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## An Ode to **NEW ORLEANS**

*featuring Historian  
Charles Chamberlain*

**November 15–19 2026**



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

New Orleans' antebellum splendors, gracious interiors, lush private gardens, fascinating people, and enduring legacy of historic preservation take center stage on this custom-designed tour of the South's grandest historic city. Explore how New Orleans' strong ties to French, Spanish, and Caribbean cultures have contributed to her rich and singular architectural and cultural legacy. Hear how the city's African and Cuban influences laid the groundwork for its astonishingly rich musical heritage, from ragtime to Dixieland, R&B to funk, and most famously made it the birthplace of jazz. Also examine the area's dramatic struggles and transformation since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Led by National Trust study leader Charles Chamberlain, a historian and dynamic travel companion, our itinerary offers a wonderful variety of perspectives on this unique city. We will be invited into delightful private homes, introduced to prominent local artists, led by local garden experts through their lush gardens, and given special views of New Orleans' finest cultural institutions. Highlights include a tour through Oak Alley Plantation, a visit to a beautifully restored Creole plantation, a special tour of the Ninth Ward revealing the impact of Hurricane Katrina, and visits to important historic homes. A custom walking tour guided by your study leader, a longtime local expert, will unlock the secrets of the French Quarter.

Our five-day stay in New Orleans will be made all the more memorable with accommodations in the four-star Hotel Monteleone, a sparkling jewel in the heart of the French Quarter and a member of the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America program. Our tour is further enriched by delectable Cajun meals in the city's most popular restaurants.

Nourish your soul and escape to New Orleans! Register now to reserve your space.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MPP'.

Meg Annacone-Poretz  
Director, National Trust Tours

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Enjoy the  
academic leadership of  
National Trust  
study leader  
Charles Chamberlain.

Charles Chamberlain received his PhD in U.S. History from Tulane University and worked for ten years as the Museum Historian at the Louisiana State Museum. His book *Victory at Home: Race and Manpower in the American South during World War II* (University of Georgia Press) was published in 2003, and he has written numerous articles on jazz history, Louisiana history, and American culture. Since 2014, Dr. Chamberlain has served as professor of history at the University of New Orleans, concentrating on graduate-level Public History and Louisiana studies.

Visit important historic  
homes and **talk about  
preservation efforts  
with the owners.**

(right & below) Courtesy of the  
New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau



Tour the charming  
French Quarter  
**with a historian.**



Longue Vue House and Gardens / Navin75

**NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

## Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Arrive independently at the landmark Hotel Monteleone, a Historic Hotel of America ideally situated in the heart of the French Quarter. At 4:30 p.m., meet for an orientation walking tour of the French Quarter, including a visit to iconic Jackson Square where iron fences, benches, and Parisian-style landscaping remain intact from the original 1851 design. See the three significant 18th-century buildings that flank the square: the St. Louis Cathedral; the Cabildo, the former city hall; and the Presbytère. Then enjoy a lecture by study leader Charles Chamberlain on the history of “the Big Easy.” Savor a welcome dinner at one of the French Quarter’s best restaurants.

*Hotel Monteleone (D)*

**NOVEMBER 16, 2026**

## The Soul of the Crescent City

Begin with a guided tour of the Faubourg Tremé

neighborhood, home to the largest pre-Civil War community of free people of color with a rich and vibrant history. See Congo Square, formerly an open-air market where “Creoles of Color” brass and symphonic bands performed, laying the foundation for the birth of jazz. Learn about the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and the ongoing recovery efforts during a visit to the Lower Ninth Ward Living Museum. Following a lunch of local specialties, see why New Orleans is one of the country’s hot spots for preservation during a visit to the elegant former City of Lafayette, established in the 1830s to rival the Creole-dominated Vieux Carré. Enjoy access to private homes in the area’s two designated historic districts: the Irish Channel, the working-class riverfront neighborhood where first-generation Irish and German immigrants settled before the Civil War; and the Garden District, where wealthy transplants from Great Britain and the North came and made their fortunes on cotton. In contrast

to the dense development of the French Quarter, gracious suburban villas are set on spacious lots, surrounded by lush landscaping. The evening is at leisure.

