

New Orleans for Mardi Gras!!!

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA often referred to as 'The Big Easy,' is a vibrant city known for its rich cultural heritage, eclectic music scene, and world-renowned cuisine. Nestled along the Mississippi River, this Louisiana city is famous for its annual Mardi Gras celebration, historic French Quarter, and the soulful sounds of jazz that fill its streets. From the bustling Bourbon Street to the serene Garden District, New Orleans offers a unique blend of history, culture, and southern charm. This 5-day trip will guide you through the city's most iconic attractions, hidden gems, and culinary delights.

**January 5-9, 2026: \$2,349 pp/double, \$2,749 single, deposit of \$275 due by 9/30/25,
final payment due 11/6/25.**

New Orleans itinerary highlights:

Day 1: Arrival, Harrah's Casino, and Welcome Dinner at Mulato's 1/5

Depart from Albany, arrive in New Orleans, LA.

Check in to hotel, DoubleTree New Orleans at Harrah's casino.

Welcome dinner at famous Mulato's

After-hours bus tour (optional add-on). 🚒 🦴

Day 2: French Quarter Exploration 1/6

After breakfast, start your New Orleans adventure in the historic [French Quarter](#)- take the Hop-On/Hop-off bus to [Jackson Square](#) for a walking tour. Stop by the 'Court of Two Sisters' for a jazz brunch.

This evening we will be enjoying twelfth night, the first night of **Mardi Gras 2026!!**

Day 3: Garden District and dinner cruise on the Creole Queen paddle-wheeler 1/7

Today we will tour the famous Garden District, admiring the stunning antebellum mansions and meticulously manicured gardens - take the Hop-On/Hop-off bus to the garden district stop for a walking tour.

After the tour, the day is yours to explore...

Feel free to hop on the St. Charles Avenue Streetcar , one of the oldest and most notable lines in the city. Its route passes by classic New Orleans stops under live oaks and provides access to iconic attractions. (Use Jazzy pass \$15 add-on)

Day 4: WWII Museum and cooking class with dinner at New Orleans School of Cooking 1/8

After breakfast, we'll head to the WWII museum.... New Orleans cooking class for dinner

Day 5: Swamp Tour and Departure

Contact Diane Leonard at 518-465-3771 for reservations.