New Orleans
featuring the African American Experience

April 3-8, 2022
A World of Discovery

Join us for an incredible exploration of the living history of the African American experience that has shaped New Orleans and enlivens its culture today. Past, present and future will come alive as you immerse yourself in the remarkable heritage and unforgettable ambience of this truly unique American city.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI’s unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world’s people, places and cultures, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI’s Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

Designed for you, the Curious Traveler, this AHI journey invites you to dive into captivating New Orleans, where life is lived to the fullest!

Inspiring Moments

► Explore vibrant Tremé, the nation’s oldest African American neighborhood.
► Experience the haunting and powerful stories of enslaved people at the Whitney Plantation, a museum focused exclusively on slavery.
► Take in the Old World ambience and infectious joie de vivre of New Orleans’ French Quarter.
► Delight in the bright, brassy improvisations of New Orleans jazz.
► Learn about the collections on African American history, race relations and civil rights at the Amistad Research Center.
► Visit an array of museums that illuminate facets of African American culture.
► Contemplate Studio Be’s moving art on social justice issues and Black history.

Above: St. Louis Cathedral | Cover photo: Jazz band, French Quarter
Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

Take an inspiring journey and discover the living history of the African American experience that resonates deeply in New Orleans. Over five nights, past, present and future come alive as you visit the Whitney Plantation, a museum focused entirely on the lives of enslaved people; admire works by rising, socially conscious artists; and witness the uplifting resolve of young New Orleanians learning life-changing skills.

You’ll also visit wonderful museums that showcase the region’s Black history and culture, tour Tremé, the nation’s oldest African American neighborhood, and feel the vitality along Bayou Road, a historic community of Black-owned businesses. From soul-satisfying cuisine to the romantic French Quarter, you’ll delight in New Orleans’ multicultural riches and irresistible energy.

A cooking school demonstration and a jazz show add to the fun!

This carefully crafted journey offers meaningful enrichment from guides and lecturers that enhances your explorations, along with the camaraderie of small-group travel. And with a Travel Director on hand to cover the details, plus a first-class hotel in the French Quarter, you’re set to celebrate the best of this feel-good city!

This exciting program is generating lots of interest, so don’t delay — make plans today to join us in NOLA!

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What to expect: These trips often travel by motor coach, ship, or train. Touring days may include full-day motor coach excursions or extended periods of standing and walking during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Travelers should be able to board transportation, walk over sometimes-uneven terrain, and climb a few flights of stairs, occasionally without handrails or assistance. Elevators are not always available. Outings last 2–4 hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk two to four miles, or 4,600–6,900 steps, each day.

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Day 1 | In Transit | New Orleans, Louisiana

Depart for New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon arrival, transfer to the Royal Sonesta New Orleans.

Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner. Then kick off your stay with an entertaining jazz show at the hotel’s popular Jazz Playhouse.

Day 2 | Donaldsonville | Wallace

Discovery: Plantation Country, Louisiana.
Journey this morning to the River Road African American Museum for an intimate portrait of the history and culture of south Louisiana’s sugarcane parishes along the Mississippi. Its treasure trove of intriguing, rare artifacts illuminates the struggles and achievements of the region’s enslaved and free people of color. Learn about the impressive contributions of local musicians, physicians, businesspeople, folk artists, politicians and inventors. After lunch at a nearby restaurant, travel to the Whitney Plantation, the state’s only museum focused solely on telling the story of slavery. Take a guided walk within this former 18th-century sugarcane plantation, which features restored buildings, exhibits, memorials and artwork, for a deeply affecting perspective on the lives of Louisiana’s enslaved people.

Day 3 | New Orleans

Enrichment: New Orleans, America’s Most African American City. Delve into the city’s rich African American heritage at an engaging lecture at the Historic New Orleans Collection, a museum/research center.

AHI Connects: New Orleans School of Cooking. Elevate your kitchen skills to another level during a fun demonstration! Get tips and insights as a chef shows you how to whip up full-flavored, Louisiana-style cuisine. Then it’s time to grab a fork and enjoy lunch!

Discovery: New Orleans’ French Quarter.
Stroll in this historic neighborhood known as Vieux Carré, the site of La-Nouvelle-Orleans, the original city founded by Jean Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville in 1718. Vestiges of the French and Spanish colonial eras can be seen along romantic streets adorned with lacy ironwork balconies and lush courtyards. With your guide, see celebrated landmarks, including
St. Louis Cathedral, the French Market, Jackson Square and Café du Monde.

**Free Time:** Explore more of Canal Street and the Riverfront along the Mississippi before rejoining the group.

**Discovery: New Orleans Jazz Museum.**
Get a historical perspective of this innovative art form born in the Crescent City.

