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# New Orleans

A unique architectural and cultural  
journey to the Crescent City

**led by Professor John P. Klingman**

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## SUMMARY

Discover the magnificent architecture and rich cultural heritage of New Orleans on an exclusive, five day tour with Architectural Adventures.

From the famous Creole Townhouses and Cottages in the French Quarter and the spectacular homes in the Garden District to post-Katrina sustainable neighborhoods and some of the most important contemporary structures in the city, experience the myriad of architectural gems of the Crescent City. Join our Architectural Adventures expert on this exclusive exploration of the past, present, and future of New Orleans.

Cover image: Crescent Park's Piety Street Bridge, designed by David Adjaye

Jackson Square



## ARCHITECTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Admire New Orleans' most cherished neighborhoods** on walking tours of the French Quarter, Garden District, Central Business District, and University District.
- **Experience an exclusive visit to the U.S. Custom House** with its famed Marble Hall, one of the finest neoclassical rooms in the United States.
- **Learn of the architectural design of the National WWII Museum** buildings with the local architect.
- **Visit Jackson Square** and the significant buildings that surround it: St. Louis Cathedral, the Cabildo, the Presbytère and the Pontalba buildings - one of the great urban ensembles in the country.
- **Explore the Garden District** "the first American suburb" with its gracious villas set on quarter-square lots, surrounded by lush landscaping with architectural styles including Greek Revival, Italianate and Gothic Revival.
- **See some of the most recent post-Katrina rebuilding projects** throughout the city, residential as well as institutional.

## EXPERT ON THE TOUR

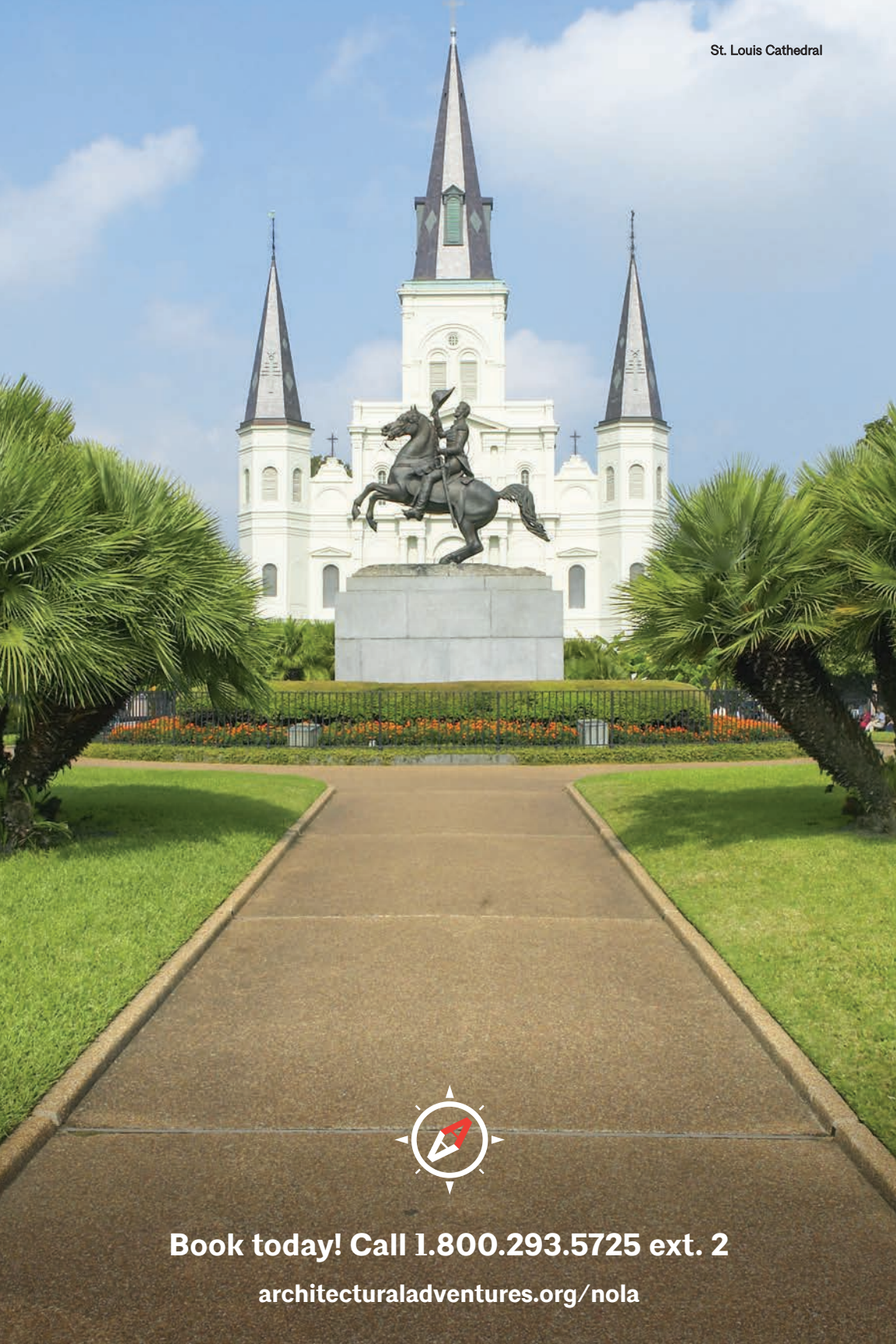
"The festive spirit always associated with New Orleans, recognized worldwide, is embodied in the storied music, cuisine, and architecture of the city, both historic and contemporary. As a long-time professor of architecture in New Orleans I'm thrilled to share the surprising variety of rich architectural and cultural experiences that our unique city and its surroundings offer."



