

**Golden Gate High School Jazz Ensembles
Proposed New Orleans Itinerary
March 11 – 15, 2020 (3 Night Itinerary)**



Wednesday, March 11, 2020 * Travel Day

6:00 am EST Depart Golden Gate High School for New Orleans, LA.
815 Miles / 14.5 hours drive time with stops

Rest stops and meals in route (on your own)

8:00 pm CST Arrive at the **Holiday Inn Metairie** and check in
2261 N. Causeway Blvd, Metairie, LA 70001

Thursday, March 12, 2020

6:30am Breakfast at your hotel. *(included)*

7:15am Depart for your **step-on guided tour** of New Orleans.
Steamboat Natchez 600 Decatur St. New Orleans, LA 70130

8:00am **Step-on guides will hop on your bus** to start tour. *(included)*

10:30am Tour ends. You will be dropped off at the **Steamboat Natchez** for your Jazz brunch cruise.

Meal includes: Southern Fried Fish, Red Beans and Rice, Vegetarian Pasta Salad, Chef's Daily Special, Vegetable of the Day, Cole Slaw, Cornucopia of Fresh Fruit, Corn Bread, Natchez Bread Pudding, La Louisiane Fresh Sliced French Bread, French Market Coffee and Iced Tea. (menu subject to change)
Steamboat Natchez 600 Decatur St. New Orleans, LA 70130

11:00am Board the **Steamboat Natchez** *(included)*

11:30am **Set sail!**

1:30pm Cruise ends.

2:00pm Walk as a group to **Jackson Square** in the French Quarter.
Jackson Square 700 Decatur St. New Orleans, LA 70116

Historic Jackson Square, originally known in the 18th century as "Place d'Armes," and later renamed in honor of the Battle of New Orleans hero Andrew Jackson, is a timeless attraction in the heart of the French Quarter of New Orleans. This famous landmark facing the Mississippi River is surrounded by historic buildings, including the St. Louis Cathedral, the Presbytere and Cabildo (Louisiana State Museums), not to mention the Lower and Upper Pontalba Apartments, the oldest apartment buildings in the United States. The Pontalba Apartments offer retail shops, museums, galleries and restaurants on the ground level; their second and third floors still house a selection of prestigious apartments. For well over a half-century, there has been an open-air artist colony at Jackson Square. Local artists paint, draw, create portraits and caricatures, and display their work on the square's iron fence. Some have been there for generations! Jackson Square is a favorite site for visitors and locals. The artists, restaurants, museums, merchants and the square itself make Jackson Square one of the French Quarter's most popular destinations.

2:30pm Spend time exploring **Jackson Square and the French Quarter**

Dinner on your own in the French Quarter

8:00 pm Meet back at **Steamboat Natchez, load your bus and depart for your hotel**
Steamboat Natchez 600 Decatur St. New Orleans, LA 70130

9:00 pm Arrive at your hotel

Friday, March 13, 2020

7:30 am **Breakfast** at your hotel. **(included)**

8:30 am **Load bus and depart for the Loyola University Jazz Festival**
School of Music - 6363 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118

TBA **Golden Gate High School Jazz Ensembles perform at the Loyola Jazz Festival!**

11:30 am **Lunch** on your own at the **Jazz Festival**

12:30 pm Participate in the **Loyola Jazz Festival Masterclass with faculty of Loyola University**

2:00 pm **Load buses and depart for the New Orleans Jazz Museum**

2:30 pm Visit the **New Orleans Jazz Museum**
400 Esplanade Ave. New Orleans, LA 70116 (504)-568-6993

4:30 pm Depart for dinner at **Hard Rock Café New Orleans**

5:00 pm **Dinner at Hard Rock Café (included)**

6:30pm Load your bus and depart for your **Ghosts and Spirits Walking Tour. (included)**

New Orleans has been referred to as "The most haunted city in America." After this tour, we'll let you be the judge! With its colorful history and unique traditions, it is no wonder so many New Orleans homes and taverns have been investigated by paranormal investigators. You'll visit several haunted sites and hear about the stories featured on The History Channel and The Discovery Channel. Hear ghostly stories about our haunted hotels and the courthouse where our state supreme court is based. We even visit a former slave exchange. Each guide has researched these "other spirits" of the Vieux Carre, so no two tours are exactly alike. Will you see any of the ghosts that inhabit the famous Bourbon Orleans Hotel, formerly a theater, Quadroon Ballroom, orphanage and convent? Staff and guests report regular ghost sightings - maybe you will too.

7:30pm Meet your tour guides at **Gray Line Lighthouse at the Toulouse Street Warf.**
Toulouse Street New Orleans, LA 70130

9:30pm **Ghosts and Spirits Walking Tour ends**, board your bus and return to your hotel.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

7:30 am **Breakfast** at your hotel. *(included)*

Pack and Check out of the hotel

9:15 am Depart for the **Audubon Aquarium of the Americas** *(included)*
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas 1 Canal St. New Orleans, LA 7013

Located on the Mississippi River adjacent to the French Quarter Audubon Aquarium of the Americas immerses you in an underwater world. The colors of a Caribbean reef come alive in our walk-through tunnel, while our penguins and Southern sea otter enchant you with their antics. Touch a sting ray, feed a parakeet, and marvel at our gigantic sharks, tarpon, and rays in the 400,000 gallon Gulf of Mexico Exhibit. Watch for sea turtles throughout the Aquarium—as coordinator of the Louisiana Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Rescue Program, we prepare many of them for release to the wild.

10:00 am **Enter the Aquarium.**

Lunch on your own in the Aquarium food court

3:00 pm Load buses and depart for **Loyola University**

4:30 pm Enjoy the **Loyola University Jazz Festival Finale Concert!**

6:00 pm **Load your bus and depart for home.** *(Meals and rest stops at groups discretion)*

Sunday, March 15, 2020

10:00 am **EST** **Estimated arrival Home!**