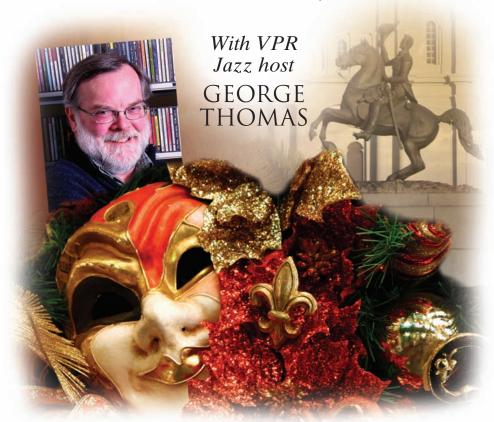


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A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH LOUISIANA APRIL 24 - MAY 4, 2009



# TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Festival International de Louisiane
- Crawfish boil
- Authentic city and plantation tours
- Piano Night at House of Blues
  Full-day service project with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans
- Gumbo cooking demonstrationDinner at one of New Orleans most renowned restaurants
- Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter
- Three day passes to the legendary New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival



Friday April 24 Travel to Lafayette, Welcome Lunch

## **Depart Burlington on flight to New Orleans**

Upon arrival in New Orleans, you will be met by VPR tour host George Thomas and your Adventures in Rock tour manager. Then we're off on a road trip through Cajun/Creole country. Laissez les bons temps rouler!

We'll receive full music schedules for both the Festival International de Louisiane and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. En route to Lafayette, we'll stop for lunch and a short break for a chance to mingle with fellow travelers and discuss which musicians we'd like to see and when.

We arrive in Lafayette in the late afternoon. Geographic and cultural center of French-speaking Louisiana, Lafayette is the birthplace of Zydeco, and a round-the-clock music city. After we check into our hotel, we'll have time to relax and freshen up. For those who are raring to go, we'll meet in the hotel bar to travel as a group on the festival shuttle into town, where the party will already be in full swing. For dinner and nightlife, the choices are diverse; elegant cafes, hot dog stands, back alleys, and even private farms are music venues in this fun loving town. Mix and mingle with some "Ragin' Cajuns!"

Meals: Welcome Lunch

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette

#### Saturday April 25

#### Orientation tour, Festival International de Louisiane

Today, enjoy a taste of Louisiana at breakfast. Later in the morning, we'll take a brief walking and orientation tour of Lafayette and the festival. You're then on your own to enjoy the music and delectable foods of your choice. The festival is an all-day event and the music goes until 11 p.m., so plan for a late night of fun.



The festival's mission is to help preserve and promote the Francophone Creole culture of south central Louisiana. In addition to local artists, performers come from around the world; Mali, Sweden, Cuba, France, Ireland and other countries are represented. This is truly a world-class event.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette

## **Sunday April 26**

# Festival International de Louisiane

We'll have a full day to enjoy the festival, each at our own pace. Historic downtown Lafayette will have transformed into an entertainment complex featuring six music stages, food court areas, street musicians and animators, arts-and-crafts boutiques, art galleries, beverage stands, cultural workshops, international cooking demonstrations and a world-music store. The celebrations run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You'll want to watch your appetite, though, because this evening we'll be treated to a traditional crawfish boil at the home of one of our Lafayette friends. After, if you're not too full of crawfish and hot sauce, you can head into town to experience Lafayette's unique and very active nightlife. Although the festival will have officially ended, the music will still be in full swing. We know you'll have big fun on the bayou.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette

#### **Monday April 27**

#### Plantation Tour With Lunch, Piano Night

This morning after breakfast, we'll check out of our hotel and bid Lafayette a fond adieu.

Along our scenic drive through Cajun country and the Mississippi River, we'll stop at the beautifully preserved Oak Alley Plantation, a National Historic Landmark, for an informative tour and delicious Cajun/Creole lunch. The Oak Alley Plantation encompasses a magnificent stretch of 28 oak trees that provide a complete canopy of shade over a quarter-mile-long avenue leading to the classic Greek-revival style antebellum home. The



plantation's mystical charm has inspired many movie makers to try and recreate its natural beauty in movies like Primary Colors and Interview with a Vampire. We'll experience a time and culture far removed from our own.

Upon arrival in New Orleans, we'll check into our elegant French Quarter hotel, The Maison Dupuy. The oldest and most famous New Orleans neighborhood, the French Quarter-also know as the Vieux Carré-is an architectural, culinary and entertainment delight. Here we'll find some of the finest restaurants and hottest nightlife in the world, and plenty of shopping as well. After a chance to relax with a swim or maybe a soak in the hot tub down in the hotel's large, private courtyard, we'll meet up again to venture to Piano Night at the famed House of Blues. WWOZ, New Orleans' public radio station for jazz, presents this annual gala, a favorite tradition among New Orleans music lovers and loyal fans from all over the world. New Orleans' best piano players and special guests tickle the ivories during a night that goes on forever, featuring one living legend after another. Dinner is prepared and served buffet style by area restaurants, providing a sampling of the best of New Orleans.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Piano Night Reception

Hotel: Maison Dupuy Hotel

# **Tuesday April 28**

#### City Tour, Cooking Demonstration, Mardi Gras World tour

This morning we'll enjoy a guided tour through the diverse neighborhoods of New Orleans. After a quick introduction to the French Quarter, we'll head down Creole Esplanade Avenue to the City of the Dead (St. Louis Cemetery), where we'll learn about the aboveground burial practices of the French and Spanish. From City Park and its dueling oaks to the Garden District's rows of beautifully restored antebellum houses, to the Warehouse & Arts District, you'll leave with a great overview of the life, architecture and history of one of America's most beautiful cities. But our day doesn't end there; we'll then cross the Mississippi River to Algiers Point: an area close to the Center of New Orleans that still retains the feel of a small Louisiana town.

Our tour ends at Mardi Gras World, where the colorful floats for many Mardi Gras parades are made. You'll get to see up close the artistry and joie de vivre that go into the design and building of these centerpieces of New Orleans' Mardi Gras celebration. Here we'll also meet Chef Kay, who will demonstrate the art of making New Orleans Gumbo. We'll enjoy a special luncheon prepared just for us consisting of traditional Gumbo and homemade Bread Pudding with Praline Sauce

After returning to the French Quarter, we'll have plenty of free time to explore the French Market, art galleries and antique stores or stop at Café du Monde to "people watch" over a cup of coffee and a saucer of beignets.

Tonight we'll follow George wherever he goes! Possibly he'll choose Snug Harbor to hear Charmaine Neville, but whatever he decides, it's sure to be a wonderful evening.

Meals: Lunch

Hotel: Maison Dupuy Hotel

#### **Wednesday April 29**

#### **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day**

New Orleans Habitat for Humanity has been constructing homes with low-income families for over 25 years. As the city continues to rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, help is needed more than ever. Immediately following Katrina, VPR was proud to hold an on-air drive that raised over \$400,000 for hurricane relief; now we're excited to get the chance to roll-up our sleeves and help with the rebuilding effort wherever we are needed most, possibly even the musicians village in the lower ninth ward. Today, we begin our volunteer work at 7:30 a.m. and finish at 3



p.m. Everyone will have the chance to participate, regardless of fitness level. A box lunch will be provided.

This evening, a culinary delight: we'll enjoy a well-deserved, five-star experience at one of New Orleans renowned restaurants.

Meals: Box Lunch, Dinner Hotel: Maison Dupuy Hotel

#### Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 30 - May 2nd

#### Second Weekend of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival ("Jazz Fest")

Jazz Fest is an annual celebration of the music and culture of New Orleans and Louisiana. More than just a festival, Jazz Fest imbues the whole city of New Orleans with music and merriment, as the clubs are alive and full of rhythm, funk, soul, jazz and more. The festival itself features 11 stages, an eclectic mix of artists, amazing food and crafts, and some of the best people watching in the world. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided.

We'll each have tickets for three days of the festival and can choose which three days depending on which artists we'd each like to see. We will also have one day free to do as we choose; and there are many options to consider: walking tours of the French Quarter, resting up for a night on the town or even another work day with Habitat for Humanity.

One of the best parts of Jazz Fest starts each night after the Festival itself shuts down. Then, after 7 p.m., the city comes alive even more than usual. The clubs will be open, and the jams will continue into the wee hours.

Meals: On own

Hotel: Maison Dupuy Hotel

# **Sunday May 3**

#### Jazz Fest, Farewell Dinner

Enjoy your final day either at Jazz Fest or on your own. This evening we'll gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, complete with jazz and a chance to share our favorite stories from the trip.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Maison Dupuy Hotel

## **Monday May 4**

# **Return Flights Home**

We'll travel as a group to the New Orleans Airport for the return flight to Burlington.



#### TOUR DETAILS

**Price** per person for 11 days: \$4,490 Single room supplement: \$950

#### Included:

- Round trip airfare from Burlington, VT to New Orleans, LA \*\*
- 7 nights of luxury accommodation at Maison Dupuy (based on double occupancy)
- 3 nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette (best available)
- Welcome lunch
- Crawfish boil in local home
- Piano Night at House of Blues
- 2 Days at the Festival International de Louisiane
- 3 Day passes with transportation to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival
- Full-day service project with Habitat for Humanity
- Elegant dinner at well-known restaurant
- Plantation tour & lunch en route to New Orleans from Lafayette
- New Orleans City tour
- Cooking demonstration on the art of making Gumbo
- Comprehensive trip cancellation/interruption insurance
- A handbook including a detailed hourly tour itinerary, festival schedules, evening dining and entertainment recommendations.
- \*\*Airfare, Airline Taxes and Fuel Surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued.



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#### **Tour Administration**

This tour of Louisiana is designed by Vermont Public Radio and Adventures In Rock, Inc., to give an in-depth glimpse into the culture, history and music of New Orleans. VPR's Jazz host George Thomas will host the tour. A tour director will accompany the group throughout the program. A portion of the tour benefits Vermont Public Radio, but is not considered a tax-deductible contribution according to IRS regulations.

#### Air Travel Arrangements

Group flights are scheduled from Burlington, Vermont. The detailed flight schedule is available upon request.

#### Accommodations

During the tour, accommodations will be arranged in first-class hotels in double occupancy rooms with private shower or bath. Single rooms can be arranged for a supplementary fee of \$950 and are based upon availability at the time of your request (space is limited). The hotels are selected to provide a balance between central location, excellent service, character, amenities and price. They are 4 star hotels, and each has a unique character which will result in variations in room size, breakfast menu and some amenities. Circumstances may arise between now and departure where the hotel may be changed. We will do our best to arrange a replacement hotel of the same quality.

#### Changes in the Itinerary

VPR and Adventures In Rock, Inc., reserve the right to alter the order of events or to make changes deemed necessary for the comfort, convenience and safety of the participants. Every effort will be made to adhere to the printed itinerary, but weather conditions, transportation difficulties or other circumstances beyond the control of VPR and Adventures In Rock, Inc., and the local suppliers could force the cancellation or substitution of events or specific services.

#### **Reservation Procedure**

Register by phone Adventures in Rock, inc. toll free 877-788-7625

e-mail pb@adventuresinrock.com Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited.

#### **Payment Policy & Schedule**

Tour payments may be made by check, payable to Adventures In Rock, Inc.. After your initial deposit of \$500 (paid by credit card), the balance payment is due by February 20, 2009. If for any reason you need to cancel your trip, we will need written notification from you. Once received, your monies will be refunded less the following cancellation charges: 61 days prior to departure, \$500; 60-31 days prior to departure 50% of the package price; 30 days prior to departure 100% of the package price. Please note, no partial refunds will be given for unused meals, hotel rooms, airport transfers etc., for any reason whatsoever. Cancellation charges also apply to additional accommodations reserved prior to and after the tour. Adventures In Rock, Inc., cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets.

R E G I S T R	A T I O N
Please reserveplace(s) for the following individuals o April 24 - May 4, 2009. A tour deposit of \$500 per person	n VPR's <b>Musical Journey through Louisiana</b> , , payable to Adventure is Rock, Inc. is enclosed.
NAME (s) (as it appears on valid passport):	
Address	
City	
Phone(days)	Email
Travel companion name(s) on passport:	
Travel preferences ( please check all that apply)  Double occupancy with traveling companion (\$4,490)	☐ I would like a single room (additional \$950)
☐ Check enclosed, payable to Adventures in Rock, or	
Credit Card number	Expiration Date
I confirm that I am authorized to make this booking and accept renamed persons I have read and agree to the booking terms and co	
Signature	Date

Adventures in Rock, PO Box 471015, Brookline, MA 02447, or you may FAX your reservation form to: 617-277-7926 For more information, or to register by phone, call Adventures in Rock, inc. toll free 877-788-7625,

or e-mail pb@adventuresinrock.com. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited.