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RIVERBOAT CHARTER WITH DINNER AND LIVE JAZZ

Experience an evening on the mighty Mississippi River with a live Dixieland Jazz Band providing the entertainment and a delicious Cajun or Creole dinner buffet. You can book the entire vessel for large groups, or the private room for a smaller group.

PRIVATE DINNER AT A PLANTATION HOME

Enjoy a candlelight dinner at a historic antebellum plantation home. You can be greeted by a rousing gospel choir upon your arrival. You can also dress up in antebellum dresses and suits to complete the early 1800s atmosphere of the old South.

HAVE YOUR OWN PARADE

Led by a traditional Dixieland Jazz marching band or combo, grab your napkin and dance on down the street in your very own "second-line" marching parade. This is a great way to travel from your hotel to your dinner destination for the evening.

SEAPLANE/SWAMP TOUR/PLANTATION ADVENTURE WITH LUNCH

See the city and the surrounding swamplands from high aboard a small twin-engine seaplane. After landing, board a swamp tour boat or airboat to see the swamps and bayous up close. You may have a near encounter with an alligator! Then, relax at a beautiful plantation home and have lunch and/or mint juleps on the veranda.

RECEPTION AND/OR DINNER AT A GARDEN DISTRICT HOME

Experience the elegance of a reception and/or dinner in a St. Charles Avenue or Garden District historic home.

FRENCH QUARTER PUB CRAWL

Did you know that the term "cocktail" was coined in New Orleans? That's right! In May of 1806 (the earliest known use of the word), the Editor of The Balance and Columbian Repository (a local publication) said "Cock-tail, then a stimulating liquor, composed of spirits of any kind, sugar, water and bitters it is vulgarly called a bittered sling....". And so the term "cocktail" was born! Take a tour through some of the old and established drinking holes in the French Quarter and sample some of the adult beverages that helped make New Orleans famous.

RECEPTION AT PRESERVATION HALL

If you want the truly authentic Jazz experience, then a visit to Preservation Hall is a must. Originally built in 1750 as a private residence, Preservation Hall opened its doors as a Jazz hall in 1961 as a sanctuary to protect and honor New Orleans Jazz. The entire hall can be reserved and catered for a private function.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION WITH LUNCH OR DINNER

For lunch or dinner, nothing can be compared to the enjoyment & pleasure of a New Orleans Cooking Class. Learn how to make some our most famous Creole and Cajun dishes, such as Red Beans & Rice, Chicken & Andouille Gumbo, or Jambalaya. And here's the best part! You get to sample everything at the conclusion of the class! When you return home, you'll be able to prepare an authentic Cajun or Creole meal and really impress your family & friends with your world-cuisine savvy.

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PRIVATE PARTY ABOARD A STREETCAR

Charter a Streetcar for a private ride down historic St. Charles Avenue. View the stately mansions and ancient oak trees that line the Avenue. You can also have some light snacks and sodas catered on the Streetcar for your enjoyment. Don't forget the live Jazz Combo to complete the experience!

SCAVENGER HUNT

Never heard of a scavenger hunt? Well, here's how it works. Get a bunch of your friends together and divide into teams. Set a time to fi nd as many things as possible on the list below. The team with the most items from the list at the end of that time wins. What a great way to explore the French Quarter!

VOODOO EVENT

Did you know that Marie Laveau, the Queen of Voodoo, (Or, as the song says – "The Witch Queen of New Orleans"!) was born in, and also died in, the French Quarter? Have a special evening event with a Voodoo theme in an old historic French Quarter building. Who knows...maybe Marie will show up to liven up the festivities!

TOUR & MINI FLOAT BUILDING AT MARDI GRAS WORLD

Kick off the experience with a short movie, and then you'll have an opportunity to try on genuine Mardi Gras costumes. Next, enjoy some King Cake & coffee en route to a tour of the Prop Shop, where you will see the artists creating, painting, constructing and sculpting the fi gures you see mounted on the fl oats. Then, after dividing into groups, you will have the opportunity to design and create your own mini-fl oats!

TRADITIONAL CAJUN OUTDOOR PARTY

A fais-do-do? Or maybe a coucon de lait? Or perhaps a crawfi sh boil? It's really hard to decide how to experience a traditional Cajun outdoor party! No matter which type of party you choose, it will be a rousing and memorable experience, just as long as a live Cajun music band is playing! You can also learn how to dance Cajun-style.

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