

“Magnolias, Mansions & Memories”
St Charles Parks Dept
March 24-31, 2022
Itinerary

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:00am Depart Blanchette Park, St Charles for Memphis with Rest Stop in route with Coffee & Donuts

8:50am Rest stop at Fruitland Rest Area Southbound MM #110 with Coffee & Donuts

9:15am Depart for Memphis, TN

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch stop at *Rendezvous Barbeque*

Rendezvous Barbeque
52 S. Second Street
Memphis, TN 38103
Phone: 901-523-2746



In 1948, Charlie Vergos cleaned out a basement below his diner, discovered a coal chute, and started a legend. The coal chute gave him a vent for his considerable talent over a grill, and allowed him to expand from ham-and-cheese sandwiches to ribs. Today, several thousand people on an average Saturday night pour into their basement and sink their teeth into a slab of what makes Memphis, well, Memphis!

Memphis is the pork barbecue mecca of the world, and there are great joints in every nook and cranny of this town. And while everyone has a favorite, few can question that the Rendezvous is a quintessential Memphis experience. For over 70 years, the Vergos family has been serving their signature dry ribs in a basement through a downtown alley across from the Peabody Hotel. And while the world outside has changed considerably, very little has changed in that alley basement where it all started in 1948.

MENU Sandwich Buffet—Chopped Shoulder or Chopped Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw & Drink

1:30pm Depart for Ridgeland, MS

4:30pm-6:00pm Dinner tonight at *Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano*

Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
970 Highland Colony Parkway
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Phone: 601-354-6600

Menu Family Style

Appetizer: **Biaggi's House Salad**

Entrée: **Chicken Marsala, Spaghetti & Meatballs**

Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee**

Dessert: **Tiramisu**

6:00pm Depart for overnight lodging

6:10pm Check into over-night lodging for one-night stay.

Drury Inn & Suites—Jackson/Ridgeland
610 East Countyline Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Phone: 601-956-6100



Friday, March 25, 2022

6:00am-9:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

9:00am Depart for Flora, MS

9:30am-11:30am We visit the *Mississippi Petrified Forest*

Mississippi Petrified Forest

124 Forest Park Road

Flora, MS 39071

Phone: 601-879-8189

The Mississippi Petrified Forest is a fascinating place, located in hills with ravines hollowed out by nature during the past century. The size of the petrified logs indicates that as

living trees, these stone giants were over one hundred feet tall, and perhaps a thousand or more years old.

A roaring, thunderous, flood-swollen river snatched everything in its path. Flowing southward, it ripped and tore at the once magnificent trees. With the abating of this earth-changing force, the battered remnants of the trees finally began to sink, settling deeper into the watery ooze. Each fresh flood from the north brought more sand and silt to cover them. This continued for countless ages of time, ever more deeply burying the old trees. They slowly began to decay. Now the petrification process, turning once living trees into stone logs began.

Walk along the Nature Trail and pause to read the Trail Guide at each point of interest. Moving at a leisurely pace, you begin to see the story of the Mississippi Petrified Forest unfold. The most photographed log is the “Caveman’s Bench,” which lies right on the Forest Trail just where the eroding sands had placed it. Everyone tries it out for size, and it is a favorite spot for taking pictures. In the old piece of canyon wall beside the Bench are a number of log sections still embedded, which were once all part of the same huge tree.

11:30am Depart for lunch

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch at Chick-fil-A

~Lunch on Your Own~

Chick-fil-A

401 Handley Blvd Suite A

Byram, MS 39272

Phone: 769-251-5970

1:00pm Depart for Natchez, MS

3:00pm Arrive *Natchez Visitors Center*

Natchez Visitors Center

640 S. Canal Street

Natchez, MS 39120

Phone: 800-647-6724

3:45pm Check into overnight lodging for two-night stay.

Hampton Inn & Suites—Natchez

627 South Canal Street

Natchez, MS 39120

Phone: 601-446-6770



5:45pm Depart for a Progressive Dinner in three separate *Historic Natchez Mansions*.

6:00pm Our first stop will be at *Sunnyside B&B*, an elegant 1850's Greek-Revival cottage situated on 10 Park-Like acres near historic downtown Natchez.

