

# NEW ORLEANS

5 Days | Magic of Music Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Discover the magic on this 5-day music tour to New Orleans. See a performance of New Orleans Jazz at Preservation Hall, hone your musical skills at a workshop with a professional, and showcase your talents as you perform in this storied city. Discover how the floats for the Mardi Gras parade are built, tour the swamps in the bayou, and explore the French Quarter. A cooking demonstration, dinner and a jazz cruise, and a haunted ghost tour round out this fabulous trip that will leave your students with everlasting memories and a lifelong love of travel.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:



### Sites & Activities:

Blain Kern's Mardi Gras World Tour, French Quarter Ghosts and Legends Tour, Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour, French Quarter visit, performance opportunity, Preservation Hall Concert, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas visit, music workshop, Creole Queen dinner and jazz cruise, New Orleans Museum of Art visit, Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden visit, French Market visit, Cajun/Creole cooking demonstration and lunch, New Orleans Jazz Museum in the Old U.S. Mint visit



**Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
4 nights hotel



**Transportation**  
Private motor coach



**Meals**  
4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners







# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection, and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist, but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, so you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

40+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE

33K+  
PASSENGERS  
TRAVELLED  
LAST YEAR



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime. Our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriale, went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## DAY 1

- 7:00 a.m. **Board your flight to New Orleans.**
- 11:45 a.m. **Arrive at New Orleans Airport.** Your Tour Leader will meet you at the airport. Board your motor coach for your transfer to the city centre.
- 2:00 p.m. **Blain Kern's Mardi Gras World Tour.** See where the magic is made! Blain Kern Studios creates amazing floats and Carnival sculptures, weaving spells of wonder.
- 4:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **French Quarter Ghosts and Legends Tour.** Discover New Orleans' darker side on this haunted history ghost tour. Tales of famous hauntings and eerie locations will make this a very exciting evening.

## DAY 2

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour.** Head to the bayou for a real-life swamp adventure! You will see live alligators and other wildlife as you glide through swamps lined with moss-draped cypress trees.
- 1:00 p.m. **Visit the French Quarter,** the oldest section of New Orleans. Founded in 1718 by Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, the city developed around the Vieux Carré, the original central square.
- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3:00 p.m. **Performance Opportunity.** Showcase your talent as you perform at a venue selected specially for your group.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. **Concert at Preservation Hall.** Originally built as a private residence in 1750, Preservation Hall opened its doors in 1961 as a sanctuary to protect and honour New Orleans Jazz, which had lost much of its popularity to modern jazz and rock 'n' roll.

## DAY 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:30 a.m. **Visit the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas.** Penguins, sea otters, sea horses and dragons, a Caribbean reef, and even a white alligator can be found at this incredible site. A must-see for any lover of aquatic life!
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3:30 p.m. **Music Workshop.** Join a specialist in the faculty of music at one of New Orleans' universities and watch your group hone its skills.
- 6:00 p.m. **Creole Queen Dinner Jazz Cruise.** Enjoy the evening as you cruise the mighty Mississippi. The sounds of New Orleans jazz will fill the air as you partake of a lavish dinner. Admire the twinkling skyline of New Orleans as you sip your favourite beverage on the Promenade deck.

## DAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Visit the New Orleans Museum of Art.** An exquisite pearl set inside City Park's gorgeous natural landscape, the New Orleans Museum of Art is the city's oldest fine arts institution. The permanent collection contains more than 40,000 objects and is noted for its French and American art.
- 11:30 a.m. **Discover the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden.** The gorgeous grounds surrounding the Museum of Art hold more than 90 sculptures. These incredible works of art are nestled within a landscape of magnolias, pines, and oaks surrounding two lagoons. Explore to your heart's delight.
- 1:30 p.m. **Cooking Demonstration and Lunch.** A chef will demonstrate cooking techniques at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Watch French cuisine being created before you sit down and enjoy it for lunch!
- 3:30 p.m. **Visit the New Orleans Jazz Museum in the Old U.S. Mint.** Louis Armstrong's cornet, Fats Domino's piano, and Sidney Bechet's soprano sax are only some of the instruments on display. Celebrate the history of jazz in the city in which it was born.
- 5:00 p.m. **Explore the French Market.** Founded in 1791, the oldest market in America spans six blocks in the French Quarter. You can find everything from jewelry, arts and crafts, and apparel to souvenirs, confectionery, and food vendors. Make sure you have a beignet before you leave!
- 6:00 p.m. **Live Music and Dinner at Mulate's.** The original Cajun restaurant will not disappoint!

## DAY 5

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage into your motor coach.
- 12:30 p.m. **Board your flight home.**
- 6:30 p.m. **Welcome home!**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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