

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Overnight accommodations en route in Jackson, Mississippi
- Two nights in downtown New Orleans
- Two nights in Lafayette, Louisiana
- Breakfast each day
- Lunches are included, except two
- Dinners are in various restaurants featuring local cuisine.
- Entrance fees as specified in itinerary
- Full day excursion including a plantation home tour and Tabasco Factory tour at Avery Island
- City tour of New Orleans
- One half day in the Vieux Carré, the French Quarter
- Visits include Our Lady of Succor Shrine in New Orleans, Mardi Gras World
- Vicksburg National Park in Vicksburg, MS
- Tour escort accompanying the trip from beginning to end showing points of interest.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Two lunches during your free time in New Orleans and Lafayette.
- Wine, liquor, beer, telephone calls, items of a personal nature, gratuities at end of tour.

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 **GOLDEN FRONTIER**

New Orleans and Cajun Country

September 8 to 14, 2018

**New Orleans, Lafayette
and Vicksburg**



Seven day trip via coach
\$1,688.00

GOLDEN FRONTIER APPLICATION

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This application and fee is to be sent to Golden Frontier Office, 4100 North Illinois Street, Swansea, IL 62226. **\$100.00 per person registration fee** must accompany this application. Please make your check payable to GOLDEN FRONTIER. Cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to Golden Frontier and will be issued in agreement with the cancellation policies of this brochure. **Your registration indicates acceptance of all terms and conditions of this brochure.** Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your deposit and application.

PLEASE PRINT

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home phone with area code _____
Cell phone with area code _____
E-Mail Address: _____

() Single accommodations requested at extra cost: \$332.00 per person.
() I/We prefer lower rooms, if available because of age or infirmity.

() Three-to-a-room discount requested and name roommates here:
I'm traveling with friends/my roommate(s) is/are: _____

() I have special dietary needs and explain those on an attached sheet.
Nick name to use on name tags: _____

My choice of departure location
Departs from St. Louis, MO and O'Fallon, IL
Additional Illinois departures from Springfield, Carlinville or Staunton
By request: Fenton, Mo. or further along I-44 route

() Deposit check enclosed and bill my balance of payment, or

X Please charge to my credit card:
| | MasterCard | | VISA | | Discover
16 digit card no. _____ Exp. Date _____
3 digit security code on reverse of card _____

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The City that Care Forgot—The Big Easy—The Crescent City—all names that bring to mind the city of New Orleans. Jazz music, Creole food, and a history that shaped westward expansion are all parts of one of the most colorful cities in America. We'll spend two nights in this beautiful city of jazz and music.

During the closing days of the War of 1812, the Ursuline sisters gathered in an all-night prayer vigil to ask for Our Lady's intercession and God's assistance for Andrew Jackson's troops who were defending the City of New Orleans. As day broke, news came from the battlefield that Union troops were victorious over the British. This overnight answer from God gave birth to a devotion to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. The promise of an annual Mass of Thanksgiving is observed every January 8 on the feast of the Battle of New Orleans. Ironically, the Battle was fought after the war had ended; news of the peace treaty had not reached New Orleans. We'll join in prayer and Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

We'll follow the historic St. Charles Avenue Streetcar line as it makes its way from Carrollton to the central business district, touring the city from Carrollton to Riverbend which takes its name from a bend in the Mississippi River. We travel historic St. Charles Avenue through Uptown to the Garden District. Lined with historic homes of New

Orleans aristocracy, St. Charles Avenue is one of the most beautiful avenues in America.

Our hotel is in the heart of New Orleans and is our home for two nights. It is just four blocks from the historic French Quarter, the *Vieux Carré*. You may visit the Basilica Cathedral of St. Louis, the oldest cathedral in the Mississippi River Valley. Jackson Square is bounded on four sides by a pedestrian promenade. Of course, you'll want to save time and room for *café au lait*, a mix of coffee and chicory with hot milk, and *beignets*—the famous square doughnuts dusted with confectioner's sugar. It's a New Orleans tradition. You'll also have time to stroll Royal Street lined with antique shops and look for that special memento of your visit to New Orleans.

Bidding farewell to New Orleans, we continue to Cajun Country. Touring one of the plantation homes offers an insight to these lavish homes that were built at a time



when cotton was king and ten dollar bills filled the pockets of the British aristocrat plantation owners. You'll learn how this successful economy gave birth to the moniker, Dixie. You'll also discover how the Civil War and a changing economy brought an end to this opulent life. Today, plantation homes are a historic vignette of 19th century life. Preserved and restored, you'll tour a home furnished to bring back the glory days of plantation life.

We arrive in Lafayette for two nights, the heart of Cajun Country. Our visits here begin from a time when the Acadians arrived from present day Canada with their Catholic faith and French heritage. Today the heritage lives on through their music and lifestyle. Taking a boat tour brings us up close and personal to local wildlife. The Cathedral of St John traces its roots as the Mother Church of the Diocese that dates as one of the oldest in the



country west of the Mississippi River. Rounding out of tour of Acadiana is a visit to Avery Island, the home of world famous Tabasco Sauce.

