



THE
GEORGIA TRUST
for HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Georgia Trust
Ramble to Natchez
(with optional New Orleans Pre-trip Extension)**



New Orleans Pre- trip Extension

Wednesday, 21 February

Suggested Flights from Atlanta to New Orleans (not included in trip price)

2/21/18 DL1967 DEP: 10:35AM ARR: 11:14AM

2//18 DL2766 DEP: 4:15AM ARR: 6:50PM

Windsor Court Hotel 2 Nights

Created by a prominent New Orleans family with British royal connections, Windsor Court Hotel is an oasis of relaxed refinement with just over 300 suites and a multi-million dollar art collection. The Windsor Court experience unfolds in layers of sophistication, taste and warmth. One of the prestigious Virtuoso 'Best of the Best' properties, the hotel has garnered countless awards.

- *Room & tax charges are included in your trip. The hotel will request credit cards on arrival to cover incidental charges only*

Afternoon at leisure

Please note: None of the hosts for this Ramble are “tour guides”. The guests are hosted and received by *culture bearers*, many of them are quite prominent citizens of New Orleans and/or Natchez. It is a privilege to be hosted by these *Royal Insiders* who open their hearts and allow the experiences to resound more deeply.

6:00 - 9:00pm A Moveable Feast through Private French Quarter Homes

The French Quarter is the original old town where it all started. Elegant, decadent, ethereally beautiful and sometimes coarse, the Vieux Carré is a fascinating world unto itself. But only a privileged few are invited to step past envious tourists and through the carriageway gates to be welcomed inside three beautiful, historic French Quarter homes & courtyards by the owners for a grazing dinner event featuring small plates from several of the hottest chefs in town and expertly-selected wines.

- You will be met at the hotel and you'll set off to the first home in a minicoach
- Weather permitting, you will stroll together to each of the next two homes.
- At the close of the event, your host will drop off the music-seeking souls among you on Frenchmen Street and take the rest back to the hotel. (Taxis are plentiful on Frenchmen Street for the return.)



Thursday, 22 February Brulatour House

When New Orleans celebrates its tricentennial in 2018, the Seignouret-Brulatour House at 520 Royal Street will enter a new chapter in its long and varied existence. The Historic New Orleans Collection purchased the property in 2006 and began planning for its transition to a museum facility with nearly 12,000 square feet of exhibition space. Since 2014, archaeological, restoration, and construction work have been ongoing. When the project is complete, the property will be divided into two parts, separated by the courtyard. The historic main building will house a major permanent exhibition on the history of the French Quarter, as well as exhibitions exploring the architecture and archaeology of the property. At the rear of the

property will be a purpose-built museum exhibition facility comprising three state-of-the-art gallery spaces for changing exhibitions.

We have been invited for a very special preview of this painstakingly restored house on Royal Street

(Caveat: if construction is delayed beyond our control, we reserve the right to change this venue)

<https://www.hnoc.org/exhibitions/seignouret-brulatour-house-new-chapter>

Friday, 23 February

Friday, 23 February 9am Breakfast at Brennan's

Brennan's is back, and better than ever, after a dramatic 2013 turnover in ownership to a different faction of the Brennan family brought about a multi-million dollar renovation, the hiring of a superb new chef and a complete management overhaul. The result is a wonderful uplift to New Orleanians and visitors alike. Brennan's classic dishes have been refined and, in some cases, updated. And creativity has reappeared on the Brennan's menu for the first time in many years. Breakfast, here, is still a staged, multi-course event customarily involving appetizers, Eggs Sardou or any of Brennan's other famous eggs-over-something-else dishes, flaming Bananas Foster for dessert, Champagne and/or cocktails throughout and, for some, a slight stagger on the way out of the door. • Chef is preparing a classic 3-course Brennan's breakfast, with signature cocktails and expertly selected wines (included)

Natchez



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2/23/18 DL2433 ATL MSY DEP:10:35AM ARR: 11:14AM

2/25/18 DL2766 MSY ATL DEP:4:15PMm ARR: 6:50PM

11:00am Meet the others arriving at the airport from New Orleans pre-Natchez extension (in Private Motor Coach)

- 12:00pm Créole Plantation Jewels

The Créole plantations are unlike any others in the American South: less grand but more colorful—literally and historically. Your next stop is a completely private Créole plantation, the Perique plantation home in Paulina where you'll be welcomed inside by the owner to feel what it's like to live the plantation life along the River Road as you peruse his extraordinary collection of Louisiana art and antiques inside this meticulously restored historic property. Here, you'll experience not the grandeur of a great European château, but an intimate, quintessential expression of the authentic culture of the Créole plantations.

*Your first stop en route from New Orleans to Natchez is **Perique Plantation** in Paulina, LA. One of the two founding members of the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation owns Perique.*

*Next is the **Steele Burdon House** at the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge.*

- 1:45pm Lunch at the Rural Life Museum

The Director of the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge has graciously agreed to receive you personally for a private visit to this, one of the “Top 10 Outdoor Museums in the World” according to the British Museum. Beyond the Working Plantation, Southern and Acadian installations, which provide intriguing, ground-up insights into the origins and development of the disparate cultural groups that have come together in Louisiana, you'll be welcomed for a private visit inside the historic Steele Burden House, the beautiful historic home of the landscape designer and philanthropist whose expansive estate formed the foundation of this wonderful celebration of Louisiana life.

- A delicious lunch of casual area classics will be served on arrival (included), after which you will explore.

- 5:15pm Check In at Monmouth Historic Inn, Natchez

An early 19th-century antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens, Monmouth Historic Inn & Gardens is a National Historic Landmark in Natchez, Mississippi. Reflecting all that is charming about the South, expect gracious hospitality, luxury lodging, excellent cuisine, historic tours of the house, and a lovingly restored garden.

- Room & tax charges are included in your trip. The hotel will request credit cards on arrival to cover incidental charges only.

- Breakfast daily is included

- All of the rooms we have booked for you at Monmouth are lovely. Please note the differential trip pricing according to your room type.

- Dinner on your own (Monmouth's Restaurant 1818 is considered by many to be the best in Natchez.)

Saturday, 24 February

Mimi Miller, Executive Director of Historic Natchez Foundation, will lead the group on a tour of historic Natchez including visiting wonderful private houses.



Sunday, 25 February

Natchez to St. Francisville to MSY

- 9:00am Depart hotel
- You will be met at the hotel and off you'll go in your private transportation

- 10:00am Private Historic Home Visit: St. Francisville

In an area originally settled by the Tunica tribe of indigenous people, St. Francisville became the largest port on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Memphis and a major hub of commodity exchange serving the many plantations spreading outward from the great river. So it's not surprising that St. Francisville has become a leading center for the preservation and restoration of historic homes and other structures and the celebration of the culture that built them

- 11:15am Lunch: Casual, Local and Classic
One of the locals' favorite spots.

- The cost of this meal is not included

- 12:15pm Depart St. Francisville

- 2:00pm Arrive MSY for your 4:15pm flight

Proposal prepared by Travel Edge in partnership with Royal Insider

Program Cost

Pre-Trip Extension New Orleans Only, Per person

Based on 20-26 Guests: \$1716

Single Supplement: \$1111

Based on 15-19 guests: \$2006

Single Supplement: \$1314

Based on 10-14 guests: \$2516

Single Supplement: \$1677

Natchez Only, Per person:

A. Queen Room Monmouth Historic Inn (6 available):

Based on 20-26 Guests: \$865

Single Supplement: \$737

Based on 15-19 guests: \$997

Single Supplement: \$845

Based on 10-14 guests: \$1275

Single Supplement: \$960

B. King Suite Monmouth Historic Inn (7 available):

Based on 20-26 Guests: \$985

Single Supplement: \$878

Based on 15-19 guests: \$1157

Single Supplement: \$990

Based on 10-14 guests: \$1409

Single Supplement: \$1088

PLUS A \$200 PER PERSON DONATION TO THE GEORGIA TRUST

Tour price is per person based on double occupancy.

Participants are responsible for their air arrangements.

50% Deposit due upon reservation. Final payment due 60 days prior to departure.

Included in tour cost:

Accommodations as noted

Breakfast daily

Meals where noted

Expert local guides

Land transportation by private coach

Not included:

Airfare

Transfers to and from airport if flight times are not as recommended

Gratuities for motor coach drivers

Meals not indicated as included on the itinerary

Travel Insurance

Any other items not specifically mentioned in itinerary

Cancellation policy:

Written cancelation must be received by Florence Holmes (florence.holmes@traveledge.com) more than 83 days prior to trip start date.

\$375 non-refundable administrative fee

Between 83 and 61 days – 25% of total amount of tour

From Day 60 to Day 31 prior to trip start date - 50% of total amount of tour

From Day 30 to start date to trip start date – no refund

We strongly recommend travel insurance which we can help you to procure.