Louisiana

African American

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Tours Specializing in African American History

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Discover a unique part of Louisiana through these African American Odyssey packages

**Tour 1 > Natchitoches Area**

**Magnolia Plantation**
Enjoy stories of various families who lived in these quarters, as told by a descendant of the family who occupied the mansion when the original 28 slave cabins were on the grounds. Eight of these cabins remain unaltered today. Guide also includes a visit to the overseer's home and a cotton gin.

**Melrose Plantation Complex**
This historic 1796 plantation is the setting for the story of two remarkable African American women—Marie Therese Cen-Cen, who built Melrose, and Germaine Hunter, who was a plantation cook and later a famous painter of primitive art.

**St. Augustine Catholic Church**
Built by Louis Moreau, son of Marie Therese Cen-Cen, this church reveals a fascinating story of courage and iron will. Includes a unique cemetery containing wagon emojis, iron crosses, and above-ground tombs.

Meal and shopping time included.
Length of tour: Full Day

**Tour 2 > New Orleans Area**

**Amidstad Research Center**
The center features the largest collection of materials on African American culture and race relations in the United States. Great passion for humanity, tremendous tenacity, and the relentless spirit of a people are revealed in the papers housed here of prominent black leaders of Louisiana, such as the late civil rights attorney Alexander Pierre Tureaud, higher education giant Dr. Fred Dent, and New Orleans' first black mayor Ernest Moral.

**Chalmette Battlefield**
Chalmette plantation is the site of a January 8, 1815, battle that proved to be the greatest land victory of the War of 1812. The battlefield is a lasting tribute to the scores of black soldiers who fought on both sides.

**Eighteen-fifty House**
Freed blacks and slaves were commonplace in the "Creole City." The house, which has been restored, is one of the distinctive "row houses" many occupied.

The Louisiana State Museum, Marie Level's grave, the historic Tremé area, and the French Quarter are other tour attractions you will enjoy on this tour.

Meal and shopping time included.
Length of tour: Full Day

**Tour 3 > Baton Rouge Area**

**The Levee**
Whether you come to be educated or just to enjoy the outdoors, you won't be disappointed when you visit the levee. Take you back to the days of evening levee tours by such notable jazz musicians as Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, and Meade Lux Lewis.

**Southern University**
Located on Scott's Bluff along the mighty Mississippi River. Southern University is the nation's largest historically black university. Steps on the campus also include a visit to a slave heritage room which houses thousands of documents on African American history.

**Kress Department Store**
The 1959 demonstration by seven Southern University students at this store's lunch counter led to the first case in which the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a conviction of an African American arrested for violating the South's Jim Crow laws. These laws had legalized racial segregation since the early 1900s.

**Port Hudson Commemorative Park**
The site of the first regimental use of African Americans soldiers in a major battle in the regular U.S. Army is part of this 64-acre commemorative area.

Meal and shopping time included.
Length of tour: Full Day

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Governed by its unique blend of politics, music, natural resources, architecture, culinary delights, and people.

From the east to the west corners of the state, major tourist attractions include the Louisiana Superdome, the world's most magnificent public assembly facility located in New Orleans, to Coates Bluff Postique, a re-creation of a 19th century post office in Shreveport.

Yes, Louisiana proudly boasts more than 180 touring and recreational sites. But it is the uniquely rich and diverse cultural heritage of the state that provides its amazing allure.

Bayou country—with the colorful customs, savory foods, soulful music, and other one-of-a-kind contributions of its ethnic groups, such as the Creoles, Acadians (Cajuns), and African Americans—has become a popular attraction for millions of visitors each year.

Louisiana African American Odyssey, Inc., now offers tours specializing in African American history. Easy and enjoyable via motorcoach, you can visit famous African American landmarks in places as well known as New Orleans or more obscure as Vacherie.

You will never tire of exploring while on these tours that feature a pleasant blend of history, culture, and recreation. What's more, Louisiana is warm and sunny practically all year round. There is hardly ever a harsh winter. Temperatures average in the 80s, with periods of 90 degrees and above in the summer.

More than an excursion, a history lesson you will remember.

GUIDED TOURS !!!!
Laura Plantation
One of a few plantations that has authentic and certified records of owners, slaves, descendants of slaves, dating from the first slaves brought from Senegal. There are more than 27 original buildings, including 16 slave quarters. Researchers on the grounds skillfully intersperse authentic human interest stories.

“Lagniappe” offered on each tour.
Length of tour: Half a Day

Tour 5 > Opelousas Area >

Historic Opelousas
The state’s third oldest city, Opelousas is filled with Southern hospitality and good food. Tour highlights include Holy Ghost Catholic Church, the largest Black Catholic church in the United States; Birthplace of Zydeco Music, home of the late Clifton Chenier, king of Zydeco; and the Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center which includes a 45-minute tour rich in African American history, just to name a few. The area truly lives up to its reputation as a real “cultural gumbo.”

Several other tours to nearby historic towns are included.
Meal and shopping time included.
Length of tour: Full Day

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