Sunnyside B & B
102 Rembert St.
Natchez, MS 39120

Menu

Tour and 1st Course Shrimp Ceviche Martini.



7:00pm Our second stop will be at *Chocotaw Hall B&B*, a Greek Revival to Federal Style mansion built in 1836 with over 11,600 sq ft. This historic mansion is in impeccable condition for its age.

Chocotaw Hall
310 N. Wall St
Natchez, MS 39120

Menu

Tour and Pork Tenderloin over Southern Rice, French Green Bean & Carrots, Rolls, Iced Tea, Water, White Wine -1 Glass complementary.

8:45pm Our last stop on our progressive dinner will be at *Historic Linden B&B* originally built in 1785 with subsequent additions added in 1818, 1829 and 1849. The current owner is the 6th generation of the Conner Family.

Linden B&B
1 Conner Cir
Natchez, MS 39120

Menu

Tour and Assortment of Desserts & Cookies, Coffee

9:30pm Return to Hampton Inn & Suites—Natchez





Saturday, March 26, 2022

6:30am-8:30am Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:30am Depart for *Frogmore Cotton Plantation*

9:00am-10:30am Enjoy a guided tour of this historic plantation

Frogmore Cotton Plantation

11656 US-84

Ferriday, LA 71334

Phone: 318-757-3333

Historical cotton & plantation culture is the story told at Frogmore Plantation, and there is cotton in the fields to pick from mid-July through April; then planting begins anew. An 1800-acre working cotton plantation, Frogmore has 19 restored antebellum structures that date from the early 1800's. Along with the history of the early Natchez planters and their slaves, the tour includes a rare Smithsonian quality steam cotton gin and then contrasts the historical methods with modern day planting, harvesting, and computerized ginning of cotton.

Guides will escort us into a log cabin where we learn about the early settlers in the South, the European mills in England, France, Belgium, & Scotland that triggered the cotton production, and the growth of slavery in America along with West African slave customs after arriving to North America. The narration includes the lifestyle of the owners and the slaves, the legal and political climate of slavery, and slave relationships with their owners and each other.

11:00am-1:00pm We return to Natchez for some free time for lunch on your own and shopping in downtown historic Natchez. Lynsey, our local contact will give us some pointers on cafes for lunch and not to miss gift shops.

1:00pm-2:30pm Return to *Natchez Visitor Reception Center* to pick up Step-on-Guide for city Tour



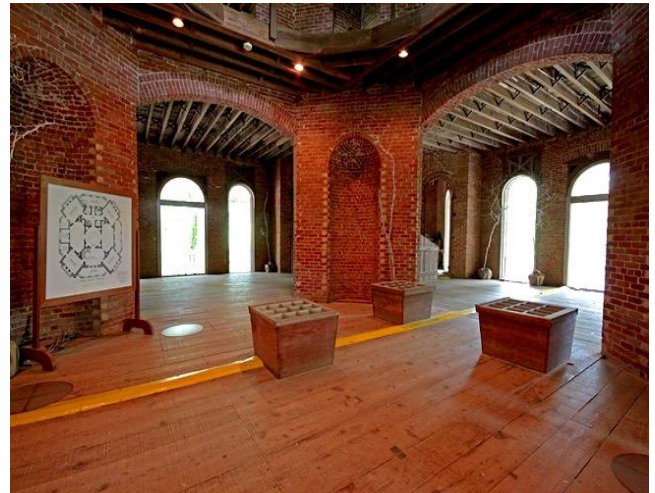
3:00pm-4:00pm We tour *Longwood*, the jewel of Natchez. Designed by Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan for Haller and Julia Nutt, Mississippi natives and members of Natchez's planter elites. Construction of the grand, octagonal structure began in 1860 but was halted in 1861 by rising tensions over the civil war. While the exterior of Sloan's *Oriental Villa* was largely complete, the home's interior was left unfinished except for the lowest level. Haller Nutt died of pneumonia in 1864, leaving the work incomplete. Of the 32 rooms planned for the house, only nine rooms on the basement floor were completed. *Longwood* was the last burst of Southern opulence before war and the federal ban on enslaving people brought the cotton barons dominance to an end. Built in part by enslaved people, the mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark. *Longwood* is the largest octagonal house in the United States. *Longwood* survived decades of neglect and near-abandonment to become one of Natchez' most popular attractions.



