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Esperanza High School New Orleans Performance Tour

April 12-16, 2025
Preliminary Itinerary



DAY 1

- ⇒ Depart on your flights to New Orleans
- ⇒ Upon arrival to New Orleans, meet your professional 24/7 EDT Trip Leader in the baggage claim
- ⇒ Tour orientation and guided City Tour with local step-on guide throughout this historical and unique city: Uptown, Garden District, Arts District, French Market, Lakefront and more, including aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
- ⇒ Enjoy a first night special Cajun Welcome Dinner in New Orleans!
- ⇒ Check into EDT hotel and enjoy a comfortable first night sleep

DAY 2

- ⇒ Wake up in New Orleans and enjoy at Hot American Breakfast!
- ⇒ *Participate in a music clinic at a local college (UNO, Tulane or Loyola)*
- ⇒ Visit the New Orleans Jazz Museum, located at the historical, 'Old Us Mint'
- ⇒ Continue to explore New Orleans on a walking tour led by your EDT Trip Leader: French Quarter, the Lively French Market, Jackson Square, St Louis Cathedral, Moonwalk River Front, street musicians, entertainers and shopping (Be sure to try the world-famous Beignets - French doughnuts!)
- ⇒ *Public Performance Opportunity, possibly at Oscar Dunn Park, one of the most prominent landmarks in the city, overlooking the lively and popular Jackson Square*
- ⇒ Group Dinner
- ⇒ Return to Hotel

DAY 3

- ⇒ Hot American Breakfast
- ⇒ Visit Mardi Gras World; tour of the famous floats and Mardi Gras traditions
 - Mask making workshop included
- ⇒ Enjoy some free time for shopping, lunch, and admiring the Mississippi River at the Riverwalk Outlet Collection
- ⇒ National World War II Museum (without a doubt, one of the best in the nation) including exciting 4-D Theater Presentation
- ⇒ Box Lunch included here (or on Day 2)
- ⇒ Group Dinner
- ⇒ New Orleans Guided Ghost Tour
- ⇒ Return to hotel

DAY 4

- ⇒ Hot American Breakfast
- ⇒ Swamp Tour - head to the Bayous of Louisiana's backcountry and jump on a boat for an up-close view of wildlife, with a chance to see: Alligators, snakes, egrets, white-tailed deer
- ⇒ Lunch included on this day
- ⇒ Step back in time and visit an iconic Civil War Era Plantation Home
- ⇒ *Public Performance by group, for example, possibly a Jazz Band performance on the pier of the historic paddle-wheeler overlooking the Mississippi*
- ⇒ Farewell Dinner Cruise with Jazz music up and down the Mississippi River on a historic paddle-wheeler!

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DAY 5

- ⇒ Hot American Breakfast, check out of hotel
- ⇒ Visit the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, part of the New Orleans Museum of Art
- ⇒ Free time for last minute souvenir shopping, as time permits
- ⇒ Transfer to airport for return flights home

Dear Parents:

We are proud to announce that the Esperanza High School Music Program will be traveling to **New Orleans, Louisiana** to participate in a **Performing Arts Tour**, taking place **April 12-16 2025**.

We have been working with *Educational Discovery Tours* to design a trip that will not only be a fun, milestone opportunity for our students, but also a solid educational program designed to support the goals of our music program. For over 40 years, *Educational Discovery Tours* has worked with students, parents, teachers and administrators, providing memorable and safe educational trips for students across the nation. Educational Discovery Tours has organized a number of exciting trips for our groups over the years.

Our full service tour will be led by experienced 24/7 Trip Leaders on each coach who, in addition to handling the logistics of the tour and ensuring our students' safety, will bring this city to life culturally and historically!

Tour registration information will be handed out in the beginning of May, 2024.

Music, History, and Culture await in New Orleans!

With more than 300 years of history, New Orleans is the perfect destination for student groups. A unique blend of Spanish, French, African and Caribbean heritage, the city is known for jazz music, Cajun and Creole cuisine as well as its annual Mardi Gras celebrations.

Students of all ages can make their mark on history in the birthplace of the legendary jazz musician Louis Armstrong. New Orleans offers unique performance opportunities around the city for unforgettable musical experiences.

Consistently named one of the top destinations for students, learning experiences abound for everyone. From a behind-the-scenes look at how artists and builders make parade floats come to life at Mardi Gras World to engaging and listening to jazz musicians in public squares and music clinicians from some of the nation's top universities.

From powdered sugar covered beignets, and the city's Creole and Cajun signature dishes, your group will be sure to find memorable meals in New Orleans.

New Orleans is home to cultures and experiences you won't find anywhere else. For this reason, student travelers visit the city from all over the world to immerse themselves in the unique history, learn about the way of life and let the good times roll along the way.