



Itinerary

Spotlight on New Orleans Holiday

Dec 1, 2019 - Dec 5, 2019

Pre Night: Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans



In the heart of the French Quarter on Bourbon Street, experience New Orleans the way it was meant to when you stay at the The Royal Sonesta Hotel. You are sure to have an authentic experience at this modern and refined hotel that has European style. The hotel is walking distance to the Mississippi Riverfront, the Central Business District and other famous attractions. Sonesta's Art Collection fills the hotel and guest rooms, creating an exciting atmosphere.

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins



Step into a cultural melting pot in the "Jazz Capital of the World." New Orleans! Experience everything about this soulful city that abounds with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. In December, the city sparkles even brighter with the pageantry of the season, when the city rolls out the red (and green) carpet!

Hotel

Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans
New Orleans

Weather

High 16°
Low 5°
Rain 4"

Day 2: French Quarter



This morning, visit the Hermann-Grima house for an old-fashioned Christmas. Learn about Creole holiday traditions as you admire the home as it appeared in the 19th century. Afterwards, introduce yourself to the city's famous French Quarter on a walking tour that features the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. You may even hear some carolers filling Jackson Square with song as we make our way to Pontalba, the oldest apartment building in the French Quarter. Dressed in their holiday finery, these are some of the most impressive historic structures in the city. Next, head over to Café Du Monde for a taste of a true New Orleans favourite – beignets! Explore Pirate's Alley and the bustling French Marketplace, where you'll stand in awe of a 30-foot tree topped with a Fleur de Lis and find unique Christmas gifts around every corner. Spend the afternoon strolling around the French Quarter and see the dazzling hotel lobbies and antique shops on Royal Street. Tonight, learn how to cook for the holidays New Orleans-style! During a demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, your chef reveals everything Louisiana cuisine offers. After dinner, the magic continues at Celebration in the Oaks, a New Orleans tradition, with a train ride that takes you through lit bridges, lagoons and gardens.

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Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 3: New Orleans



This morning, set out on an all-encompassing city tour with a local guide. See the St. Louis Cemetery #3 which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Then, relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. This romantic road eventually leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Tulane and Loyola. Next, enjoy lunch and a holiday-themed musical revue by the Victory Belles at the National World War II Museum. After, take a walk through history to learn about the American wartime experience.

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New Orleans

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

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Day 4: New Orleans



Set out on a drive along New Orleans' historic Esplanade Avenue. Then, journey through the Louisiana swamp on a cruise* narrated by your colourful captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem and keep an eye out for wildlife, from bald eagles to herons, turtles, and alligators! Return to the city and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to discover more of New Orleans your way. Tonight, celebrate the season like a local, and toast your travel companions and new friends at a traditional reveillon dinner at The Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarter.

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New Orleans

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 5: New Orleans - Tour Ends



Your holiday tour of this captivating city comes to a close today.

Post Night: Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans



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