishes prepared during this course!

Options in Lake Charles:



Guided Kayak Bayou Tour in Sam Houston Jones State Park *(Lake Charles, Louisiana)*

After your numerous tourist excursions throughout Louisiana, why not take a break and enjoy a guided kayak tour along a bayou in Lake Charles. In addition to seeing various wildlife along the way, admire the numerous mansions that line this beautiful bayou.



Paddle Boarding on the Calcasieu River *(Lake Charles, Louisiana)*

Whether you are adventurous or simply like the great outdoors, this excursion is for you! Your instructor / guide (in English) will give you a short course on how to navigate the Paddle Board and once you master it a short time later, you are off with him to explore the natural habitat of Lake Prien. This excursion is a favorite among those clients who love the outdoors as well as those wanting to learn a new outdoor activity!



Dinner at Pujo Street Café *(Lake Charles, Louisiana)*

Enjoy a typical local dinner which includes : a Salad, Choice of 2 Main Dishes (Meat or Fish), a Glass of House Wine, a Dessert and Coffee. The restaurant is situated in the heart of the old downtown and very popular among locals.

Activities « A la Carte » in Louisiana (cont.)

Options in Natchitoches:



Melrose Plantation Tour (*Melrose, Louisiana*)

On your tour of the main house, discover how the once prosperous plantation thrived for more than 200 years. Your entrance fee includes an entrance to the primitive art of the local famed artist Clementine Hunter. The plantation and grounds are in a National Historic Park and one can spend as much time visiting the various other historic buildings on the property at your own pace. After your visit, your mind will race with images of perhaps how life was on this plantation prior to the American Civil War.

Important Notes : **Reservations are strongly suggested a minimum of 30 days prior to guarantee availability!**

Transportation is not included to any activity (tour, restaurant, etc.) unless otherwise noted. All tours and/or restaurants will operate rain or shine and are based on availability and must be made directly with Rey Royal®. Times can be modified, and unforeseen cancellations may occur that are unfortunately beyond the control of Rey Royal®!

The client must arrive 10-15 minutes in advance (30-45 minutes for lunch and/or dinner cruises). All tours begin on-time and the guide will NOT wait after start times indicated. Reservation at restaurants will be cancelled WITHOUT refund if the client arrives after their scheduled reservation. There are NO refunds for any activity, regardless of reason, where the clients do not show up or where they arrive late!

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