4:00pm-5:45pm Rest Break at our Hampton Inn Hotel
5:45pm Depart for *Magnolia Hall*
6:00pm-7:00pm Tour of *Magnolia Hall* and Dinner

Magnolia Hall
215 S. Pearl St.
Natchez, MS 39120

Construction on Magnolia Hall is believed to have begun in 1858, as the residence of Thomas Henderson, a Natchez native who became a wealthy cotton broker and merchant. The house was built on the site of the Henderson family home. The name of the house was inspired by the plaster magnolia blossoms incorporated into the design of the parlor ceiling centerpieces. It was restored by the Natchez Garden Club as a house museum and is operated by the club today.



Menu

Appetizer:

Green Salad...with Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing

Corn Chowder

Entrée: **Chicken Breast Roll-Up...**in a creamy Mushroom Sauce with Magnolia Hall Green Beans & Cheese Grits

Beverage: **Iced Tea, Coffee**

Dessert: **Bread Pudding with Vanilla Sauce**

7:15pm Depart for *Beulah Baptist Church*

7:30pm-8:30pm Gospel Choir performance

Beulah Baptist Church
710 B St.
Natchez, MS 39120



Sunday, March 27, 2022

6:00am-8:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Breaux Bridge, LA

11:00am-12:30pm ½ of our group will enjoy an airboat swamp tour on the *Atchafalaya Basin*

1:00pm-2:30pm ½ of our group will enjoy an airboat swamp tour on the *Atchafalaya Basin*

Atchafalaya Basin Landing Swamp Tour

1377 Henderson Levee Rd

Henderson, LA 70517

Phone: 337-228-7880

While the first half of our group takes the airboat swamp tour at 11:00am, the other group will have lunch down the road 1½ miles at *Pat's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant*. At 12:30pm the groups will reverse and do the other.

~Lunch on Your Own~

Pat's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant

1008 Henderson Levee Road

Henderson, LA 70517

Phone: 337-228-7512

Airboat swamp tours of the Atchafalaya Basin offer the best opportunities to see the heart of Louisiana. The Atchafalaya Basin is famous worldwide for its natural beauty, sheer volume, diversity of plants and wildlife, and unparalleled history. Their airboat tours will take us deep inside some of the oldest forests in the south, and their tour guides will regale us with unbelievable tales of the swamp. In warmer months, we may see alligators and nearly 300 species of birds. In cooler months, we might catch a glimpse of some nesting egrets and their iconic moss-draped cypress trees. This airboat swamp tour will give you a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see what is so special about Southern Louisiana!

From its majestic cypress and tupelo covered swamps to the egrets and alligators that fill its skies and endless waterways, the Atchafalaya Swamp has come to symbolize life in Louisiana. Pronounced "uh-CHA-fuh-LIE-uh," the Atchafalaya gets its name from the Choctaw phrase for "Long River." An unmatched American wilderness, the Atchafalaya Swamp encompasses 1.4 million acres—an area bigger than the state of Delaware—between Lafayette and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

With an abundance of nutrient rich water flowing through the swamp from the Mississippi River, the Atchafalaya is one of the richest areas in the country in



regard to diversity of Wildlife. In fact, the Atchafalaya supports half of America's migratory waterfowl and provides the most important habitat for Neotropical migratory land birds and other birds of the Mississippi Flyway.

More so than any other animal, the American alligator has come to represent the swamp. Once endangered, nearly 2 million alligators now live in the wild across Louisiana. These apex predators can grow up to 14 feet in length and have between 74 and 80 teeth in their mouth at any given time. During our swamp tour, when the weather is right, you're sure to see alligators throughout the area.

2:30pm Depart for Baton Rouge, LA

3:30pm Check in to overnight lodging for one-night stay

Drury Inn & Suites—Baton Rouge

7939 Essen Park Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Phone: 225-766-2022

4:45pm Depart for Dinner

5:00pm-6:30pm Dinner tonight at *Mike Anderson's Seafood*

Mike Anderson's Seafood

1031 W. Lee Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Phone: 225-247-4989

Menu

Appetizer:

House Salad, Stuffed Potato & Garlic Bread

Entrée:

Fried Seafood Combo...3 jumbo shrimp, 3 oysters, 1 stuffed crab, and 2 catfish fillets fried to perfection with 2 hushpuppies

The Guitau...a grilled fillet of fresh fish topped with sauteed crawfish, shrimp, and mushrooms in a white wine butter sauce

Mike's Special...Jumbo shrimp broiled in lemon, Worcestershire, garlic, butter, and spice

Marinated Chicken Breast...2 boneless breasts of chicken, marinated in a sweet and spicy sauce, and grilled over an open flame

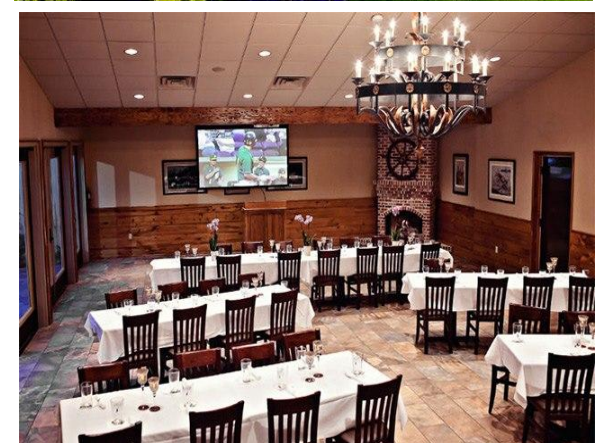
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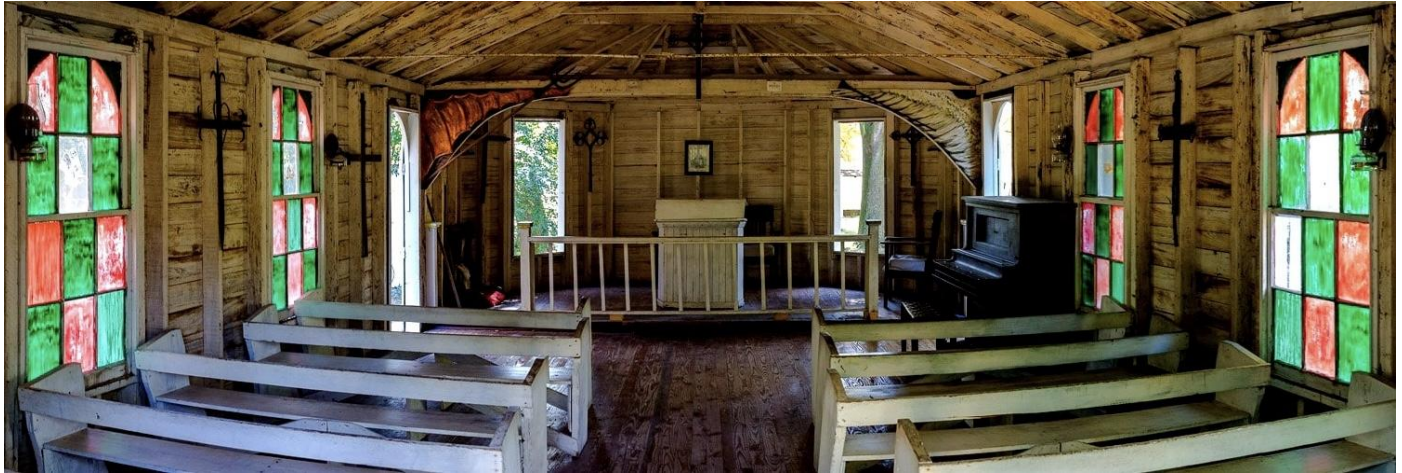
Unsweetened Iced Tea

Dessert:

Bread Pudding...baked with French bread, pecans, and raisins. Topped with a cinnamon rum sauce

6:30pm Return to Drury Inn & Suites—Baton Rouge





Monday, March 28, 2022

6:00am-8:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure
7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading
8:00am Depart for the *LSU Rural Life Museum*
8:10am-10:15am Enjoy a Self-Guided Tour of the *LSU Rural Life Museum* located on the Burden Plantation, a 40-acre agricultural research experiment station, and is operated under the aegis of Louisiana State University.

