

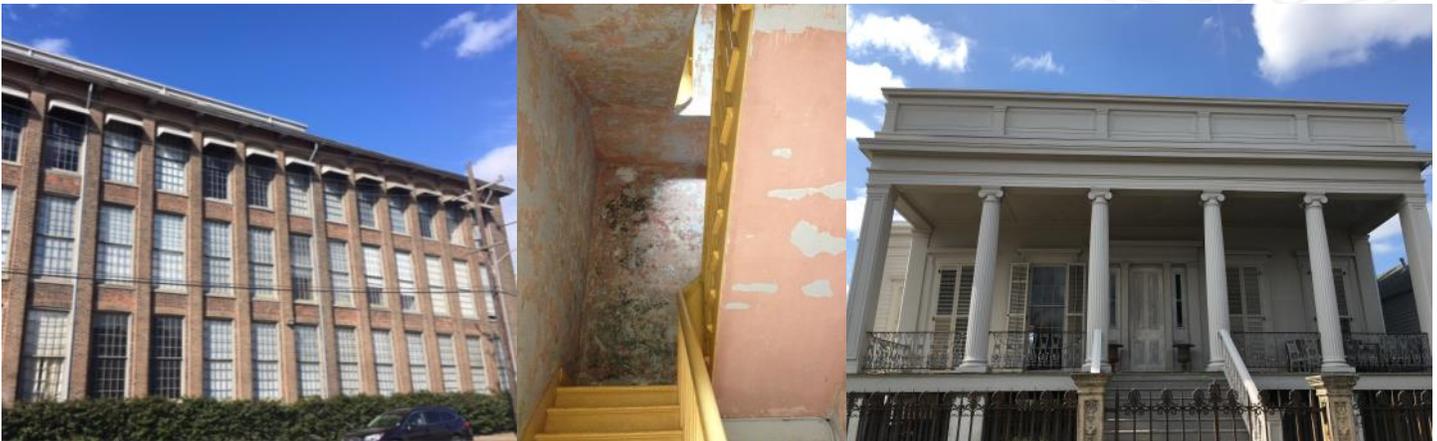


CREATIVITY IN THE CRESCENT CITY

A PPS Members' Trip to New Orleans

October 17-21, 2019

PPS offers heritage travel opportunities designed to build relationships among members and provide education about the challenges faced and techniques used by preservation advocates in other communities. Join us in New Orleans this October to explore what is old and new again in the Big Easy!



New Orleans was a revelation when I arrived in 2009 to work on a project. I expected to find a city defined by Bourbon Street, and a population devastated by Hurricane Katrina. In its place was a vibrant community dedicated to the unique history, architecture, cuisine, and love of life that is distinctly New Orleans. The city and the people are unlike anywhere else in the country. I return at every opportunity to join in the celebrations, to walk the streets and neighborhoods, all rich with tradition and with a story to tell.

-Wendy MacGaw, PPS Trustee



"America only has three cities: New York, San Francisco, and New Orleans. Everywhere else is Cleveland." — Tennessee Williams

New Orleans is certainly unique among American cities and has experienced an unprecedented rebirth in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which hit in 2005. I began my preservation career in the Crescent City two years after the storm and fell in love with the place immediately— though at first it did feel as though I was living in a foreign country. The city retains an unmistakable energy that materializes throughout the year in the form of holidays, festivals, milestones, and old fashioned *bon temps*. There's no better time to discover, or rediscover, "the city that care forgot" than in her 301st year! I hope you will join us.

-Rachel Robinson, Director of Preservation

Itinerary

Thursday, October 17, 2019

After arriving in New Orleans around midday, check in at the **Eliza Jane Hotel** (315 Magazine Street) in the Central Business District (CBD). The Eliza Jane is new to the city's boutique hotel scene and housed within nine former warehouses, where *The Daily Picayune* once had its headquarters. The hotel is named after the paper's Eliza Jane Nicholson, the nation's first woman publisher of a major metropolitan newspaper.

Later, join us at a welcome reception at the **Preservation Resource Center (PRC)** where we'll mix and mingle with our local counterparts: preservationists, architects, trustees, and members. For 45 years, the PRC has been the stalwart preservation nonprofit working to promote the preservation, restoration, and revitalization of New Orleans' historic architecture and neighborhoods. The organization played a crucial role in the revitalization of the city following Hurricane Katrina. PRC leadership will provide a warm welcome over wine and cheese at their headquarters, the 1853 Gothic Revival Leeds-Davis Building in the Warehouse District.

Dinner is on your own. *You will be provided with a list of recommended restaurants in the Warehouse District and are encouraged to explore New Orleans' culinary landscape. It's hard to go wrong!*

Friday, October 18, 2019

Breakfast is on your own before we ride the famous streetcar upriver to the Garden District. The **St. Charles Streetcar** line was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and elevated to National Historic Landmark status in 2014, making it one of only two streetcar landmarks in the country; the other is in San Francisco. We will be treated to an official walking tour of the **Garden District**, where you will breathe in the jasmine and sweet olive trees that helped make the neighborhood a respite from the 19th century city. Highlights include seeing Commander's Palace, Lafayette Cemetery No. 1., and stunning 19th century residential architecture.

Late morning, we will streetcar back to the CBD for a tour of the beautifully restored **Orpheum Theater** and a walk through the famed **Roosevelt Hotel** with its **Sazerac Bar**— don't be shy if you need to stop and wet your whistle.

For lunch, we will make our way into the **French Quarter** to a New Orleans institution. Among the country's oldest family-run restaurants, **Antoine's** is home to Oysters Rockefeller and has been visited by presidents and a pope. Friend to preservation Rick Blount is the 5th generation owner and CEO. Over a very famous dessert, we will hear from Lary Hesdorffer, the only person to serve as director of both the Historic Districts Commission and the Vieux Carré Commission, the French Quarter's individual historic district.

You will be free to stroll through the Quarter before our late afternoon tour of the **Hermann-Grima House**, one of the few pieces of New Orleans architecture that will look familiar to your New England eyes. This will be followed by a spirited reception across the street at the **Starlight Lounge**. You'll have the opportunity to meet board members of the **Vieux Carré Commission Foundation**, Rachel's former organization. They are a great group of French Quarter residents and business owners. Dinner is on your own, so venture out to explore the countless food, beverage, and music options in the French Quarter... and within walking distance of the hotel.

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Over breakfast at the **Auction House Market** (on your own), we'll hear from local experts discussing the phenomenal revitalization of the **Warehouse District** over the decades following the 1984 World's Fair. This former industrial area has become a hot neighborhood and is home to the ever-growing National WWII Museum. The repopulation, new construction, and adaptive reuse of the warehouses can provide an example for Providence's Jewelry District.

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We'll take a walk through the Warehouse District, including a stop at the Saturday **Crescent City Farmer's Market**, before lunch on your own.

After lunch, we'll meet to walk or ride the **Canal Streetcar** and head over to **Algiers**, an often forgotten historic New Orleans neighborhood across the Mississippi River. From Algiers Point, you'll have an unencumbered and uncommon view of the city's *raison d'être*—the Mighty Mississippi. Notable expert on New Orleans geography, **Richard Campanella**, will explain today's city through the lens of history and settlement.

Returning to the CBD, you will have time for rest or exploration prior to a very special dinner at **Galatoire's**. It is one of the most traditional *grande dames* of New Orleans' culinary landscape and located within the French Quarter. So traditional, *jackets and collared shirts are required for the gentlemen*.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

You are in for a treat as we begin the day with brunch at **Brennan's** in the French Quarter. A bus will meet us for a **driving tour of the city** that will include Central City, Broadmoor, Bayou St. John, City Park, St. Roch, the Lower Ninth Ward, and Holy Cross—neighborhoods that locals love and tourists rarely glimpse. Preservation and architectural history guides will be on hand to point out landmarks and answer questions, and we will make stops at some notable sites so that you can experience the vernacular architecture and inventive approach to adaptive reuse.

We'll end up in the **Bywater**, New Orleans' Brooklyn, at a favored weekend spot, **Bacchanal**—a backyard bistro and wine bar. If you decide to mosey, you are encouraged to make your way to the neighboring **Marigny** or French Quarter for dinner (*if it's at all possible to still be hungry!*) and live music on **Frenchmen Street**, the former best kept secret in evening entertainment.

Monday, October 21, 2019

Monday is departure day. While there will be no scheduled group activities, we will provide suggestions for self-curated excursions to cemeteries, plantations, and museums should you choose a later flight. There's still much to do after three days of tours, and this will be a great day to explore further on your own. A sightseeing and shopping stroll down **Magazine Street** is certainly worth half a day.





