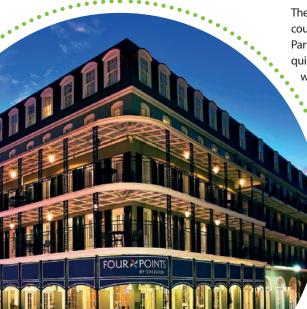


The main group will fly on British Airways from Heathrow. However, flights from many regional airports can be arranged, subject to availability. These may incur a supplement. Please call us to discuss your requirements. The London Heathrow group flights will be met with a group transfer.



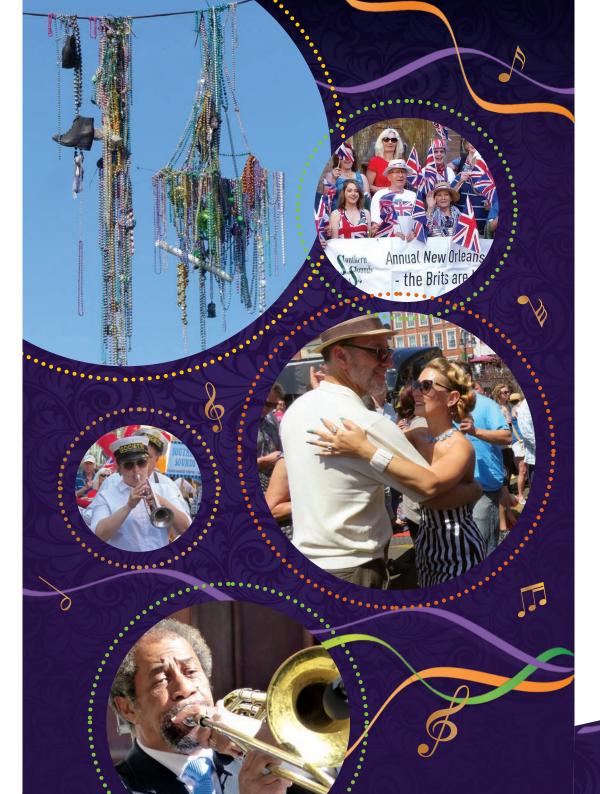
Accommodation

You will be staying at The Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter in the heart of the French Quarter, on the corner of Bourbon and Toulouse. All the rooms have en suite facilities and also offer a coffee maker, TV, hair dryer, iron and ironing board and safe. Breakfast with a range of hot and cold dishes is included daily.

The hotel also has an intimate bar and secluded courtyard with swimming pool, where the Pool Party is held. As always, we have requested quiet rooms away from Bourbon Street and will be operating a 'run of the house' room allocation system.

> If you wish to have a Bourbon Street balcony room, please ask. These incur a supplement but, be advised, these rooms can be noisy.

> > We have neaotiated three slightly smaller double rooms for sole occupancy only, these are at a lower rate than would usually be charged for the sole occupancy of a standard double room, saving £40 a night. The prices shown reflect this saving. A supplement applies for sole occupancy of a standard double room.



GENERAL

All you need to know and more

Passports & Visas

A full 10 year valid EU Passport is required and must be valid until after your return date. It is now mandatory to have an e-passport when entering the USA under the Visa Waiver Program.

It is compulsory that citizens or nationals from all Visa Waiver Program countries (which includes the UK) obtain an approved travel authorisation called the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (known as an 'ESTA') in order to be eligible to travel to the U.S.The ESTA allows you only to board the aircraft – entry into the U.S is still subject to clearance at U.S. Customs & Border control at your first arrival airport.

ESTA is a web-based system. In order to apply go to www.cbp.gov/travel/internationalvisitors/esta then follow the instructions and answer all the mandatory questions to submit an application. There will be a charge of (currently) \$14 for this service. Please ensure you only use this website as there are other sites around making higher charges. Before you begin your application please have to hand your valid passport and a credit card. When you have completed your application and received your authorisation approval, please make a note of your reference number and the expiry date. Generally an ESTA is valid for 2 years from application or until your passport expires, whichever is the former.

Please Note: A passport indicating that the bearer is a British Subject, British Dependent Territories Citizen, British Overseas Citizen, British National (Overseas) Citizen, or British Protected Person does not qualify for travel without a visa.

A passport which states that the holder has Right of Abode or indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom also, does not qualify for visa free travel.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. It is your sole responsibility for arranging sufficient levels of comprehensive travel and medical insurance which should cover, inter alia, cancellation and curtailment, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money & personal goods. The insurance should cover all members of your party.

Please return the enclosed booking form with the deposit of £350 per person to secure your place.



FRENCH QUARTER



New Orleans | April 2019









- Return economy class direct flights from Heathrow
- Return New Orleans airport transfers (Heathrow group flights only)
- 10 nights' accommodation at The Four Points by Sheraton French Ouarter

- Welcome Reception (group flights only)
- 10 breakfasts
- Familiarisation walk
- Welcome event
- The New Orleans Jazz History Tour
- Pool party
- Second Line in FQF parade

- Louisiana Music Factory
- Farewell event at the Dew Drop & Social Hall
- Escorted by Southern Sounds' own team

Not Included: Transfers to/from UK airports. Supplements for non-group flights (if applicable). Airport transfers for non-group flights. Optional events (e.g. Plantation Tour). Meals other than those stated, beverages, laundry or any expenditure of a personal nature.

