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## **DOO WOP SPECTACULAR Saturday, July 21**

Soul legend Jerry "Ice Man" Butler (*Only the Strong Survive*), Drifters featuring Charlie Thomas (*Save the Last Dance for Me*), Gene "Duke of Earl" Chandler, New Orleans' own Frankie "Sea Cruise" Ford & Larry Chance of The Earls (*Remember Then*) will be the featured performers for the Friends of LPB Doo Wop Spectacular in Baton Rouge

Spend some time in downtown Baton Rouge & enjoy the Louisiana Art & Science Museum & Planetarium, Louisiana State Museum, Old State Capitol, Shaw Center for the Arts, the new Hilton Capitol Center (\$65 million renovation of the old Heidelberg Hotel), Belle of Baton Rouge

Early dinner at Galatoire's Bistro

Motorcoach, matinee tickets, dinner, gratuity

**\$160 per person**

## **FEMME FEMME FEMME Wednesday, May 23**

Paintings of Women in French Society from Daumier, Renoir, Degas, Manet, Toulouse-Lautrec & Picasso from the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay and museums of France. Celebrate women from domestic life, working outside the home, to the emerging independence of the modern woman

Exclusively at the New Orleans Museum of Art

Sydney & Walda Besthoff  
 Sculpture Gardens

Luncheon at Herbsaint

Motorcoach, museum, gardens,  
 luncheon, refreshments, gratuity

**\$100 per person**

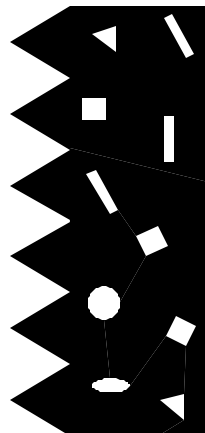


## **Sunday, June 17 WALKABOUT BRUNCH**

As one of 4 premier locations for the Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival, Baton Rouge will uncork an intoxicating event you'll long remember. Taste delicacies from 10 local restaurants, each paired with a complementary champagne & sparkling wine. At the beautiful Old State Capitol.

Motorcoach, brunch, refreshments, gratuity

**\$85 per person**



## **CHICAGO . . . the Windy City Tuesday, September 4 - Sunday, September 9**

Discover why Chicago is called the Windy City and why its river flows backwards. See fantastic Millennium Park, fabulous outdoor art, the Magnificent Mile with its glittering department stores & the landmark Water Tower that survived the Great Fire. Hear stories of Chicago's colorful past & be surprised by the exciting, diverse & beautiful city of today - a true American city.

Sears Tower Skydeck, Hancock Observatory, Navy Pier, the Loop, Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Contemporary Art, Museum of Science & Industry, Art Institute of Chicago, Wrigley Field, Buckingham Fountain, Grant Park, the Magnificent Mile, Eli's Cheesecake World, 77 diverse neighborhoods, Frank Lloyd Wright Home, Studio, Frederick C. Robie House & Unity Temple, Prairie School National Historic District, Macy's (formerly Marshall Field) Tiffany Dome, Great Clock & Atrium Fountain, Lake Michigan Dinner Cruise

Enjoy world class entertainment  
*Wicked, The Color Purple, Shear Madness,  
 Tony n' Tina's Wedding, Blue Man Group*

We went to Chicago in 2004 & all loved it so much & said the trip should have been 1 day longer - this trip is 5 nights, not 4

Roundtrip airfare from Alexandria, airport transfers, 5 nights downtown hotel, 5 breakfasts, dinner cruise, city tour, Chicago River cruise, Frank Lloyd Wright tour, museums, gratuities

Assistance with show reservations & other activities

**\$1875 per person, double occupancy**

**\$2375 per person, single occupancy**

**\$500 deposit**

**CAJUN PRIDE MANCHAC SWAMP TOUR**  
**LAURA: A CREOLE PLANTATION**  
**LUNCH AT NOBILE'S RESTAURANT**  
 (Former 1895 saloon providing hospitality on River Road)

Thursday, May 31

\$95 per person

**Monty Python's SPAMALOT**  
**Tuesday, June 26 & Wednesday, June 27**  
**Dallas**

Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, Spamalot is the outrageous comedy lovingly ripped off from film classic "Monty Python & The Holy Grail." It tells the tale of King Arthur & his Knights of the Round Table, with flying cows, killer rabbits, taunting Frenchmen & show-stopping music.

