

Normal West Marching Band

of

Normal West High School

Normal, IL



New Orleans, LA
Allstate Sugar Bowl Parade,
Battle of the Bands,
and Mardi Gras World Tour.

Dec. 28, 2017

through

Jan. 1, 2018

Staff

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Tour Itinerary

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Carry this booklet with you. Times listed and the sequence of events may change due to weather or crowd conditions, so please be flexible. Only your Director or a Music Travel Consultants Escort (if applicable) will announce schedule changes. Times listed are local in each place.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

MEMPHIS & REHEARSAL

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6:30 AM Meet and Load

Meet for attendance and load the motor coaches for the drive to Memphis.

Your suitcase goes under the coach and one carry-on or backpack goes on the coach with you. All instruments that are not on the truck will go above the coach (where it is warmer and the instruments are safer.)

7:00 AM Depart for Memphis

Depart for your drive to Memphis. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks (Drinks should have a screw top so they can be closed to prevent spills).

We will make a short lunch stop en route.

3:00 PM Rehearsal

Rehearse this afternoon at Christian Brothers High School. Make sure you are properly dressed for rehearsal and you have your coordinates, binder, music, etc...

Located at:

5900 Walnut Grove Road

Memphis, TN 38133

6:00 PM Rehearsal Ends

Rehearsal ends, load the truck and busses and prepare to depart for dinner.

6:45 PM Depart for dinner

Load the coaches and head to dinner.

7:00 PM Dinner: Main Event

Enjoy all you can eat Pizza and Salad plus unlimited Fountain Drinks. (Dinning room only seats 72, food and drinks will be available throughout our time there)

You will get a \$10 FUN cards for games plus your choice of unlimited Bowling (shoes included), Billiards, Laser Tag, and Gravity Ropes.

Located at:

7219 Appling Farms Parkway,
Memphis, TN 38133

9:30 PM Depart for Hotel

Load the coaches and depart for the hotel.

9:45 PM Hotel Check-in

Check-in to your Memphis hotel for the night.

Holiday Inn Memphis Airport
2240 Democrat Rd.
Memphis, TN 38132
Phone: 901-332-1130

10:00 PM Room Check, Lights Out

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

REHEARSAL & TRAVEL DAY

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6:00 AM Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel.

7:00 AM Check-Out

Check-out of the hotel and depart for another block of rehearsal this morning. Be sure to turn your room key into your chaperone and take all luggage and instruments with you. Make sure you are dressed and ready for rehearsal.

Chaperones turn room keys into your Tour Director.

7:15 AM Depart for Rehearsal

7:30 AM Arrive and unload

Arrive at Christian Brothers High School, unload and start preparing for rehearsal.

8:00 AM Rehearsal

Rehearse this morning in Memphis at Christian Brothers High School before continuing onto New Orleans.

10:00 AM Rehearsal Ends

At the end of rehearsal, load the truck and prepare to depart for New Orleans.

10:45 AM Boxed Lunch

A boxed lunch will be provided at the conclusion of rehearsal and loading to eat on the motor coach.

11:00 AM Depart for New Orleans

After everything is loaded, depart for New Orleans!

5:00 PM Dinner: House of Blues

Enjoy dinner tonight at House of Blues! This popular blues-themed dining and entertainment experience came from the brain of comedian/musician Dan Akroyd. Enjoy "Nawlins" inspired food and the great atmosphere!

6:45 PM Hotel Check-in

Check-in to your New Orleans hotel.

Hampton Inn New Orleans Convention Center
1201 Convention Center Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70130
Phone: 504.566.9990

7:20 PM Meet in the Lobby

Meet in the Lobby to depart for the Ghost Tour. We will walk as a group there.

Be sure to wear good shoes as we will be walking a lot, also make sure you are prepared for it to cool off at night. Bring a jacket or hoodie.

8:00 PM Ghost Tour

Tonight, you'll have a chance to delve into New Orleans' dark side with this French Quarter Ghosts & Legends walking tour.

10:00 PM Room Check, Lights Out

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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7:00 AM Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel. It will be open from 6:00 am till 10:00 am.

7:30 AM Meet at the Truck

Meet at the truck in the Convention Center Lot ready for warm up. We will load and proceed to the Field Show from there following warm up. Be sure you are wearing your show shirt (Blue).

8:15 AM Load and Depart

Load and depart for the show site.

West Jefferson High School
2200 8th Street
Harvey, LA 70058

8:30 AM Arrive

Arrive at West Jefferson High School for the Bowl Games Field Show Competition to watch the other groups performances.

9:15 AM Meet at the Truck

Meet at the truck, change into uniform, and prepare for the show. There is to be no playing at this time.

10:00 AM Gate Time

10:15 AM Sugar Bowl Battle of the Bands

The Sugar Bowl Battle of the Bands Marching Field Show Competition performance. Normal West will be the last performance of the day.

After the show, return to the truck, change out of uniform.

11:15 AM Boxed BBQ Lunch

Includes director's choice of BBQ Sandwich, many wonderful side choices, dessert and drink.

11:30 AM Depart

Depart West Jefferson High School and arrive back at the Convention Center Lot.

12:00 PM Arrive back at the Hotel

Arrive back at the hotel and change into street clothes.

Please wear your Black Long Sleeve Tour Shirt.

12:30 PM Meet in the Lobby

Meet in the Lobby, we will walk as a group to Cafe Du Monde.

1:00 PM Cafe Du Monde

The Original Cafe Du Monde Coffee Stand was established in 1862 in the New Orleans French Market. The Cafe is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It closes only on Christmas Day and on the day an occasional Hurricane passes too close to New Orleans.

The Original Cafe Du Monde is a traditional coffee shop. Its menu consists of dark roasted Coffee and Chicory, Beignets, White and Chocolate Milk, and fresh squeezed Orange Juice. The coffee is served Black or Au Lait. Au Lait means that it is mixed half and half with hot milk. Beignets are square French -style doughnuts, lavishly covered with powdered sugar. In 1988 Iced Coffee was introduced to the cafe. Soft drinks also made their debut that year.

1:00 PM French Market

Each Saturday find a truly local experience with a bustling market full of carefully selected handmade artisan food and arts and crafts. From grab and go foods to local wearable art, candles and more, this is a market full of locals catering to locals and tourists alike.

3:00 PM Meet at Harrah's

Meet at the entrance to Harrah's Casino located on the corner of Canal Street and Convention Center Boulevard to load the coaches for Mardi Gras World.

3:30 PM Mardi Gras World Tour

See Mardi Gras magic created right before your eyes in this maze of amazing carnival creations. Learn Mardi Gras history and culture, watch artists and sculptors create majestic floats, and take home a Mardi Gras experience you'll never forget.

4:30 PM Mask Making

Explore the artistic side of Mardi Gras! This one-hour activity allows groups the opportunity to create a Mardi Gras mask to take home. Each participant will be given one plastic mask, feathers, rhinestones, ribbon, and anything else needed to decorate their one-of-a-kind Carnival creation.

5:45 PM Hotel Freshen Up

We will walk as a group from World Mardi Gras to the motor coaches in the Convention Center Lot. Be sure to collect items you may have purchased during free time from the motor coach before returning to your room. Freshen up at the hotel before the dinner cruise.

6:20 PM Meet in the Lobby

Meet in the lobby to walk to the Dinner Cruise, it will be a bit of a walk so you may wish wear comfy shoes then change shoes once we arrive at the boat.

7:00 PM Dinner: Riverboat Cruise

Your cruise from the heart of the French Quarter takes you back to when cotton was king and life was as slow and graceful as the current on the Mississippi, aboard New Orleans' only authentic Steamboat. Dinner and Jazz music included.

10:00 PM Room Check, Lights Out

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

PARADE & NYE PARTY

B, L, D

8:00 AM Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel. It will be open from 6:00 am till 10:00 am.