Tour Costs

Please read carefully our policies listed below. It is your responsibility to inquire about and fully understand change and cancellation policies regarding your travel arrangements.

Tour Costs*

\$1,975 per person, double occupancy

\$2,375 per person, single occupancy

If you would like to stay additional nights before or after the tour, please contact PPS at (401) 831-7440.

* Must be a current PPS member.

Payment Schedule

Due Date	Amount
May 17, 2019	Deposit: 50% of tour cost
July 1, 2019	Remaining balance

Cancellation Policy

A full refund of the payment will be returned if cancellation is made prior to July 12, 2019.

50% of the payment will be returned if cancellation is made between July 13 and August 9, 2019.

No refund will be returned after August 9, 2019.*

*All cancellations must be made in writing.

A portion of the tour price includes a tax-deductible donation to Providence Preservation Society to support its advocacy and education programming. The final amount will be communicated to you at the conclusion of the trip.

Travel Details

Group Size

Minimum group size is 14 paid participants. Tour will not operate with fewer people. Maximum group size is 30 paid participants.

Airport Shuttle

Not included in Tour Cost. Depending on interest, PPS may coordinate connections between the New Orleans airport (MSY) and the hotel. For those who wish to join in a group shuttle or taxi, those costs will be billed directly to the traveler at the conclusion of the trip.

Flight

Not included in Tour Cost. It was recently announced that Sun Country Airlines will introduce a non-stop flight from Providence (PVD) to New Orleans (MSY) in September 2019. The flights will depart Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; this information is subject to change. Reserve your flight well in advance of departure. American, Delta, Southwest and United offer connecting flights from Providence. The airport code for New Orleans is MSY.

Packets

Approximately thirty days before departure, we will provide the full tour itinerary, including bios of our hosts and speakers, suggested activities, restaurants, and other useful information. The full and updated itinerary will be provided upon arrival in New Orleans.

PLEASE NOTE:

The itinerary is subject to change and enhancement.

What's Included

- Pre-trip preview reception in Providence
- Four-night accommodation at the Eliza Jane Hotel
- Receptions, meals, gratuity described in the itinerary
- Admission to sights and tours specified in the itinerary
- Speaker and tour guide fees
- Local group transportation

Trip Cost **Does Not Include:**

- Meals and gratuity described as "on your own"
- Alcohol, unless noted (i.e. receptions)
- Travel insurance, which you may secure individually from a travel agent
- Air travel to and from New Orleans (MSY)
- Baggage fees
- Shuttle to/from airport and hotel
- Tipping at the hotel
- Individual hotel expenses
- Additional nights at hotel (**Wednesday and Monday nights are available— indicate your interest**)

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

Providence Preservation Society (PPS) shall not be responsible or liable in any way for loss, death, injury or damage to persons or property suffered or incurred by any person in connection with this program or any part of it. PPS only acts as your agent in providing tour arrangements and assumes no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of any vessel, carriage, bus, aircraft, or any other conveyance, excursion, sightseeing, restaurant, hotel accommodation, or any other accommodations used in the performance of the tour, or in event of theft. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant. Should it be necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the participant.

PPS New Orleans Trip 2019: Reservation Form

Please choose a rooming option:

Single person occupancy \$2,375/person

Double occupancy \$1,975/person

I will be rooming with: _____

I am interested in reserving a room ___Wednesday 10/16 *and/or* ___ Monday 10/21 **at an additional cost.**

Traveler #1: _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Traveler #2: _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Address of traveler(s): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____ Alternate telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Enclosed is a check for my deposit, 50% of tour cost in the amount of \$ _____

OR

Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CSV code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please charge my credit card for balance due on July 1.

Note: a 3% processing fee will be added to credit card payments.

PLEASE NOTE:

A deposit of 50% of tour cost or full payment is due upon registration to hold the reservation.

Please include credit card information or a check payable to **Providence Preservation Society**.

Mail completed reservations and payment to: **-OR-**

Providence Preservation Society

24 Meeting Street

Providence, RI 02903

To pay by credit card, call PPS at (401) 831-7440.

**This signed form must be returned within
five days of payment to secure the reservation.**

Those traveling together but who have different home addresses and/or contact information should fill out separate forms.