LSU Rural Life Museum
4560 Essen Ln
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Phone: 225-765-2437

The Rural Life Museum commemorates the contributions made by its various cultural groups through interpretive programs and events throughout the year. As a state with a diverse cultural ancestry, Louisiana has natives of French, Spanish, Native American, German, African, Acadian, and Anglo-American heritage. The main portion of the museum is outdoors and consists of homes and outbuildings built in the 18th and 19th centuries. This portion of the museum is divided into three areas.

Additionally, the Barn, an interior warehouse open to the public, houses numerous artifacts from the 19th and early 20th century that were utilized in the common life rituals of individuals in rural regions of the state. There is a large collection of farming equipment, tools, furnishings and utensils.

10:15am Depart for *Houmas House & Gardens*

~Chick fil A Box Lunch furnished in Route~

11:00am-4:00pm Located between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, *The Houmas House Estate* allows visitors to experience the life on a sugarcane plantation in the 1800's. The mansion has been restored to the antebellum era, reflecting the opulence and wealth this sugarcane farm boasted in the 1800's. The guided mansion tour walks through the 250-year history, showing the architectural evolution of this manor house and how it became a grand estate. Rare and period artwork and artifacts are displayed and used to explain plantation life.





Houmas House and Gardens

40136 LA-942

Darrow, LA 70725

Phone: 225-473-9380

11:15am-12:15pm ½ of our group *Guided Houmas House Mansion Tour with Dedicated Guide* Group A

1:15pm-2:15pm ½ of our group *Guided Houmas House Mansion Tour with Dedicated Guide* Group B

Once each group has completed their Guided Tour of Houmas House, travelers can venture next door and visit *The Great River Road Steamboat Museum* on a Self-Guided tour at their leisure.

Louisiana's Great River Road Museum is a premier museum and interpretive center presenting the history and influence of the lower Mississippi River on transportation, commerce, music, and the folklife and folklore of river life. The museum highlights the history, and chronicles the people and families who helped build Louisiana's most lucrative corridor while creating the unique culture which is Louisiana. Visiting *the Great River Road Steamboat Museum* opens eyes to what early life along the lower Mississippi was like. The culture, commerce, folklore and music were a fusion of all the foreign countries that discovered and developed this new territory. From the wealthy owners of great sugar empires, to the humble lives of the enslaved, this museum details how each lived and survived by this powerful body of water.

Upon its completion in 1840, Houmas House was the Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road with its heroically-columned Greek Revival exterior topped by a belvedere that surveyed the Oak alley leading south to the sweeping bend in the Mississippi and the miles and miles of cane fields to the north and east. Houmas House is also historically important because under owner John Burnside in the 1850's and 60's it





was the center of the largest slave holding in Louisiana. With over 800 slaves, it represented the largest economic unit in the prevailing slave economy of the state's pre-civil war period.

Houmas House Plantation and Gardens has been a member of the supporting cast in a variety of motion pictures, made-for-television movies, TV series episodes, Soap Opera location shoots, television commercials and a variety of other projects that required consummate plantation visuals.

4:00pm-5:30pm Dinner this evening will be at *Center of Pavilion* located on the *Houmas House Estate*.