**John P. Klingman**  
Professor of Architecture

Lower Ninth Ward





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## MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Visit the picturesque campus of Tulane University** with a range of architectural styles including Richardsonian, Romanesque, Elizabethan, Mid-Century Modern, and Contemporary.
- **Tour the Whitney and Evergreen Plantations.**
- **Visit the Gro Dat Youth Farm**, learn about its mission, and discuss its design with the project architect.
- **Stroll through the historical Audubon Park.**
- **Visit the Sculpture Garden** of the New Orleans Museum of Art.
- **Enjoy unforgettable dining experiences** at several of the best restaurants in New Orleans.
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits.
- Complimentary listening devices on all guided tours.

**An exclusive trip  
limited to 30 guests**

John E. Kushner Restoration Pavilion  
(Courtesy of The National WWII Museum)



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Exemplifying authentic New Orleans character, The Whitney Hotel is housed in the former Beaux-Arts style Whitney Bank Building. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the recently renovated property incorporates the original building's architecture into the present aesthetic. The interior boasts granite, brass, and crown moldings throughout, while still preserving features of the old bank, including the decorative teller windows, the bank boardroom, which is now used as the hotel's library and seating area, and the original vault, which has been converted into a private dining room. Conveniently located in the heart of the Central Business District, the hotel is a short walk from the French Quarter and its famed Bourbon Street and Jackson Square, and one block from the historic St. Charles Avenue streetcar line.

**Day 1: Arrive in New Orleans****Sunday, October 22**

After arriving in New Orleans, check into the iconic Whitney Hotel. In the late afternoon, meet your guide and fellow travelers and take a walking tour of the Central Business District. See interesting 19th and 20th century architecture and the famed Lafayette Square, which includes the city's old neo-classical city hall. Enjoy a celebratory welcome dinner in the evening. **Meals:** Dinner

**Day 2: French Quarter, Post-Katrina rebuilding, and Crescent Park****Monday, October 23**

Take an exclusive visit to the U.S. Custom House. When construction began in 1848 it was the largest building in the country except for the U.S. Capitol. Then venture into the oldest neighborhood in the city of New Orleans, the French Quarter. Founded in 1718, it has rich overlapping histories and cultural influences. Visit Jackson Square where iron fences, benches, and Parisian-style landscaping remain intact from its 1851 design. See the significant 18th-century buildings and learn their complex histories: the Cabildo, the Presbytère, and St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest Roman Catholic Cathedral in the United States. Following lunch in the Quarter, travel to the Lower Ninth Ward for a walking tour that focuses on the unique contemporary architecture that has arisen out of the Hurricane Katrina recovery. Conclude your day with a visit to Crescent Park and see the David Adjaye-designed Piety Street Bridge. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Day 3: Garden District, Irish Channel, and Tremé****Tuesday, October 24**

