PEORIA CHARTER TRAVEL

Lafayette, LA – Mardi Gras

February 4 – February 10 2027

7 Days / 6 Nights

Day #1 – Thursday, February 4th:

5:15 AM Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive.

6:15 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane traveling on a shuttle bus or van to Lincoln to meet the main coach.

6:20 AM Depart Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street

6:45 AM Depart Morton from WalMart, 155 E Courtland Street, behind Culvers

7:15 AM Depart Lincoln from Beck's Travel Plaza, I-55, Exit 126 (park behind Arbys) Shuttle Bus or Van will transfer passengers from Urbana & Normal to the main coach in Lincoln.

8:00 AM We arrive at Capitol City Shopping Mall (behind McDonalds) where we'll make a ½ hour break stop.

8:30 AM Back aboard our coach, we depart for our first overnight stop in **Memphis at the Drury Inn & Suites*.** We'll make necessary rest & meal stops along the way as needed.

5:30 PM Arriving in Memphis at the Drury Inn, you'll be able to enjoy their **"Kickback Program"** of Hot Dogs, Snack Foods, Beer & Wine as well as soda. This will be used as your dinner so eat heavier at lunch if you like.

Day #2 – Friday, February 5th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel before we check out.

8:00 AM We board our coach and continue our travels into Louisiana to our home for the next few nights. We'll make necessary rest & meal stops along the way as needed.

5:30 PM We arrive in **Lafayette, Louisiana at the Drury Inn*** where we'll get checked in and have time to freshen up before dinner. **Dinner*** is included this evening at a local restaurant.

Day #3 – Saturday, February 6th:



Breakfast* is served at the hotel before we make a day of exploring the area. We'll begin with a **visit to Moncus Park – a huge Outdoor Farmers Market with Cajun Music. We'll also visit the Beads for Less Store*. Lunch*** is included today before we **tour Hillard Museum located on the University of**

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Louisiana at Lafayette Campus*. Following that, we'll stop at the **Lafayette Alexander Mouton House*** where you'll see costumes of past Kings and Queens in downtown Lafayette. **Dinner*** is included this evening followed by the **Mardi Gras Parade*.**

Day #4 – Sunday, February 7th:



Breakfast* is again included and then we're off to enjoy a **Rural Mardi Gras Parade*. Lunch*** is included at a local favorite before we do a local **Swamp Tour*.** Following the Swamp Tour, we'll **Tour Vermilionville and Cajun/Zydeco Music*.** Before heading back to the hotel we'll have time to relax at a local Daiquiri Joint where the **Daiquiri is included*.** This is a great photo opportunity stop. Then **Dinner*** is included at a local favorite before retiring to our rooms for the night.

Day #5 – Monday, February 8th:

Breakfast* is served and then we're off to see **Rip Van Winkle Gardens, Joe Jefferson Mansion and enjoy a film along our route today*. Tour Jungle Gardens on Avery Island*.** The egrets will be nesting while we're there for a great photo op. Next, we'll take a **self guided tour at the Tabasco Factory*** and do a little Country Store Shopping. **Lunch*** is included with a **Tabasco Bloody Mary*.** This afternoon, we'll **visit Rouses's – a Louisiana Family owned market** to purchase Louisiana products to take home with you. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day #6 – Tuesday, February 9th:



Breakfast* is served and then we check out of our hotel to go enjoy the **King's Parade*.** A **Po Boy Lunch*** will be put on the coach following the parade so we can get started on our journey home. We'll make a rest and a meal stop along the way to our overnight in Memphis, Tennessee.

Day #7 – Wednesday, February 10th:

Breakfast* is included this morning and then we begin our long journey towards home making rest & meal stops along the way as needed.

7:00 AM We check out, board our awaiting coach and depart for home.
4:30 PM Approximate arrival time back in Springfield, IL

5:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Lincoln where the shuttle bus/van will be waiting to take the Normal & Urbana passengers home.
5:45 PM	Approximate time back in Morton.
6:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
6:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.
7:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.

Cost Per Person:

Single: $3625.00 Double: $3480.00 Triple: $3295.00 Quad: $3140.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*.

If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest $4 per customer per day for the Driver & $4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.

Hotels:

Day #1:
Drury Inn & Suites
735 Goodman Road West
Horn Lake, MS 38637
(662) 349-6622

Days #2, #3, #4 & #5:
Drury Inn & Suites
120 Alcide Dominique Dr.
Lafayette, LA 70506
(337) 262-0202

Day #6:
Drury Inn & Suites
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