

Cowboys, Indians and All that Jazz

Itinerary to be promoted to Australia and New Zealand

Day 1 - Grapevine, Texas

Arrive Grapevine

Day 2 - Grapevine, Texas

- AM Enjoy a leisurely morning at your host hotel or head over to the Gaylord Texan Resort for coffee and to explore this magnificent, 1,814 guest room hotel that is a tribute to all things Texas.
- 11:00 AM Savor a Grapevine Food Tour in Historic Downtown Grapevine.
- 2:00 PM Experience the Grapevine Glockenspiel, the only Glockenspiel in North America, featuring the Would-Be Train Robbers, Nat Barrett and Willy Majors.
- 2:05 PM Visit Grapevine's working artisans including Holder Dane Gallery, Vetro Glassblowing Studio & Gallery, the Grapevine Foundry and the Grapevine Black Smith. You will find their work throughout Grapevine during your stay.
- 3:00 PM Strut over to Hop & Sting Brewing Company to sample some of Grapevine's local craft brews. Every cowboy likes to kick back with a cold one after a busy afternoon.
- 4:30 PM Return to host hotel to rest and refresh.
- 6:30 PM Depart for the Texas Star Dinner Theater for a comical "who-dunnit" murder mystery and dinner show. (Only available on Friday & Saturday evenings).
- Grapevine also has a number of popular restaurants featuring Texas favorites such as steaks, BBQ and Tex-Mex.
- 8:00 PM Live entertainment is abundant in Historic Downtown Grapevine. Stroll up and down Main Street enjoying various different sounds and entertainers at restaurants and winery tasting rooms. *(Also offering entertainment, Grapevine's Glass Cactus Night Club located at the Gaylord Texan Resort on Lake Grapevine is open on Friday & Saturday nights only).*

Day 3 - Fort Worth, Texas

- 9:30 AM Depart Grapevine for the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth's Cultural District.
- 10:00 AM Tour the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, the world's only museum dedicated to honoring women of the American West.
- 11:30 AM Depart for the Stockyards National Historic District, where lunch can be enjoyed at Risky's Barbeque or Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que.

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| 1:00 PM | Stockyards National Historic District, explore the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and Stockyards Station, where legends are memorialized and unique Texas gifts abound. |
| 4:00 PM | Fort Worth Herd in the world's only twice daily cattle drive – Texas Longhorns driven by genuine Texas cowhands. |
| 4:30 PM | Saddle up at the bar at one of the local saloons or purchase yourself some western wear at one of the local shops before heading to dinner. |
| 6:00 PM | See why Texas is known for their steaks at Cattlemen's or H3 Steakhouse. |
| 8:00 PM | Stockyards Champions Rodeo at Cowtown Coliseum <i>(Friday & Saturday evenings only)</i> . |
| 10:00 PM | After the rodeo, scoot on over to Billy Bob's Texas, the largest Honky Tonk in the World! |

Day 4 - Grandview, Texas

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| 9:00 AM | Depart for Beaumont Ranch in Grandview, Texas. |
| 10:30 AM | Experience life as a cowboy on a ranch! Activities include trail rides, sporting clays & shooting, archery, and more! |
| 7:00 PM | Feast on dinner at one of Grapevine's BBQ joints including AJ's on Main, Meat You Anywhere BBQ or Bartley's BBQ or any of Grapevine's local restaurants in Historic Downtown Grapevine. |
| 8:00 PM | Enjoy live entertainment in Grapevine. |

Day 5 - Dallas, Texas

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| 9:30 AM | Depart for a day in Dallas |
| 10:00 AM | Visit Wild Bill's Western Store, where you can enjoy a cold Texas beer while you get a hat steamed to fit you perfectly, or get measured for custom-made boots |
| 11:15 AM | Plan a stop at Pioneer Plaza, the world's largest bronze monument depicting a cattle drive, complete with nearly 50 longhorn steers being herded by three cowboys. |
| 12:00 PM | Try the Rustic, Pecan Lodge, or Lockhart Smokehouse for lunch. |
| 1:15 PM | Depart for Southfork Ranch. |
| 2:00 PM | Tour Southfork Ranch, made famous by the Ewing Family in the television series Dallas! |
| 4:00 PM | Depart for Grapevine. |
| 5:00 PM | Rest and refresh at host hotel. |