Tour of **Old Red Courthouse**, 1892 Romanesque building that has undergone \$12.9 million renovation with beautiful marble & stone, grand stairways and historic clock tower.

**OR** the Sixth Floor (JFK) Museum

Motorcoach, hotel, breakfast, musical, tour, gratuity, refreshments  
 \$255/person, double occupancy \$305/person, single occupancy  
 \$100 deposit



**HIGH DELTA SAFARI PARK**  
**POVERTY POINT**  
**Thursday, May 10**

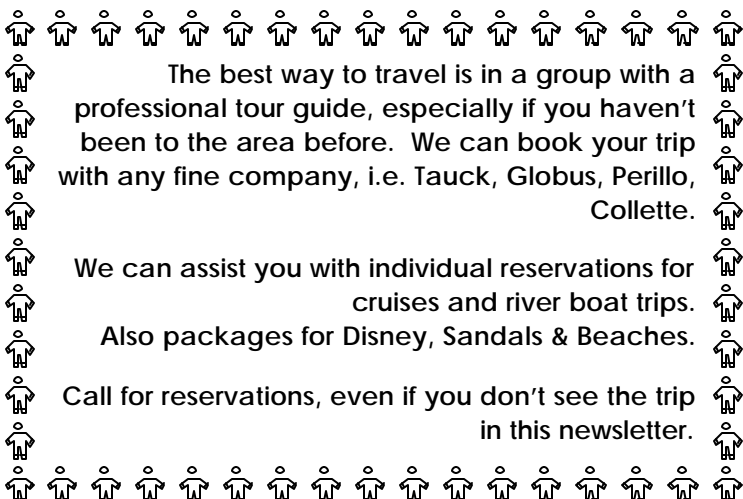
Covered wagon tour to see over 350 exotic animals . . .  
 Watusi, Grant's zebras, Asian water buffalo, Scimitar  
 oryx, Wildabeasts, camels named Elvis & Priscilla, &  
 Louisiana's tallest giraffe, Kenya.

Lunch at Hannah's Sideboard Restaurant

Motorcoach, tour, lunch, refreshments, gratuity

\$70 per person

**PLEASE RESPOND RIGHT AWAY FOR THIS TRIP**



The best way to travel is in a group with a professional tour guide, especially if you haven't been to the area before. We can book your trip with any fine company, i.e. Tauck, Globus, Perillo, Collette.

We can assist you with individual reservations for cruises and river boat trips.  
 Also packages for Disney, Sandals & Beaches.

Call for reservations, even if you don't see the trip in this newsletter.



**SAENGER THEATRE**

I have coordinated trips to the Saenger Theatre in New Orleans since 1994, so am sad to inform you that it will still not be open for the 2007-2008 season. No work is ongoing at this time, but someone is interested in buying it to complete the remodeling. Let's all be looking for theatre in other cities so I can offer show trips.

**MOSAIC TREASURES OF THE VATICAN**

An Evolution of Human Spirit seen through Mosaics

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

**NEW ORLEANS**

**OLD URSULINE CONVENT**  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

*The New Orleans' Archdiocesan Catholic Cultural Heritage Center is honored to present this exhibition of artwork by the Vatican Mosaic Studio. Each piece represents the perfection of an art form practiced by masters in the Vatican Basilica as far back as the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century and passed down to the present day*

Time to visit St. Louis Cathedral, Cabildo, Presbytere, Pharmacy Museum, Beauregard-Keyes House, Historic New Orleans Collection, Hermann-Grima Historic House, Voodoo Museum, Gallier House, Royal Street Antique Galleries, Shops at Jax Brewery, Jackson Square, N.O. School of Cooking (LA General Store), Café du Monde or French Quarter shopping & strolling

Accompanied by a St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church priest

Luncheon at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company

Motorcoach ? Tour ? Luncheon ? