



## **GROUP TOURS – CAJUN COUNTRY HUB AND SPOKE TOUR**

**DAY ONE & DAY TWO:** Arrive in The Big Easy for two days of nonstop excitement. Spend a day walking and shopping in the French Quarter. Stroll the Riverwalk or go on a cruise down the mighty Mississippi River. Ride the streetcar to the Garden District. Take in a show at the IMAX, visit the Audubon Zoo, tour the World War II Museum, Long Vue Gardens or the New Orleans Metropolitan Museum of Art. In the evening, enjoy dinner at one of the many top-rated restaurants, listen to music at Preservation Hall or the House of Blues, or try your luck at Harrah's Casino.

**Overnight in New Orleans.**

**DAY THREE:** Today travel into Cajun Country and learn about the Bayou Cajuns. In Thibodaux, tour Laurel Valley Plantation, the largest surviving sugar cane plantation in the United States, which is still cultivating cane today. After touring Laurel Valley, drive over to Houma, the Venice of Louisiana, and enjoy a swamp tour. Whether you're looking for musical entertainment, education or exotic nature, Houma has a tour for you. After dining at one of Houma's numerous restaurants, visit the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum where various exhibits explain the life and culture of the Bayou Cajuns. Next, it's off to Morgan City. Stop at the Cajun Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau's Interpretative Center for a welcome reception. Afterward, travel to the downtown Morgan City where you'll walk along the 21-foot-tall seawall and get a bird's-eye view of the Atchafalaya River. If time permits, enjoy a walking tour of Morgan City's Historic District, or do some shopping down Front Street. In the evening, go to local restaurant for dinner or a cooking demonstration. Try your luck at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel or the Amelia Belle Casino.

**Overnight in Morgan City/Franklin.**

**DAY FOUR:** After breakfast, travel to Franklin, described as one of the prettiest Louisiana towns by Lyle Saxon in *Old Louisiana*. A knowledgeable step-on guide from the Landmarks Society will tell you all about this stunning English town, which boasts over 400 noteworthy properties, many listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour one, two, or three historic homes: Oaklawn Manor, Grevemberg House Museum, or Shadowlawn. In the afternoon, enjoy shopping down Franklin's Main Street. That evening enjoy gaming at Cypress Bayou Casino.

**Overnight in Morgan City/Franklin.**

**DAY FIVE:** Next, travel to New Iberia, home of the world famous Tabasco® sauce and the spiciest, saltiest and sweetest spot in Louisiana. Tour the Tabasco® factory, Rip Van

Winkle Gardens, Jungle Gardens, Konriko (the oldest rice mill in the United States) or Shadows-on-the-Teche (the most documented plantation home in the South).

**Overnight in New Iberia/Lafayette.**

**DAY SIX:** Today you'll tour the heart of Cajun Country. The first stop is St. Martinville, home of the famed Evangeline Oak. Afterwards tour St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church or the Acadian Memorial. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Aspiring chefs can learn how to prepare a Cajun dish from the Cajun cooks at Vermillionville, a Cajun/Creole heritage and Folklife park. In Lafayette tour the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve, Acadian Cultural Center or Acadian Village for a glimpse into the life of the Acadians. If time permits, enjoy walking Lafayette's downtown for a little shopping. After a full afternoon, enjoy dinner at one of Lafayette's award-winning establishments, complete with Cajun music.