- 6:00 PM Enjoy wine tasting at one of Grapevine's winery tasting rooms.
- 7:30 PM Dinner at one of Grapevine's fabulous steakhouses or any number of restaurants found throughout Grapevine.
- 8:30 PM After dinner enjoy live entertainment in Historic Downtown Grapevine or at the Glass Cactus overlooking Lake Grapevine (Friday & Saturday evenings only).

Day 6 - Arlington & Grapevine, Texas

- 9:00 AM Kick-off the morning with a visit to Cowboys Golf Club, the only NFL themed golf club in the world. A local pro will be happy to assist your group with short golf lesson.
- 10:30 AM Depart Grapevine for Arlington, Texas, home of the Dallas Cowboys.
- 11:00 AM Tour AT&T Stadium, home of the legendary Dallas Cowboys.
- 1:00 PM Hop next door for lunch at Texas Live!, a world-class dining, entertainment and hospitality district adjacent to Globe Life Field.
- 2:30 PM After lunch, enjoy a tour of Globe Life Field, home of Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers.
- 4:00 PM Return to Grapevine for rest and relaxation.
- 6:00 PM This evening, enjoy some fun arcades and ax throwing at Corky's Gaming Bistro.
- 8:00 PM As always, live entertainment kicks up in Grapevine around 8 p.m.! Check-out a new venue or hit-up your favorite local spot.

Day 7 - Grapevine, Texas

- 9:00 AM Don't leave Texas without experiencing a Texas BBQ Breakfast Burrito at Meat You Anywhere! If you're a soda drinker, wash it down with an original recipe Dr Pepper, invented right here in Texas.
- 10:00 AM Shopping at Grapevine Mills mall, with over 180+ shops or Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, to get any items that the modern-day Cowboy may need.
- 12:00 PM Visit the Texas Gun Experience and learn how to shoot like a real-life cowboy.
- 1:30 PM Lunch at Willhoite's Restaurant. Formerly a service station in Grapevine, the original gas pump still sits out front and a Model T Ford hangs over the expansive buffet.
- 2:30 PM Enjoy a leisurely afternoon exploring the shops, chocolatiers, winery tasting rooms and galleries of Historic Downtown Grapevine.
- 5:30 PM Escorted tour complete with wine, food and hospitality, to three fabulous wine venues with Grapevine Wine Tours.

Day 8 - Grapevine to Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma

- 8:00 AM Depart Grapevine
- 10:00 AM Begin your First American's experience at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. This state-of-the-art complex shares the story of the Chickasaw Nation through exhibits including Spirit Forest, Removal Corridor and the Chickasaw Village.
- 11:30 AM Head over to Tishomingo to enjoy lunch at Blake Shelton's Ole Red. Famous for his country music career and "the Voice" Shelton serves up live music (when available), hospitality and delicious steaks and burgers. Next door check out Shelton's mother's store Junk Stars that includes repurposed finds into art and décor.
- 1:00 PM While in Tishomingo take in a couple of historic sites that also interpret Chickasaw Culture. A stop at the Chickasaw Council House Museum where you will find the Chickasaw's original Council House as well as the largest collection of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archival material. Next, visit the Chickasaw National Capitol Building. Opened in 1898, this building served as the Chickasaw Nation's government until 1907.
- 4:00 PM Return to Sulphur and check into The Artesian Hotel, Casino & Spa. Built to replicate the grandeur of a turn-of-the-century luxury hotel that once existed on the spot, the Chickasaw Nation's elegant accommodation has modern amenities including shops, spa and fine dining. End your evening by taking a walk through the adjoining Chickasaw National Recreation area.

