

NEW ORLEANS

as you've
never seen it

New Orleans is known for many things – Mardi Gras, Bourbon Street and food, oh! The food. We asked Bespoke, a locally owned company that creates personal luxury experiences that reach far beyond private tours, to create a tailored, meaningful adventure for the luxury traveler to experience New Orleans. Here's what they created for us:

8:15 am Depart Love Field FBO.

9:00 am Arrive at New Orleans Lakefront Airport by Bespoke concierge and get whisked away in Cadillac Escalade.

9:30 am Arrive at The Roosevelt New Orleans where you are met with warm madeleines and hot café au lait.

10:00 am A Bespoke Experience Architect meets you at the hotel and you embark on a private guided tour of The French Quarter, the cultural, spiritual and political center of New Orleans. You will learn the difference between Cajun and Creole, the influence of French and Spanish settlers on the iconic architecture of the Quarter, and learn about the major historic events that shaped the Crescent City. Now with a better understanding of New Orleans' culture history, Bespoke has arranged exclusive behind-the-

scenes access to the Louisiana State Museum's archival collection of historic New Orleans artefacts including Mardi Gras costumes from the past, early colonial maps and journals, original paintings and musical instruments once played by local jazz greats.

1:00 pm Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the mighty Mississippi with a spread curated for you by your Bespoke chef. Choose your favorites among the best bites in the city from po-boys, muffulettas, red beans, rice, gumbo and, of course, beignets and doberge cake. Your picnic will include all of the trimmings such as flowers and an acoustic jazz guitarist.

2:30 pm Your driver will collect you and bring you to an artist studio in Faubourg Marigny (or maybe Bywater or Uptown) so you can meet one of the world renowned artists who call New Orleans home. The artist will discuss the artistic process and maybe even discuss a future commission just for you! Developed from a plantation in 1806 as the city's suburbs, these neighborhoods contain beautiful Creole and Classic Revival cottages that have been restored in colorful palettes as creative as the artists themselves.

4:00 pm Moving from your preferred artist's home to a tour of the Garden District, you will have a guided excursion of the unique and diverse architecture and gardens. After enjoying the majestic sites of the antebellum mansions along prestigious St. Charles Avenue, you'll pass our famous streetcars, Audubon Park, Tulane and Loyola Universities, and historic Carrolton. You will stop again for a private tour of a lavish Garden District and relish stories of the recent past from the home's owners.

5:30 pm Arrive at Tujague's for a drink and a taste of its famous BBQ Shrimp in the second-oldest restaurant in New Orleans.

6:30 pm Return to the Roosevelt New Orleans to refresh before dinner.

7:30 pm You will have dinner as you have never experienced it in New Orleans. Enjoy either a chef's table in a famous local restaurant (so many to choose from!) or a personal, interactive culinary experience in the luxurious kitchen of a renovated antebellum home. Your chef will design and prepare the menu around seasonal ingredients and the abundant fresh fish, seafood and vegetables available in the state. Following dinner, you will be entertained by a local musician – the perfect way to cap off your day in the birthplace of jazz.

10:00 pm You are returned you to your hotel room and your Bespoke New Orleans experience concludes. ■

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