8:45 AM Meet in the Lobby

Meet in the Hotel Lobby and load the coaches for the WWII Museum.

9:00 AM WWII Museum

The Museum is an incomparable experience for all generations and not to be missed on any visit to New Orleans. Come learn with your mind and your heart that freedom isn't free. Meet living American heroes- our WWII veteran volunteers. Celebrate the American Spirit at the National World War II Museum.

11:00 AM Lunch at the Museum

Lunch Buffet will be served for the group at the Stage Door Canteen located in the Museum.

11:50 AM Depart WWII

We will depart the WWII Museum and return to the truck to prepare for the Parade.

12:00 PM Meet at the Truck

Meet at the truck, unload, change into uniform, and prepare for the Sugar Bowl Parade.

We will take the coaches only to the staging area.

12:40 PM Depart for Staging

Depart on the coaches to the Staging area.

1:00 PM Report to Staging

We will report to the Sugar Bowl Parade staging area. Please stay together as a group and listen to instructions and where to go.

Parents, Chaperones, and non-performers will proceed to the viewing area at this time.

2:30 PM Parade Start

3:00 PM Sugar Bowl Parade Performance

Strut your stuff at the Sugar Bowl Parade! Work the streets of New Orleans with other bands from around the country!

Parents, Chaperones, and non-performers will proceed back to meet the group at the hotel after Normal West passes the viewing area.

TBD Return to the Hotel

At the conclusion of the Parade we will return as a group to the hotel to put away equipment and prepare for tonight's awards dinner and New Year Masquerade Ball!

7:15 PM Meet in the Lobby

We will meet in the hotel lobby and take a short walk across Mississippi River Heritage Park to the Sugar Mill as a group for dinner.

7:30 PM New Year's Eve Dinner Party

Spend your evening at your exclusive New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance - complete with authentic Cajun cuisine, dancing, and trophies! Located at the Sugar Mill just across Mississippi River Heritage Park from our hotel.

12:00 AM Room Check, Lights Out

Happy New Year!

Lights out as soon as we return from the Awards Dinner and watching the fireworks over the Mississippi River.

MONDAY, JAN. 01

TRAVEL DAY

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6:00 AM Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel. It will be open from 6:00 am till 10:00 am.

6:30 AM Hotel Check-out & Depart

Check-out of the hotel this morning. Be sure to turn your room key into your chaperone and take all luggage with you.

Chaperones turn room keys into your Tour Director.

7:00 AM Depart for Home

Depart for the ride home.

TBD *Lunch

We will make a lunch stop en route, this will be at your expense. Plan to have \$10 - 15. We will make every effort to stop in a location with multiple fast food options.

TBD *Dinner

We will make a dinner stop en route, this will be at your expense. Plan to have \$10 - 15. We will make every effort to stop in a location with multiple fast food options.

12:00 AM Arrive Back Home

Tentative arrival back at school. Help pick up the coaches and unload, be sure to check your area for left items. Pay particular attention to the overhead compartments, under the seats, and in the seat backs.

Welcome home after a memorable trip to the 'Big Easy' New Orleans.

Tour Conditions

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Your tour price includes:

ESCORT

- Music Travel Consultants escort throughout.

TRANSPORTATION

- Motor coach transportation as indicated in the itinerary, including tolls, taxes & maintenance fees for the driver(s).

HOTEL

- Accommodations at the hotel listed in the itinerary, or equivalent, based on room type selected.

MEALS

- Breakfasts (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) as indicated in the itinerary. Continental breakfast (CB) includes rolls and juice. American breakfast consists of hot and cold items. Meals are a variety of buffet, fast food, plated and/or pre-selected menus. Money may be given for a tour member to use at his/her choice of restaurant.

EVENTS

- All sightseeing and special events as detailed in the itinerary, including admission, tickets or entry fees unless otherwise stated.