Day 9- Duncan, Medicine Park and Lawton, Oklahoma

- 9:00 AM Depart Sulphur and head west towards the Old Chisholm Trail. Arrive in Duncan at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center and experience the sights and sounds of the West at this multisensory attraction that celebrates North America's great cattle drives.
- 11:30 AM Continue west to Oklahoma's first resort community – Medicine Park. Enjoy lunch along Bath Lake and take in the quirky shops and galleries in town before continuing into the adjacent Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Here you will enjoy America's first wildlife preserve. See Bison and Long Horn freely roaming the prairie. Outdoor lovers can hike, rock climb or just simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the wildlife.
- 4:00 PM Travel into Lawton Fort Sill and explore the Museum of the Great Plains. Experience a simulated tornado, tuck inside a teepee and explore the lives of the early day communities on the plains. Stay the night in Lawton or return to Medicine Park for a bed and breakfast experience.

Day 10 - Elgin and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- 8:30 AM Travel to the small town of Elgin to immerse your senses at Sia (Must make prior arrangements at least a week in advance). Here you will learn about the amazing roll certain birds, especially Eagles, play in First Americans' culture. See the birds up close and personal as you are taken through the spiritual world of these amazing creatures.

- 11:30 AM Arrive in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma's Capitol. Oklahoma City is culinary mecca, for starters try lunch at The Collective or Parlor – both concept locations that offer multiple kitchen dining options.
- 12:00 PM Check into your hotel for the next two nights and prepare for a fun filled afternoon. For those who love water, head over to RiverSport Adventures. Here you can spend the afternoon kayaking on the river, zip-lining from the above the ground ropes course, trying your hand at the artificial white water rapids or enjoying the forced water surfing. Not so adventurous – jump on the light rail and visit the Oklahoma City Museum of Art – home of the most comprehensive collection of glass by artist Dale Chihuly. Then tour the Oklahoma Contemporary – check in advance for classes being offered. Relax and take a stroll through Scissortail Park and the Myriad Gardens.
- 4:00 PM Visit Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. This somber but beautiful site is a monument to the victims, survivors and rescue workers of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
- 5:30 PM Wrap up your evening in Bricktown – Oklahoma's largest entertainment district. Take a tour on the canal in a water taxi. Include dinner at one of the favorite spots on the canal and wrap your evening with a beverage and live music in the district or take the light rail to Automobile Alley or Mid-Town for a beverage on one of the rooftops with a skyline view.

Day 11 - Oklahoma City and Arcadia, Oklahoma

- 8:30 AM Start your morning with breakfast at Oklahoma's oldest continuously run restaurant – Cattlemen's – located in the Historic Stockyards City. After your hearty start take a walk around this area and see working cowboys going about their daily lives, shop at a custom boot or hat maker and visit the catwalks and auction arena where all the action really happens (live cattle auctions occur every Monday and Tuesday – visitors are welcomed).
- 11:00 AM Oklahoma City's newest premier Smithsonian affiliated attraction, the First American Museum. Here you will learn of each of the 39 tribes headquartered in Oklahoma. Enjoy interactive exhibits, see artifacts dating back hundreds of years and most of all experience America's true history. Enjoy an authentic meal before leaving for the next venture.
- 2:00 PM Arrive at the National Cowboy and Western Museum. This all-encompassing museum highlights many aspects of the Western experience. Galleries include Western performers, Native American culture, the sport of rodeo, fine arts and the latest outdoor experience – Liichokochkomo.
- 5:00 PM Drive to Arcadia, Oklahoma (just a short 20 minute drive up Route 66). Visit the Round Barn and then a visit at POPS. Take a sampling of your choice m over 700 options of soda pop. While in the area, enjoy dinner at The Chicken Shack (live music on weekends) and then drive through Edmond and enjoy the many pieces of public art on your way back to Oklahoma City for the night.