Start your day with a walking tour of the Garden District. Established by New Orleans' American elite in the 1830s to rival the Creole-dominated Vieux Carré, this neighborhood features gracious suburban villas originally set on quarter-square lots, surrounded by lush landscaping with styles ranging from Greek Revival to Italianate to Gothic Revival. Next, visit the Irish Channel, the working-class riverfront neighborhood where first-generation Irish and German immigrants settled before the Civil War. Throughout the neighborhood, view iconic shotgun houses. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the Tremé neighborhood, home to the largest pre-Civil War community of free people of color, with a rich architectural heritage. This neighborhood is the locale for visitors and natives alike to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. Celebrations such as second-line parades, jazz funerals, and underground jazz clubs are ways Tremé honors its

heritage. End the day with an exclusive discussion about the architecture behind the National WWII Museum with the local architect. Enjoy another evening at leisure. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Day 4: Plantations****Wednesday, October 25**

Located 35 miles west of New Orleans is the meticulously restored, 250-acre Whitney Plantation. With its 262 year history, this is the only plantation museum in Louisiana with a primary focus on the institution of slavery. In 1946, the Big House on the plantation was described as "one of the most interesting in the entire South" by Charles E. Patterson, senior landscape architect of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Next, visit the Evergreen Plantation. The main house was constructed in 1790 and renovated to its current Greek Revival style in 1832. The tour highlights 250 years of family ownership, the architectural significance of the buildings, and its reliance on agriculture. Following lunch, return to New Orleans for an evening at leisure. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Day 5: Modern Architecture, the historic Pitot House, and University District****Thursday, October 26**

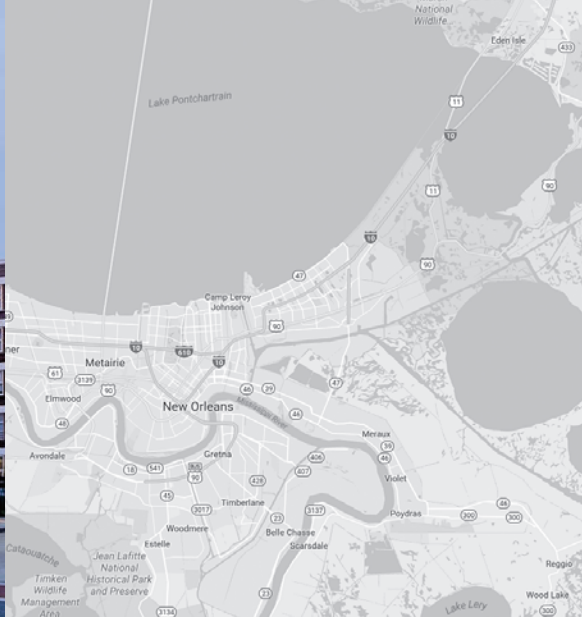
Visit the Rosa Keller Library and Community Center, an important symbol of triumph the Broadmoor neighborhood has achieved since it was terribly flooded as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Recycled wooden slats, shaded skylights, and creative stormwater management are just a few of the sustainable design approaches of the building. Next, drive to the Pitot House, an 18th-century Creole country home which tells the story of life along the bayou since the earliest days of settlement. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, continue to the Sculpture Garden of the New Orleans Museum of Art followed by the Grow Dat Youth Farm, a seven-acre site in New Orleans' City Park, which utilizes sustainable architectural design. Then, tour the University District – home of Tulane and Loyola Universities, as well as the former St. Mary's Dominican College. Finish the day strolling under live oaks in beautiful Audubon Park, a park rich with history dating back well over a century. Finally, enjoy a farewell dinner at a remarkable restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 6: Depart New Orleans****Friday, October 27**

After checking out of the hotel, spend a final morning in New Orleans before transferring independently to the airport for return flights.

**Meals:** Breakfast



## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Appropriate for people in good health with overall good mobility.
- Travelers should be comfortable participating in a full day of sightseeing.
- Activities range from light to moderate intensity at an easy pace, but with lengthy walks, sometimes on uneven terrain, and climbing stairs.

## PRICE

**\$ 2,995** per person, based on double occupancy

**\$ 595** single supplement

**A deposit of \$750** per person, payable by check, Visa or MasterCard is required to reserve a space. Deposits are applied to payment of the total price.

## ALSO INCLUDED

- An experienced Tour Director, in addition to the Architectural Adventures Educational Expert.
- Land transportation by private motor coach as outlined in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Water, soft drinks, and coffee are included with each lunch and dinner; two glasses of wine are included at dinners.

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**Not included:** Airfare and transfer fees; meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items and expenses; gratuities other than specified; travel and trip cancellation insurance; alcoholic beverages other than specified wine at dinners; airport transfers; other items not specifically mentioned in the itinerary or as included. **Prices, itinerary, accommodations and experts subject to change.**

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