Monday 8th April

Depart the UK on a scheduled direct flight to New Orleans. On arrival you will be transferred to our ideally situated hotel, The Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter on Bourbon Street. Welcome reception on arrival.

Tuesday 9th April

Familiarisation Walk (Included)

For the 'first timers' this guided walk, led by our own team, will accustom you to the sites of the French Quarter.

Algiers (Optional)

Following the walk we will take a ferry trip over Ol' Man River to Algiers, giving a different aspect of New Orleans.

From here you will have chance to stroll along the 'Jazz Walk of Fame' or perhaps enjoy a true

> Southern lunch at The Dry Dock Café. Welcome Event

> > (Included) A trip to New Orleans complete until you have experienced

Preservation Hall.

drink around the pool whilst some 'special local guests' entertain us. There will be an opportunity for musicians on the tour to sit-in.

Time to make new friends and enjoy a

At this unique venue we enjoy an exclusive

The New Orleans Jazz History Tour (Included)

John McCusker an author and jazz authority

years. On his intimate guided tour we travel

through the neighbourhoods that gave birth

a jazz lover's appreciation of the art and a

journalist's devotion to the facts.

to jazz more than a century ago and combines

has become a dear friend to the tour over the

concert with outstanding musicians.

A truly special event.

Wednesday 10th April

Thursday 11th April

Pool Party (Included)

French Quarter Festival & Parade (Included) It is a special honour to be invited to take part in opening parade of the French Quarter Festival. Second line behind The Society Brass Band - our own local band for the parade (numbers can be limited, 'first timers' will have priority). The festival is the largest free music event in Louisiana with over 140 bands and artists playing on numerous stages throughout the 'Vieux Carre'.

Friday 12th April

French Ouarter Festival continues

There are many special events on offer over the festival weekend, for example dance lessons at the French Market Traditional Jazz Stage, talks at the 'Old Mint' located in the Louisiana State Museum and films shown at Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre.

Saturday 13th April

French Ouarter Festival continues Don't miss the 'battle of the bands' from 5:30 p.m. at 400 Block of Royal!

Sunday 14th April

Jazz Brunch (Optional)

It is a New Orleans tradition: too late for breakfast and too early for lunch so combine the two and you have a 'brunch', whilst listening to local musicians.

French Ouarter Festival last day

There is still time to enjoy the various bands/ artists performing on the stages, festival venues or even the odd street corner. The festival finishes early evening.

Monday 15th April

Plantation Tour (Optional)

Time to get out of town and to enjoy a tour of a River Road Plantation.

Mardi Gras World (Optional)

A chance to see first-hand what it takes to bring Mardi Gras to life year after year. Walk through the operating workshop that creates floats for Mardi Gras and for other parades around the world.

> Tuesday 16th April Swamp Tour (Optional) This morning we will take a trip out of town and explore the countryside. Pearl River Eco Tours are dedicated to preserving the Honey Island Swamp and

the animals which inhabit this

beautiful eco system. Louisiana Music Factory (Included) Barry Smith, owner of this famous jazz emporium throws opens his store laying on a jazz band, and free

drinks, whilst browsing for those rare recordings.

Wednesday 17th April

Barataria Preserve (Optional) Early morning visit to the Barataria Preserve, which offers a taste of Louisiana's wild wetlands. The to over 200 bird species.

Dew Drop Farewell Party (Included) The Dew Drop Dance & Music Hall

> in Mandeville is an 1920's where the Bunk Johnson and

George Lewis played. Here a very special band will entertain you with the local ladies of the church supplying home cooked fare during the break.

preserve's 23,000 acres include bayous, swamps, marshes, forests, and is home

historic dance hall dating back to the likes of Buddy Pettit

We are aware that not everyone likes jazz enough to immerse themselves

The hotel concierge will be able to assist with any of these excursions.

in the New Orleans way, so we thought we'd give you some ideas of other thing

to do whilst your significant other half does. There are already some non-jazz

Friday 19th April Arrive back in the UK.



Audubon Aquarium of the Americas: In the top 5 of U.S. aguaria, it features sharks, jellyfish, rays, penguins, otters and a changing exhibits gallery.

Audubon Zoo: Audubon Zoo is a New Orleans landmark, set in 58 acres and a living museum filled with some of the rarest and most beautiful creatures of nature.

National World War II Museum:

The National WWII Museum's exhibits cover the epic and global scale of the war that changed the world, in a voice that is intimate and personal. Exhibits not only highlight the role of world leaders, but also the everyday men and women who found the strength and courage to accomplish the extraordinary.

New Orleans City Park:

excursions in the programme (e.g. Plantation Tour) but here are a few more for you.

A chance to ride on the Canal Street Car to City Park at Beauregard Circle, where you can enjoy a 1,500-acre urban Eden filled with centuries-old oak trees, an elegant botanical garden, a charming storybook village, lakes and a host of other activities.

New Orleans School of Cooking: A light-hearted cooking class taught by well-known local chefs; skilled in the arts and traditions of Cajun and Creole cuisine. Visitors will be treated to a wide range of local classics such as Jambalaya, Gumbo, Corn Crab

Natchez Mississippi Cruise (Optional)

This afternoon enjoy a cruise down Ol' Man

River on board 'The Natchez', the only authentic

steamboat in New Orleans. Early evening the

airport in time for the overnight flight home.

'extension' group transfers to New Orleans

Thursday 18th April