Day 12 - Ponca City, Pawhuska, Bartlesville and Tulsa, Oklahoma

- 9:30 AM Standing Bear Park, Museum and Education Center in Ponca City is our first stop this morning. Listen to the story of Chief Standing Bear and what would lead up to the first civil rights trial heard by the US Supreme Court.
- 10:15 AM Marland Mansion, known as “Palace on the Prairie” will be our next visit as we travel in Oklahoma’s oil baron territory. This Italian-inspired villa shares the story of wealth that the 1920s celebrated in the state. Boasting over 43,000 square feet, you will be lead though the life of one of Oklahoma’s most extreme citizens.
- 12:30 PM Settle in for a special lunch treat at The Mercantile in Pawhuska, OK. This establishment (owned by Food Network Star Ree Drummond aka Pioneer Woman) will surely bring your taste buds to the comfort foods Oklahoma is known for. Visit some of the stores and galleries that now call Pawhuska home.
- 2:00 PM Visit the Osage Nation Cultural Center. Here you will learn of one of the most unique histories of the First Nations. Brush up before you arrive (maybe on the flight over) by reading the book *Killers of the Flower Moon*.
- 4:00 PM Next up, Woolaroc – standing for Woods, Lakes and Rocks, was ranch retreat of oilman Frank Phillips. The ranch includes a 3,700 acre drive-through wildlife preserve, a museum housing world collections of “Uncle Franks” treasures and the ranch home.
- 5:30 PM Stop at Frank and Lolla’s in Bartlesville for your local fill of great Oklahoma eats. Visit with the locals and make new friends. Continue to Tulsa.
- 8:00 PM Check-in hotel - two nights.

Day 13 - Tulsa, Oklahoma

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at one of the nostalgic diners along Route 66 this morning.
- 10:00 AM First stop this morning is the Philbrook Museum. The museum is housed in a grand historical mansion set on 25 acres of exquisitely manicured, Italian-inspired gardens. The extensive collection features Native American, modern and contemporary art.
- 11:30 AM Visit to one of Route 66’s latest icons – Buck Atom’s Cosmic Curious. Pose for a photo with Buck, a colorful space cowboy with a wry grin and a shiny silver rocket ship. Stop in the quaint shop for a visit with Mary Beth and here about the wonderful offerings of Route 66.
- 12:30 PM Lunch break at Ike’s Chili – Tulsa’s best chili since 1908. Ask for the chili three-way and get ready for a celebration of flavor.
- 2:00 PM Continue your day at Gathering Place. This is Tulsa’s newest outdoor space that allows for a full immersion in the outdoors. Great for all ages and all abilities. Enjoy a kayak tour on the lake, a stroll through the verdant hills or enjoy one of the many changing exhibits throughout the gardens.
- 3:30 PM Delve into the roots of Folk Music with a stop at the Woody Guthrie Center. Learn about Woody and his songs that still resonate, especially his most famous tune “This Land is Your Land.”

- 5:00 PM Tulsa Cave House (by appointment only). This quirky, craggy house built into the side of a hill started out as a Prohibition-era restaurant. It was rumored to have a hidden, underground speak easy frequented by outlaw Charles “Pretty Boy” Floyd and his crew.
- 6:30 PM Tulsa is full of fantastic and delicious local restaurants for dinner then explore one of the many downtown locations for live music.

Day 14 - Claremore, Miami, Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah State Park, Oklahoma

- 10:00 AM Will Rogers Memorial and Museum in Claremore. Laugh at the many famous quotes from this satirist that are still valid today.
- 12:00 PM Waylan’s Ku-Ku Burger. This Historic Route 66 mainstay in Miami is a must for a nostalgic burger and shake.
- 1:00 PM Visit the Coleman Theater and see the grandeur of this Vaudeville style theater with a Mighty Wurlitzer organ.
- 4:00 PM Next stop is Tahlequah, Capitol of the Cherokee Nation. Learn about the tribal traditions of the Cherokee. Stop by the Cherokee National History Museum, Cherokee National Prison Museum, and National Supreme Court Museum. Before leaving Tahlequah, try a slice at Sam and Ella’s Chicken House (known for magnificent pizza).
- 6:30 PM Arrive at Sequoyah State Park for your overnight. Nestled in the pines of Northeast Oklahoma, this location will truly be a retreat from the hustle and bustle. Get out and enjoy a hike around the lake or simply sit back and appreciate an Oklahoma sunset.