TIPS AND TAXES

- As required for all included features with the exception of portage for baggage or equipment. Gratuities to driver(s) & local guide(s) are included.

BAGGAGE

- Baggage limitation is one suitcase and one carry-on, plus equipment.

SPECIAL SERVICES

- Trip Departure Briefing (if applicable)
- Customized tour itinerary & baggage tags
- All operations and planning charges
- 24-hour emergency contact system

Your tour price does not include:

Meals other than those listed above; items or services of a personal nature such as snacks, laundry, room service, telephone calls, pay TV, internet access, souvenirs or the like; gratuities to escorts; passport fees; baggage handling at airports & hotels; excess baggage charges; forwarding of baggage; all items or services not mentioned specifically in tour inclusions.

General Information

As an approved school trip, all school and organization rules and policies set forth in the student handbook are in effect for the duration of this trip.

GROUP TRAVEL HINTS

1. You are representing your school & community. Dress appropriately.
2. Good manners are always a plus wherever you are!
3. Communicate with your chaperones; let them know where you are.
4. If you feel ill, tell your chaperone immediately.
5. Review your itinerary and be aware of your responsibilities.
6. It takes time to move a large group. Be patient. Arrive on time.
7. Eat properly & sleep at night.

MOTOR COACH INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not leave personal items on the coach overnight.
2. Food may be taken on board as long as the coach is kept clean. Drinks should be in plastic screw-top bottles.
3. Please treat your driver with respect.
4. Never flush foreign objects in the toilet! Once the chemical flush is full, it is unusable; use rest stops when possible.
5. Do not disembark until your escort or director releases you.
6. Please, NO Flash Photography while on board the motor coach!
7. Please remain seated while vehicle is in motion.

HOTEL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the instructions in your room concerning an emergency escape.
2. At curfew, you must be in your room. No one is to enter your room after curfew except chaperones or staff. Keep the noise level down.
3. Elevators are for *all* hotel guests; respect the other guests.
4. Telephones must not be used after curfew except in an emergency. You are responsible for outside phone charges to your room.
5. Keep your room locked! Keep track of the key.
6. No student is allowed in the room of a person of the opposite sex.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPERONES

1. This tour is designed for students. Be patient, flexible, and helpful.
2. Make sure everyone understands all instructions.
3. Communicate-get to know the students by name.
4. Make sure hotel rooms are in order upon arrival and departure.
5. Monitor rooms at curfew. The after-hour rule must be enforced.
6. Make sure your students are up each morning on time.
7. Report any rule violations to the director; but don't create problems.
8. Be courteous and helpful; correct if necessary, but don't antagonize.
9. You cannot grant a favor for one unless you can do it for everyone!
10. BE PATIENT-DON'T LOSE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!

WHAT TO PACK

1. Toiletries and medications. Do not pack medication-keep it on your person. Take a written prescription in case you lose your medication.
2. Camera and plenty of film. Film is expensive in tourist spots.
3. Hairdryer, alarm clock. Use the buddy system. Only one is needed.
4. Swimsuit, cover-up and beach towel (if applicable).
5. Instrument, performance attire, uniform, & accessories (if applicable).

WHAT TO WEAR

Casual wear is appropriate. Wear comfortable shoes!

New Orleans, LA

DESTINATION NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is one of the world's most fascinating cities. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and beyond, it's a brilliant mosaic of culture, food and music. You'll find brimming bowls of gumbo, lots of jazz, strolls through historic neighborhoods and tantalizing festivals throughout the year. New Orleans is one of America's most culturally and historically rich destinations.

