



# PLANTATION PARADE ON THE GREAT RIVER ROAD

*Between New Orleans and Baton Rouge*

## ITINERARY

### Plantation Overnight Tour from New Orleans

In one itinerary, visitors are offered 4 different accounts of River Road history and culture, with stories of immense wealth, of charmed and tragic lives, of slavery and the hardships of daily life that contributed to the rich Louisiana cultures that we know today. When visiting New Orleans, it's important to learn and understand the role and significance of the plantation homes on River Road. Their impact on the city we see today is momentous because it was the wealthy Sugar Barons that helped build the structures that are now icons in the French Quarter. The use of slaves was pertinent to operations on the hundreds of thousands of acres of sugarcane fields. The River was the main route for transportation between the plantation homes and the city. A visit to New Orleans would not be complete without a day trip to New Orleans Plantation Country. The culture that existed 150 years ago is still evident today in the dialect, the customs, the food, and the surviving architecture. The winding River Road is merely a portal to the past. Standing in the alley of oaks, or among the massive columns, or next to a slave cabin is humbling and magical all at once. You can almost hear the voices of the residents who lived there and smell the sweet magnolias. Begin your journey to the past.

#### San Francisco Plantation



888-322-1756  
2646 Hwy 44 River Road  
Garyville, LA 70051

#### Laura: Louisiana's Creole Plantation



888-799-7690  
2247 Hwy 18 River Road  
Vacherie, LA 70090

#### Oak Alley Plantation



866-231-6664  
3645 Hwy 18 River Road  
Vacherie, LA 70090

#### Houmas House Plantation



225-473-7841  
40136 Hwy 942 River Road  
Darrow, LA 70725



#### Amenities

- Tours
- Gift Shop
- Dining
- Accommodations

#### Along The Way

- Sugar Cane Fields
- Cypress Swamps
- Lake Pontchartrain
- Mississippi River



### To Laura: A Creole Plantation from Downtown

**New Orleans: TOUR** - Here you will tour and hear stories based upon 5000 pages of documents and personal memoirs. Guided tours detail two centuries of daily plantation life of Creole owners, women, slaves and children, who lived charmed and tragic lives apart from the mainstream America for over 200 years. Allow 2 hours.

**Total: 50 miles - about 50 minutes**

1. Take I-10 W towards Baton Rouge
2. Take exit 220 to merge onto I-310 S toward Boutte/Houma
3. Cross Luling Bridge
4. Take exit 10 to merge onto LA-3127 N toward Donaldsonville 26 miles
5. Turn right at LA-20 N 3 miles
6. Turn right at LA-18 E (River Road) .03 miles
7. Laura Plantation on your right



### To Oak Alley Plantation from Laura: A Creole Plantation:

**OVERNIGHT & TOUR** - At this iconic setting, renowned for it's quarter mile alley of 300 year old live oaks, a timeless story of romance, wealth, greed and tragedy unfolds. You will check-in to spend a wonderful quiet evening strolling the lush grounds or watching the mighty Mississippi River roll by, awake refreshed and ready to enjoy a full country breakfast. After breakfast enjoy a tour of the mansion conducted by guides dressed in period costumes and leisurely stroll the historic grounds. Allow 1.5 hours.

1. Turn left out of Laura's parking lot onto LA-18 W
2. Continue on LA-18 W through 3 way stop toward Oak Alley 3.5 miles
3. Oak Alley Plantation on your left

#### Check In



### To Houmas House Plantation & Gardens from Oak Alley Plantation:

**TOUR AND DINNER** - At this grand Sugar Palace, visitors enter the world of the Sugar Cane Baron through exotic gardens, rare art, lavish furnishings and fine dining. Enjoy dinner in the tradition of Old Louisiana Dining. Executive Chef Jeremy Langlois has created menus that will delight and please the finest of guests, and present you with an experience rivaling those of the great Sugar Barons of the 1800's. Allow 3 hours.

21.6 miles - about 34 mins

1. Head southwest on LA-18 W to Donaldsonville 15.1 miles
2. Turn left at Frontage St. just before Sunshine Bridge.
3. Take the 1st right at red light onto LA-70 E
4. Take the ramp off Bridge to LA-44 N
5. Turn right at LA-44 N 3 miles
6. Merge left at LA-942W/LA-44 S/River Road  
Continue to follow LA-942 W/River Road .04 miles
7. Houmas House Plantation on your right



### Back to Oak Alley Plantation from Houmas House Plantation & Gardens

**Total: 21.6 miles - about 34 mins**

1. Turn left from Houmas House parking lot on LA-942 E
2. Stay on River Road (LA-44 S) levee on your right
3. Turn left just before the Sunshine Bridge to merge onto LA-70 W and cross Sunshine Bridge
4. Once off Sunshine bridge, turn left at first red light toward Frontage St
5. Continue straight onto Frontage St to River Road (LA-18)
6. Turn right at LA-18 E to Oak Alley Plantation 15.1 miles
7. Oak Alley Plantation on your right

#### Stay Overnight



### To San Francisco Plantation from Oak Alley Plantation: TOUR

- Where traditional French and German sugar planters built the most colorful, flamboyant and distinctive plantation home in the American South. Tour the galleried house of the Creole open suite style, nestled under centuries of Live Oaks and contains one of the finest antique collections in the country. Allow 1 hour.

**Total: 16.5 miles - about 28 mins**

1. Turn right out of Oak Alley's parking lot on LA-18 E toward Veterans Memorial Bridge
2. Drive 7.5 miles on LA-18 E go under Veterans Memorial Bridge
3. Turn right at LA-3213 N to bridge entrance and cross Bridge
4. Turn left onto the ramp to LA-44/Reserve/Gramercy/Lutcher after crossing Bridge
5. Turn left at LA-44 S 4.1 miles
6. San Francisco Plantation on your left

### To Downtown New Orleans from San Francisco Plantation:

**Total: 40.7 miles - about 48 minutes**

1. Turn left out of San Francisco parking lot onto LA-44 S
2. Turn left onto Hwy 637 W 10th St.
3. Turn right onto US-61 S/W Airline Hwy 3.9 miles
4. Turn left onto Belle Terre Blvd - LA-3188 N 2.2 miles
5. Keep right, follow signs for New Orleans/I-10 E and merge onto I-10 E

## Total Trip Time

**1.5 Days**

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