Day 15 - Muskogee and Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma

- 10:00 AM Arrive in Muskogee, made famous by Merle Haggard’s – Okie from Muskogee”, this All-American city offers an experience into Okie traditions. Visit the USS Batfish & War Memorial and see what it was like to live on a World War II Submarine. Take a drive through Honor Heights Park and complete your visit at the Three Rivers Museum where you will learn of the multi-ethnic history of the American frontier. Enjoy lunch at a local eatery before continuing your day.
- 2:00 PM This scenic drive continues through tiny Checotah – Home of Carrie Underwood. Arrive in Durant, headquarters of the Choctaw Nation.
- 2:30 PM Visit the brand new Choctaw Cultural Center. This facility features tribal traditions including a recreated village that will bring you back to Mississippi, the Choctaw’s original homelands. Enjoy the artifacts and original artwork that is unique to this nation.
- 4:30 PM Walk in downtown Durant for an experience on one of Oklahoma’s Main Streets. Check out the local shops and eateries in this All-American City.
- 6:00 PM Check-in to the Choctaw Casino for the night. Spend the evening trying your luck, take in a movie, challenge yourself to bowling, try some two-stepping and listen to live country music, or simply relax with a full menu of therapeutic treatments at The Spa.

Day 16 - Depart Oklahoma for Shreveport, Louisiana

8:00 AM	Depart Durant, OK.
12:00 PM	Arrive Shreveport, LA.
12:30 PM	Lunch at Silver Star Smokehouse.
2:00 PM	At our next stop, Gator's and Friends Alligator Park and Petting Zoo, you will be able to pet a baby alligator, race high-speed go-karts, play your favorite arcade games, and zip-line throughout the park.
3:15 PM	Next you will have a guided tour of the RW Norton Art Gallery, Shreveport's largest museum that houses thousands of American and European sculptures, paintings, artifacts, and decorative arts spanning four centuries. The museum sits on 40 beautifully landscaped gardens and trails.
4:20 PM	Tour Red River Brewing Co. (includes glass making demonstration) Red River Brewing Co. produces three flagship beers as well as a variety of small-batch and seasonal offerings.
5:15 PM	Hotel to freshen up for dinner.
6:30 PM	Dinner at Three Dons, Shreveport-Bossier's newest fine dining and cocktail lounge, is located within the LeBossier Event Center at the newly remodeled LeBossier Hotel. Enjoy fine dining and premium craft cocktails in beautiful and comfortable surroundings.

Day 17 – Shreveport-Bossier, LA

8:30 AM	Start your morning in the swampy bayou country on the beautiful Caddo Lake located on the border of Louisiana and Texas, just a short drive away from Shreveport and Bossier City. You will have a great experience with professional bass guide Mark Allen that "Lives on Caddo Lake."
10:00 AM	Tour Morrell Dairy Farm, a family farm and creamery located 20 minutes from Shreveport. They raise Jersey dairy cows and process their milk into delicious milk, chocolate milk and butter.
11:30 AM	Enjoy lunch at Fertitta's Delicatessen. Opened in 1927 as Shreveport's first imported foods store, this small Italian deli and sandwich shop is well-known for their trademarked "Muffy" sandwich, a handheld version of the classic Italian muffaletta.
12:30 PM	Get up close and personal with sharks, rays, jellyfish and a host of other cool creatures in one of our many touch tanks at the Shreveport Aquarium.
1:30 PM	Backstage music tour at the historic Shreveport Municipal Auditorium. Here you will walk in the footsteps of music legends and stand on the stage where idols like Elvis Presley, Hank Williams and Johnny Cash got their start on the Louisiana Hayride radio program.
3:00 PM	Take a behind the scenes tour of Chimp Haven, a retirement sanctuary for chimpanzees that were once used in biomedical research, as pets and at zoos.