FAMOUS LOUISIANA NATIVES

- * Trace Adkins – singer, songwriter
- * Louis Armstrong – entertainer, musician
- * Evelyn Ashford – Olympian (track & field)
- * Geoffrey Beene – fashion designer
- * Terry Bradshaw – football player, sportscaster
- * Truman Capote – author, comedian
- * Kitty Carlisle – entertainer
- * Big Al Carson – blues singer
- * James Carville – political consultant, professor, pundit
- * Patricia Clarkson – actress
- * Harry Connick Jr – actor, entertainer, musician, singer
- * Edgar Degas – artist
- * Ellen DeGeneres – comedian, talk show host
- * Fats Domino – musician, songwriter
- * Clyde Drexler – basketball player
- * Joe Dumars – basketball player
- * Marshall Faulk – football player
- * David Filo – co-founder of yahoo
- * Faith Ford – actress
- * John Goodman – actor
- * Tom Gresham – writer
- * Bryant Gumbel – sportscaster
- * Randy Jackson – American Idol judge
- * Hoda Kotb – television anchor
- * Jean Lafitte – pirate
- * Ali Landry – actress, model, Miss USA
- * John Larroquette – actor
- * Karl Malone – basketball player
- * Archie, Eli & Peyton Manning – football players
- * Branford Marsalis – musician
- * Mary Matalin – political consultant, pundit
- * Tim McGraw – actor, singer
- * Aaron Neville – singer
- * Carly Patterson – Olympian (gymnastics)
- * Tyler Perry – actor, director, screenwriter
- * Anne Rice – writer
- * Cokie Roberts – journalist
- * Bill Russell – basketball player
- * Richard Simmons – entertainer, exercise guru
- * Britney Spears – singer, songwriter
- * Jimmy Swaggart – evangelist
- * Hank Williams Jr – country singer
- * Reese Witherspoon – actress, producer

New Orleans, LA

PERSONAL SECURITY - NEW ORLEANS

Big cities, theme parks and popular shopping areas are very crowded, and people move very fast. Vehicles move quickly, and drive very close to the curbs. Please be alert, and pay attention to what's going on around you. Here's some more tips:

1. Make sure you are always with at least two persons from our group. You are to never be totally alone.
2. Keep a firm grip on all belongings; keep wallets in front pockets.
3. Be very cautious about striking up conversations with strangers. If someone repeatedly annoys you, tell your chaperone.
4. Don't flaunt wealth. Leave expensive jewelry & watches home.
5. Exercise some "Street Sense." Think for yourself. Use good judgment. Be aware of unusual or suspicious behavior. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't right.

Packing Checklist

ON YOUR PERSON

- Photo ID (If you have one)
- Medication
- Eye glasses, contact lenses
- Spending money
- Tour Booklet (You will need this booklet throughout the tour.)

IN YOUR CARRY-ON BAG

- Extra prescription in case you lose your medication
- Dental and personal hygiene products
- Change of clothes
- Reading material
- Pen, pencil and notepad
- Camera and film
- Snacks, chewing gum
- Deck of cards

IN YOUR CHECKED LUGGAGE

- Performance attire (if applicable)
- Curling iron
- Hair dryer
- Razor
- Shampoo (in a zip-lock bag)
- Wind-up alarm clock
- Sleepwear
- Underwear
- Socks - hosiery
- Clothing for each day of the trip
- Miscellaneous: Nail file, band-aids, safety pins, sewing kit, etc.
- Rain hat & umbrella
- Swimwear & cover-up (if applicable)
- Sweater
- Lightweight coat or jacket

TAG YOUR BAGS

Your suitcase & carry-on must be properly tagged.

Pack light - you must be able to carry your own luggage.

Rule of thumb: If in doubt, leave it out.

Clip this and **leave at home** for quick reference.



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Clip this and **carry with you** during your trip.

Emergency Information: I'm traveling with the Normal West Marching Band from Normal, IL. Our hotels are Hampton Inn New Orleans Convention Center ph: 504.566.9990 and Holiday Inn Memphis Airport ph: 901-332-1130. Our tour company is Music Travel Consultants, 7920 Georgetown Rd., Suite 700, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Phone 317.637.0837.

Emergency Instructions & Priorities

If a dangerous event occurs, follow the instructions on the reverse of this form to insure your safety and to communicate your where-abouts.

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