*Hotel Monteleone (B, L)*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2026**

## Pitot House & NOMA

Visit the Pitot House, an 18th-century Creole country home that showcases American and Louisiana antiques from the early 19th century. The house was saved from destruction by the Louisiana Landmarks Society in 1964 and restored to its original splendor. The verdant garden showcases plants that were popular during the era of the house’s construction. Continue to the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), the city’s oldest fine arts institution for a guided tour of collection highlights. Following lunch at the museum’s popular restaurant, visit NOMA’s sculpture garden. With more than sixty sculptures spread across five acres, it is considered one of the nation’s most important



sculpture installations. Return to the French Quarter for an independent afternoon or for an optional visit to the Historic New Orleans Collection for a guided tour through the museum's permanent collection.

*Hotel Monteleone (B, L)*

**NOVEMBER 18, 2026**

## Oak Alley

Drive westward along the Mississippi River to visit Oak Alley Plantation, a National Historic Landmark, with its famed scenic allée, grand historic mansion, and

preserved slave quarters and outbuildings. Following a guided tour of the mansion, enjoy free time to stroll the grounds of the estate. Return to the city for an afternoon at leisure or for a visit to the incomparable National World War II Museum, where powerful exhibits emphasize the American experience in World War II. Bid au revoir to “the Big Easy” at a memorable farewell dinner in one of the French Quarter’s historic restaurants.

*Hotel Monteleone (B, D)*

**NOVEMBER 19, 2026**

## Farewell New Orleans

Check out of the Hotel Monteleone and visit Longue Vue House and Gardens, an opulent 1939 Classical Revival mansion with original English and American antiques and furniture. Ellen Biddle Shipman designed the eight acres of manicured formal gardens, which are considered her masterpiece. Be dropped off at the New Orleans airport in time to catch flights departing after 2:00 p.m. (B)

## Hotel Monteleone

Known as the “Grand Dame of the French Quarter”, the Monteleone has been owned and operated by five generations of the Monteleone family since 1886 and is a member of Historic Hotels of America. The guest rooms are elegantly furnished, most with high ceilings, and fine European-inspired décor. In the lobby, the hotel’s famed grandfather clock still chimes, surrounded by glittering chandeliers, polished marble floors, and gleaming brass appointments. Amenities include a rooftop fitness center and heated pool with views of New Orleans’ skyline. The hotel’s Carousel Bar is a legendary New Orleans hot spot that overlooks Royal Street. Truman Capote used to boast that he was born in the Monteleone. It has long been a favorite haunt of distinguished literary giants, from Ernest Hemingway and Tennessee Williams to William Faulkner, Anne Rice, Stephen Ambrose, and John Grisham. It is one of only three U.S. hotels designated an official literary landmark by the Friends of the Library Association.



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## Tour Information

### Tour Cost:

Land Package ..... \$3,595

Single Supplement ..... \$595

*\*Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

**Activity Level:** Moderate, good overall mobility required.

**Deposit & Final Payment:** A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on August 1, 2026 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

**Flights:** Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

**Tour Inclusions:** 4 nights at the Hotel Monteleone; breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private coach; group airport transfer on March 10; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local guides; gratuities for local guides and drivers and at included meals; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

**Tour Exclusions:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; airport transfer upon arrival; individual transfers to the airport upon departure for those not using the scheduled group transfer; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**Terms and Conditions:** ISDI requires that all tour participants be vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate on the tour. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

**Cancellations & Refunds:** Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before August 1, 2026 full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between August 2 and September 26, 2026 full refund minus \$1,500 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after September 27, 2026 no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or National Trust Tours due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

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