Menu

Appetizer:

Houmas House Salad...mixed greens tossed with Steen's Cane Syrup vinaigrette, finished with Belle Ecorce blue cheese, Roasted pecans, cranberries and garnished with julienned pears

Entrée:

Shrimp Orleans...Gulf Shrimp, sweet peas and baby heirloom tomatoes, with fettuccine pasta and parmesan cheese

Breast of Chicken...Skin on breast of chicken, served stone ground grits and roasted carrots, and rum spiked Houmas House beehive honey glaze

Louisiana Beef Short Ribs...Slow braised, with locally grown mushrooms atop White Oak Estate stone ground grits

Beverage:

Non-Alcoholic Beverage, Coffee, Water

Dessert:

Turtle Cheesecake

5:30pm Depart for Lafayette, LA

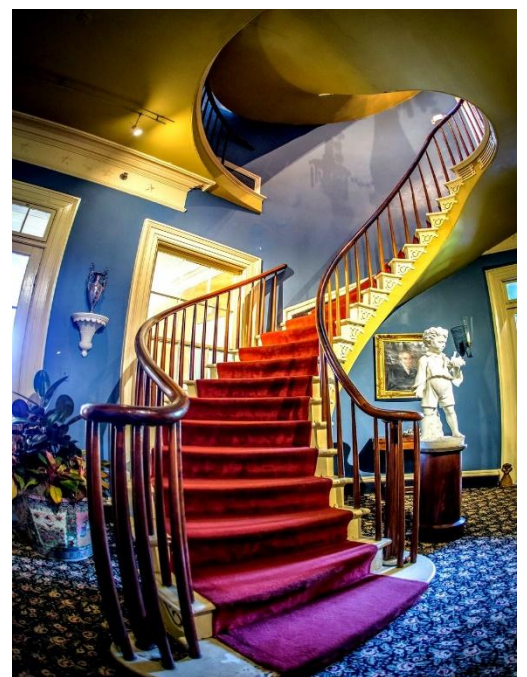
7:00pm Arrive for overnight lodging for two-night stay

Drury Inn & Suites—Lafayette

120 Alcide Dominique

Lafayette, LA 70506

Phone: 337-262-0202





Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6:00am-8:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:00am Depart for Avery Island

9:00am-12:00pm Enjoy a Guided Tour of Avery Island, home of the #1 selling hot sauce—*Tabasco!*

Tabasco Visitors Center
329 Avery Island Rd
New Iberia, LA 70560
Phone: 800-634-9599

Tabasco brand products are made by McIlhenny Company, founded by Edmund McIlhenny in 1868 on Avery Island, Louisiana. It was here that he developed the recipe of *Tabasco Original Red Pepper Sauce* that's been passed down from generation to generation. Today, nearly 153 years later, *Tabasco Sauce*, the basic recipe, the process by which it's made, and the ingredients remain virtually unchanged. Now the aging process for the mash is longer—up to three years in white oak barrels—and the vinegar is high-quality distilled vinegar. To this day, the company is still family-owned and operated on that very same island.

McIlhenny grew his first commercial pepper crop on Avery Island in 1868. The next year, he sent out 658 bottles of sauce at one dollar apiece wholesale to grocers around the gulf coast, particularly in New Orleans. He labeled it “Tabasco,” a word of Mexican Indian origin believed to mean “place where the soil is humid” or “place of the coral or oyster shell.” McIlhenny secured a patent in 1870, and *Tabasco Sauce* began its journey to set the culinary world on fire. Sales grew, and by the 1870s, he sold his sauce throughout the U.S. and even in Europe. Today Tabasco is labeled in 36 languages and dialects, sold in over 195 countries and territories, added to soldiers’ rations and put-on restaurant tables around the globe. Tabasco Brand is the most famous pepper sauce in the world. ~Lunch on Your Own at 1868 Restaurant~



After our factory tour, we take a Guided Tour of Jungle Gardens located on the Tabasco property and visit Bird City. Around 1895, Ned McIlhenny founded a private bird sanctuary known as Bird City to protect endangered snowy egrets. Today Bird City is an annual stop-over for over 100,000 snowy egrets on their annual migration route. The son of Tabasco sauce inventor Edmund McIlhenny, Ned assumed the presidency of McIlhenny Company in 1898 and ran the world-famous pepper sauce operation until his death fifty-one years later.