### Day 4 | New Orleans

**Discovery: Research, Reconciliation & Remembrance.** The Amistad Research Center collects, preserves and offers open access to a vast collection of original items related to U.S. racial history, the African Diaspora and civil rights. Tour their exhibition gallery and reading room, and gain insights on their research objectives and holdings.

**AHI Connects: Reconcile New Orleans.** Learn how Reconcile transforms the lives of young adults through the life skills and job training program at its bustling café and enjoy lunch there.

After lunch, visit the Plessy vs. Ferguson Historical Marker. Hear more about this landmark 1896 U.S. Supreme Court case involving Homer Plessy, a New Orleans shoemaker who boarded a “whites only” railroad car in an act of civil disobedience to overturn segregation laws.

**AHI Connects: Studio Be.** Witness the convergence of art and activism in the bold, thought-provoking murals of local visual artist Brandon “BMike” Odums and others at this warehouse gallery.

### Day 5 | New Orleans

**Discovery: Tremé.** Today, discover the extraordinary history of the oldest African American neighborhood in the United States. Your day begins at Le Musée de f.p.c., which reveals the lesser-known story of the cultural contributions of New Orleans’ free people of color. Next, walk in Congo Square, where enslaved Africans and free people of color first gathered in the 19th century to celebrate their
music and dance traditions, a site which had a profound impact on the history of American music. Then go inside St. Augustine Church, the nation’s oldest African American Catholic church, founded in 1841 by free people of color. Later, tour the intimate and informative Backstreet Cultural Museum and Tremé Petit Jazz Museum.

Relax over a delicious lunch of the famous Creole cooking served up at legendary Dooky Chase’s, and admire the Chase family’s excellent collection of African American art.

**Discovery: Bayou Road.** Walk with your guide through the lively community of Black-owned shops and restaurants lining this historic road that began as a portage route to the Mississippi more than 300 years ago. After your tour, enjoy a short performance of Opera Creole at the St. Rose de Lima Church.

This evening, wrap up your unforgettable time in the Big Easy with a Farewell Dinner at a restaurant in the French Quarter.

**Day 6 | In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to your gateway city.

*Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈ Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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**A Note About Activity Levels**

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That’s why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

**Excursions on this program require:**

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches

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**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- **5 nights** in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the first-class Royal Sonesta New Orleans.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 4 lunches and 2 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Explore the history of Louisiana’s plantation country.
  - Pick up tips at a cooking school demo.
  - See the French Quarter’s highlights.
  - Discover the origins of jazz in NOLA.
  - Visit the Amistad Research Center.
  - Witness how Reconcile transforms lives.
  - Admire Studio Be’s inspirational artwork.
  - Learn about African American history and culture at Tremé’s unique museums.
  - Tour the historic Bayou Road area.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
AHI Travel Expertise
From your reservation to your return home, we’re here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

➤ Travel Consultants | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

➤ Passenger Service Representative | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

➤ Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:
Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

➤ Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you’ll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

➤ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We’ve specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they’re ready to share their passion for the region with you.

➤ Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Royal Sonesta New Orleans | New Orleans 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟
Our travel experts have carefully selected the first-class Royal Sonesta for its prime location in the heart of the French Quarter. It’s ideally situated for exploring NOLA’s famous landmarks while also providing you opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.
Please visit alumni.berkeley.edu/neworleans to reserve your place (preferred registration method).

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).
Deposit amount is $600 per person.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1)
Title  First  Middle  Last

Cal Class Year  Date of Birth

Email  Name you would like on your name badge

2)
Title  First  Middle  Last

Cal Class Year  Date of Birth

Email  Name you would like on your name badge

Street Address

City  State  ZIP

Primary Phone (_____)  Cell (_____)

Sharing with  Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations
- I prefer single accommodations at an additional $495 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights
- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to New Orleans, LA, to depart from:  

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our flight to the following:
- First Class  Business Class  Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by January 18, 2022 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of $60 for seniors 65 years and over and $75 for others establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. Memberships are for individuals only, and are non-refundable and non-transferable. A traveling pair and their children under 21 years of age may travel on one membership. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.
PROGRAM DATES
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional $495 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

✈️ AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

► price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
► arrival and departure transfers on group dates.
► assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays.

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we’ve fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

☑️ Included AHI Travel Assurance covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
☑️ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
☑️ Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
☑️ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI’s health and safety protocols.
☑️ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
☑️ Enhanced sanitation practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
☑️ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
☑️ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

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Revel in the cultural riches and joyful spirit of charismatic New Orleans!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers. **With AHI you can rely on:**

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.

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