



# SAMPLE ITINERARY: NEW ORLEANS

## **Day 1 - Harsh Realities**

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The team will arrive at the historic neighborhood of Algiers Point. Nestled in the bend of the Mississippi, the quiet streets of Algiers are filled with turn of the century homes. Though directly across the river from the French Quarter, Algiers has become known as Mayberry on the Mississippi because of its peaceful demeanor. Algiers is one of the best-kept secrets in New Orleans.

## **Day 2 - The Big Easy**

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Today's mission project will be a time to serve others through your gifts, time and hard work. After a hearty evening meal, the team will take some time to explore the historic neighborhoods of Algiers. In small groups, they will launch out. The team that brings back the most interesting fact or story will win a prize. You may visit the world famous Mardi Gras World, play the New Orleans sport of Cabbage Ball, or stop at the famous Tout de Suite coffee shop.

## **Day 3 - French Quarter Stories**

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After a day full of mission, we will take the ferry over to the French Quarter for a fun evening. On the ferry on the way over you may hear the story of *Bienville's Bluff*, which set the history of New Orleans in motion. After a bit of exploration at St. Louis Cathedral and Park the team will get some free time at the world famous Café Du Monde.

## **Day 4 - Slavery**

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We will have a shorter mission today, focused on a relational project. Afterwards, we will join one of our favorite houses of worship in New Orleans, Mount Olivet Episcopal Church. Mt. Olivet Episcopal Church is in the oldest church building in continuous use west of the Mississippi. Built in 1854, the building has been in constant use for more than one hundred fifty years! Not only will we enjoy a great time in worship but we will enjoy an after-service feast hosted by our family at Mt. Olivet.

## **Day 5 - Grave Thoughts**

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After a daytime mission project we will take the team to Preservation Hall for a fun night of traditional New Orleans jazz. If this option is not available or the team leader wants to go in a different direction we can present a number of options.

## **Day 6 - Exploration**

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After a casual breakfast and an 8:00 AM sleep in we will head out for one of our famous Extreme Swamp Tours. We don't look at gators or other swamp creatures—we catch them! The group will have a few hours to explore the French Quarter, go shopping, find history or just hang out. If possible, you may be able to take the group on the New Orleans Steamboat Cruise. Our last gathering will allow each team member to share a moment of wonder, a relic or story they have gathered on his or her voyage to New Orleans.

## **Day 7 - Southern Goodbyes**

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At your convenience, you will pack up and say goodbye to a fantastic week of exploration, service and encounter. The voyage is now in fact just beginning.