12:00pm Depart for *Conrad Rice Mill*

1:00pm-2:30pm We enjoy a Guided Tour of the *Conrad Rice Mill*

Conrad Rice Mill
307 Ann Street
New Iberia, LA 70560
Phone: 337-364-7242

Enjoy the charm of a bygone era and genuine Cajun hospitality at the historic Conrad Rice Mill, built in 1912. The mill is America's oldest operating rice mill and a rare surviving example of a factory using a turn-of-the-century belt-driven power transmission. A substantial portion of the mill's original equipment is still in use today. We will see a slide presentation on the history of the Acadians and tour the mill. Shop at the *Konriko's Company Store*, which offers rice from the mill, local seasoning products, as well as other food items, cookbooks, crafts, music and souvenirs from Cajun Country.

2:30pm Depart for *Cane River Pecan Company*

2:30pm-3:45pm Visit *Cane River Pecan Company*

Cane River Pecan Company
254 W. Main Street
New Iberia, LA 70560
Phone: 337-373-8181

In 1969, brothers Dan and Joe Regard acquired pecan orchards along the historic Cane River located in Louisiana's central Natchitoches Parish. Originally the pecan orchards were planted, managed and owned by Jady Henry, Dan and Joe's uncle. For many years Dan and Joe would farm their orchards and sell the bulk of the harvest directly to regional shellers who would then shell the pecans and sell the shelled pecans to local grocery stores, food service companies, ice cream and candy manufactories as well as the gourmet pecan gift trade.

In 1982, Dan opened a small, seasonal, retail store on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches to sell the pecans direct from the orchard, the name of the store was Cane River Pecan Company. Later in the 1980's, Dan's wife, Margie, would begin a business-to-business mail order division of the company, by the same name, from their hometown of New Iberia, Louisiana. The mail order company would grow over the years mainly on its reputation for offering the finest gourmet gift pecans on the market. Companies throughout the South embraced the idea of using her gourmet pecans as the ideal corporate gift.



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For over 50 years, the Regard Family has been involved in the pecan industry. Jady Regard CNO (Chief Nut Officer) of the Cane River Pecan Company, is the third-generation family member overseeing operations today. Upon our arrival at their store and before we disembark the bus, Jady Regard will board our bus and give us a talk about their company and the pecan industry in general. In the store they will have numerous samples set up for us to taste.



3:45pm Depart for Drury Inn & Suites—Lafayette
4:15pm Short Rest Break at our hotel before going to dinner.
5:45pm Depart for dinner.

6:00pm-7:30pm Dinner at Randol's with live Cajun Music
Randol's
2320 Kaliste Saloom Rd
Lafayette, LA 70508
Phone: 337-981-7080

Menu

Salad:

House Salad...Mixed green salad garnished with English cucumbers, grape tomatoes & a side of our homemade parmesan vinaigrette.

Entrée:

Crabmeat Florentine—Crabe Sauce Florentine ...Randol's hand-picked crabmeat & fresh spinach, folded in a rich seafood velouté, topped with an Italian cheese blend then broiled to a golden brown.

Fried Shrimp and Crawfish Etouffee—Crevettes Frites et Ecrevisses A L'etouffee...Crispy fried shrimp and our award-winning crawfish etouffee on the same plate. Served with white rice and French fries.

Fried Catfish—Barbue Frite...Crispy Fried, farm-raised Louisiana catfish. Served with French-fries and shrimp jambalaya.

Broiled Catfish—Barbue Grille...Fresh Louisiana catfish broiled with our blackened seasoning, served with steamed vegetables and shrimp jambalaya.

Cajun-Style Grilled Chicken Breast—Poulet Grille...Cajun-grilled chicken breast served with steamed vegetables and shrimp jambalaya.

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee, Lemonade

Dessert:

Vanilla Ice Cream...Rich vanilla ice-cream to cool and refresh the palate

7:30pm Return to Drury Inn & Suites—Lafayette



Wednesday, March 30, 2022

6:00am-8:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Jonesboro, LA

10:30am-11:30am Lunch at Burger King ~Lunch on Your Own~

Burger King

615 Old, Winnfield Hwy

Jonesboro, LA 71251

Phone: 318-302-8809

11:30am Depart for Bonnie and Clyde death spot

12:15pm-12:45pm We visit the site along the highway where America's favorite outlaw lovebirds, Bonnie & Clyde, were riddled with dozens of bullets by hidden lawmen. The ambush site has two monuments marking the location of the infamous couple's demise. The latest monument being erected in 2014.