- 4:30 PM Return to hotel to freshen up.
- 5:45 PM Hour-long boat tour on the Red River that showcases the natural waterways and entertainment and districts. The captain aboard the Spirit of the Red River Cruise points out casinos, historical bridges, museums, riverfront shopping, birds and wildlife.
- 6:45 PM This evening, enjoy Bossier City's East Bank District & Plaza, the only open container district in Louisiana outside of New Orleans. In the half-mile entertainment district, visitors can find restaurants, an antique shop, a brewery, an axe-throwing bar, and more. The district is conveniently located within walking distance of four casinos, Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets and several hotels.

Day 18 – Shreveport Bossier, LA

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at Strawn's Eat Shop, one of the most acclaimed diners in the South, Strawn's Eat Shop is famous for ice box pies in flavors that include strawberry, chocolate, banana and butterscotch. The original location of the restaurant has been open since 1944.
 - 10:15 AM Depart for Alexandria, LA.
 - 11:45 AM Arrive in Alexandria, LA.
 - 12:00 PM Mark your arrival in central Louisiana with a bit of retail therapy at specialty boutiques along or near Jackson Street including: Southern Chic, Terra Home, and Flowers & Gifts by Rick, Addie's Boutique, The Wild Hare and John Ward Interior & Gifts.
 - 1:15 PM Sit down to a home-cooked lunch at a longtime local favorites: Wildwood Pizza, Spirits or The Cottage. Pop into Little Cakes with Big Attitude, Doce Vita or Atwood's Bakery for a sweet treat.
 - 2:15 PM Walk through history at Kent Plantation House, a pristine Creole plantation home from the early 1800s. Guides in period attire will share its history as they take you through the original home, outdoor kitchen, milk house, and blacksmith shop and sugar mill. Look for the popular resident chickens, Nutella and Oreo.
 - 3:30 PM Explore the walkable downtown Cultural District with visits to the Alexandria Museum of Art and River Oaks Square Arts Center. For an afternoon break, check out the coffees, teas and goodies at Tamp & Grind Coffee.
 - 7:00 PM Discover a new favorite menu at one of the local downtown restaurants: Embers, The Levee, The Bentley Room or The Diamond Grill to name a few. Enjoy a nightcap at Finnegan's Wake, home to 150+ types of Scotch and the one of the very few Whiskey Sommeliers in the Country. The only one in Louisiana.
- Overnight Alexandria – two nights

Day 19 – Alexandria, Louisiana

- 8:45 AM Breakfast at Sentry Drug & Grill. Find your seat at the counter or pick a red booth in the front window and order up an old-fashioned diner-style breakfast.

- 9:45 AM Cross the Red River to see two Civil War forts and Bailey's Dam at Forts Randolph & Buhlow Historic Sites. Talk with the Park Ranger, explore the earthen-forts, walk through a life-size recreation of a military leader's lodging and watch a brief film of the Red River Campaign.
- 11:00 AM Step into a World War II-era barracks and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Louisiana Maneuvers—a two-year exercise designed to shift the Army's strategic planning, modernize its resources/equipment and provide hands-on training for 500,000 soldiers. Generals Patton, Bradley, Eisenhower and Marshall were among those who led the Maneuvers, which have been credited with changing the course of world history.
- 1:15 PM Pick a Pineville-area lunch spot to satisfy your latest craving.
Options include: Buckets Crawfish & Seafood, Jim Deggy's Pizza and Southern Creations Homestyle Buffet.
- 3:00 PM Stretch your legs with a hike through Kisatchie National Forest. Two of the most popular trails to consider: The Wild Azalea Trail and the Backbone Trail.
- 7:00 PM Dine at Tunk's Cypress Inn on beautiful Lake Kincaid. Enjoy lake views, seafood specials and southern favorites every night and hear live music in the downstairs Oyster Bar most nights.