Returning from Lafayette, we pause at Vicksburg to visit the historic battlefield park. During the Civil War, Vicksburg was believed by both North and South to be strategically located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. Whoever controlled Vicksburg controlled the river and, therefore, the supply line to troops in either the north or the south. Battles fought here were pivotal to the Civil War and brought the beginning of the end for the Confederacy. Our last overnight in Mississippi assures you a final good night's rest. From Jackson, it's just a day drive home to St. Louis and Illinois.

This Golden Frontier trip follows the custom of most Golden Frontier trips, using a base hotel for multiple nights. It affords you the comfort of not moving hotel locations on a daily basis. You'll spend most of your trip enjoying the sights rather than packing and unpacking. While there is a complete itinerary and program of activities, you also have the option of not participating in some activities in favor of individual pursuits. All breakfasts, dinners, and most lunches are included in this trip. Also, all entrance fees for all group activities are included in the cost of the trip. With a tour escort from home showing you the sights, you'll be assured *♪to be in that number, When the Saints Go Marching In!♪*



Our trip is arranged for adults with seniors in mind. Some historic sites are located on narrow streets inaccessible to large coaches. Some walking may be necessary to visit these sites; comfortable walking shoes are essential.

FEE. \$1,688.00 is the fee for the entire New Orleans and Cajun Country Trip, including the registration fee, specified meals, motor coach, entrance fees, lodging, escort,...,everything! The registration fee of \$100.00 is to be paid with the application. Three people registering together and sharing a two bedded room receive a \$15.00 discount per person. Single accommodations are available for an additional \$332.00 per person for the trip. Balance of fee is required 40 days prior to departure. You will receive a bill for final payment.

Guests often ask us when is the best time to register. Reserved hotel space can fill months or more prior to departure. Your application and deposit should be submitted as early as possible to guarantee your place. Registrations received less than 3 months prior to departure are subject to hotel availability. Registrations within 40 days of departure require payment in full at time of confirmation.

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS AND TIMES

5:00AM Springfield, IL; Comfort Inn & Suites, 3675 So. 6th St.
5:25AM Carlinville, IL, Magnuson Grand Hotel
5:50AM Staunton, IL, Super 8 Motel
6:30AM O'Fallon, IL, Quality Inn
7:00AM St. Louis, Holiday Inn, I-44 & Hampton Rd

Parking your car during the trip at the point of pickup is at the sole discretion of the motel. Neither Golden Frontier nor the motel assume any risk for your parked car. Minimum groups of twenty from one area may request a pickup and return at their choice location at no additional cost.

The **WEATHER** is normally comfortable. This time of year, south Louisiana area should be a pleasant place to visit. September temperatures range from the daytime temps in the upper 80's to low 70's in the overnight.

CASUAL CLOTHING is always acceptable. No formal or dressy wear is necessary on this trip. A light jacket or sweater may be comfortable on the coach. A small travel umbrella or rain gear will help for brief unexpected showers. If you are sun sensitive, bring a hat for sun and long sleeves.

LUGGAGE is limited to one bag per person. You may also bring a small carry on bag which you can place in the overhead rack of the coach. Golden Frontier cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.

PURPOSE. Golden Frontier is sponsored by Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage, Inc. ("CSP"), a not for profit religious organization. These programs are arranged to give the people of this area an opportunity to visit historic shrines of North America amid friendly companionship. These trips are arranged for adults, with seniors in mind. A priest chaplain normally accompanies each trip.

RESPONSIBILITY. This tour is under the operation of Golden Frontier who shall be responsible for supplying services and accommodations as outlined in this brochure, except as to the extent such cannot be supplied due to delays or causes beyond the control of Golden Frontier. In the absence of negligence on the part of the tour operator, the tour member waives any claim against Golden Frontier from any damage, loss of property, injury, death, due to any act of negligence of any hotel or person rendering any services or accommodations. Golden Frontier reserves the right to make equal substitutions if the need arises. Golden Frontier reserves the right to cancel any trip due to adverse weather conditions or lack of sufficient reservations. In this event a full refund of all tour member's payments made will be given. Participants agree to the use of their photo or image which may be taken on this trip in future Golden Frontier publications and presentations without compensation by or claim to CSP.

SPECIAL DIETS can normally be accommodated with adequate advance notice. Please notify our office of any special dietary needs. Please attach written explanation to application.

OPTIONAL TRIP CANCELLATION AND BAGGAGE INSURANCE is available for those who desire. Insurance can cover cancellation of your reservation prior to departure, leaving the tour after departure, baggage loss, accidents, and some medical coverages. A brochure and application for insurance will be sent to all applicants or is available by calling the Golden Frontier office.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS. All cancellations must be in writing. Guests canceling 60 or more days prior to departure receive a refund of the monies paid. Guests canceling from 60 but to 41 days prior to departure forfeit the registration fee. Guests canceling 40 days or less prior to departure, no shows, or guests leaving the tour after departure receive a refund of only those fees recoverable by Golden Frontier from various suppliers. Guests canceling 60 days or less prior to departure and providing a replacement traveler receive a refund of fees. There are no refunds on unused tour features.

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS are normally two people sharing a room. Singles may sign up and travel at the double rate if you agree to Golden Frontier attempting to find a room mate (same gender) to share. If we do not find a room mate to share, you still travel at the double rate. If you do not wish to share a room, single accommodations are available. Unless single rate is requested accommodations will be shared. A special room rate for three can be arranged with discount. Triples share standard two bedded room without added roll away bed.