12:45pm Depart for *Bonnie and Clyde Ambush Museum*

1:00pm-1:30pm Visit *Bonnie and Clyde Ambush Museum*

Bonnie & Clyde Ambush Museum

2419 Main Street

Gibbsland, LA 71028

Phone: 318-843-1934

The Bonnie & Clyde Ambush Museum occupies the exact historical location in Gibbsland, Louisiana of Rosa's Café, aka Ma Canfield's Café, where Bonnie & Clyde dined for the last time. Here, you will experience a trip back to 1934 when the most notorious outlaw couple of all time met their bloody fate in a deadly ambush. We visit the Bonnie & Clyde Ambush Museum located in Gibbsland, LA a mere 8-miles from the actual ambush site. The museum has several artifacts from the ambush along with several articles and periodicals on display.

Bonnie and Clyde met in Texas in January, 1930. At the time, Bonnie was 19 and married to an imprisoned murderer; Clyde was 21 and unmarried. Soon after, he was arrested for a burglary and sent to jail. He escaped, using a gun Bonnie had smuggled to him, was recaptured and was sent back to prison. Clyde was paroled in February 1932, rejoined Bonnie, and resumed a life of crime.

In addition to the automobile theft charge, Bonnie and Clyde were suspects in other crimes. At the time they were killed in 1934, they were believed to have committed 13 murders and several robberies and burglaries. Barrow, for example, was suspected of murdering two police officers at Joplin, Missouri and kidnapping a man and a woman in rural Louisiana. He released them near Waldo, Texas. Numerous sightings followed, linking this pair with bank robberies at Lufkin and Dallas, Texas; murdered one sheriff and wounded another at Stringtown,



Oklahoma; kidnaped a deputy at Wharton, Texas; committed murder and robbery at Abilene and Sherman, Texas; committed murder at Dallas, Texas; abducted a sheriff and the chief of police at Wellington, Texas and committed murder at Joplin and Columbia, Missouri.

Before dawn on May 23, 1934, a posse composed of police officers from Louisiana and Texas, including Texas Ranger Frank Hamer, concealed themselves in bushes along the highway near Sailes, Louisiana. In the early daylight, Bonnie and Clyde appeared in an automobile and when they attempted to drive away, the officers opened fire. Bonnie and Clyde were killed instantly.

1:30pm Depart for Homer, LA

1:50pm Rest stop in Homer, LA

Homer Travel Plaza

3448 US-79

Homer, LA 71040

Phone: 318-927-2781

2:10pm Depart for Little Rock, AR

5:00pm Check into overnight lodging for one-night stay

Comfort Inn & Suites Presidential

707 Interstate 30

Little Rock, AR 72202

Phone: 501-712-4230

6:00pm Depart for dinner

6:15pm-7:45pm Dinner tonight at *Copper Grill*

Copper Grill

300 E. 3rd Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: 501-375-3333

Menu

Appetizer:

Copper Green Salad...greens, tomato, cucumber, red onion, mushrooms, feta cheese, house made croutons

Entrée:

Grilled Bone-In Pork Chop...chunky spiced apple reduction, grilled zucchini and garlic mashed potatoes

Grilled Faroe Island Salmon...grilled pineapple salsa and seasonal vegetables

Encrusted Walleye...chimi churri and white cheddar grits

Stuffed Chicken...goat cheese, spinach, mushrooms and white cheddar grits

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee

Dessert: **Traditional Cheesecake**...chocolate toffee crumbles

7:45pm Return to Comfort Inn & Suites Presential



Thursday, March 31, 2022

6:00am-9:00am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

9:00am Depart for Newport, AR

10:30am Rest stop at Walmart Supercenter

Walmart Supercenter

1211 AR-367 N

Newport, AR 72112

Phone: 870-523-2500

10:50am Depart for Dexter, MO

1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch at the *Hickory Log Restaurant*

Hickory Log Restaurant

1314 W. Business US-60

Dexter, MO 63841

Phone: 573-624-4950

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