Day 20 – Alexandria – New Orleans, LA

- 8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel.
- 10:00 AM Drive the 7-mile stretch of highway through the village of Forest Hill and discover the unexpected "Plant Capital of the South". Family-owned nurseries in the 1940s laid the foundation for this homegrown multi-million dollar industry which provides plants across the United States.
- 11:00 AM Lose yourself in the past at this 50+ acre property is home to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum as well as a World War II Museum and the Camp Claiborne and Civilian Conservation Corps museums. Explore the original Planer Mill and Machine Shop (circa 1913) and the renovated locomotives, Commissary and the oldest complete sawmill in the south.
- 1:00 PM Treat yourself to lunch at Lea's Café in Lecompte. Famous for their ham sandwiches, Daily Specials and extensive homemade pie selection, Lea's has been a special spot since 1928.
- 2:15 PM As you head south to New Orleans from Lecompte, take in a few more of central Louisiana's historical sites treasures and drive by Loyd Hall Plantation, Trinity Episcopal Church along Bayou Boeuf.
- 4:00 PM Depart Alexandria for New Orleans, LA.
- 8:00 PM Arrive New Orleans and check into hotel

8:30 PM Get your first taste of New Orleans at Mother's Restaurant with a 'debris po'boy sandwich, a bowl of red beans and rice, and/or their famous baked ham.

Day 21 – New Orleans, LA

8:30 AM Start your day bright and early with a café au lait and plate of sweet beignets on the open-air patio at Café du Monde

9:30 AM Climb aboard a City Sightseeing New Orleans Hop-On Hop-Off Tour double decker bus to get a great overview of New Orleans

12:00 PM Take a break and enjoy a muffuletta at Central Grocery or try the many local dishes such as Gumbo or Jambalaya at the French Market.

1:30 PM After lunch, wander around the French Quarter and visit Jackson Square, one of the most iconic sites in New Orleans.

3:00 PM Hop back on the double decker bus and head over to Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World for a tour of the float den featuring carnival's beautiful parade floats. This is where Mardi Gras magic is made.

4:30 PM Stop in for a little shopping at The Outlet Collection at Riverwalk which features over 75 retailers and restaurants.

7:00 PM A dinner at one of our centuries-old restaurants like Antoine's, Galatoire's, Tujague's or Broussard's will not only offer you a great meal but a history lesson as well.

10:00 PM Make your way to Preservation Hall to hear New Orleans Jazz at the city's premier jazz music venue.

Day 22 – New Orleans, LA

8:30 AM Re-energize with a cup of coffee and muffin from a nearby coffee shop.

10:00 AM Participate in a cooking demonstration at New Orleans School of Cooking where you will watch, learn and eat.

1:00 PM Explore 'by foot' New Orleans. Take a Historical French Quarter Walking Tour and hear what makes the city so unique.

3:30 PM Spend the rest of your afternoon people watching and tax-free shopping in Jackson Square or Royal Street

6:30 PM Board the Steamboat Natchez or Paddlewheeler Creole Queen for a jazz dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. Soak in the views during the two-hour ride.

9:30 PM No trip to New Orleans is complete without a stop on Bourbon Street for lively music and cocktails but don't forget to venture a little further to Frenchmen Street where the locals go! Remember there is no last call so take advantage of a few extra hours to enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere.

Day 23 – New Orleans, LA - Home

11:00 AM Sleep in a bit, then indulge in brunch in the lovely courtyard at The Court of Two Sisters Restaurant.

1:00 PM Stop in at The Historic New Orleans Collection where you can see French Quarter history up close.

Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure before heading to the airport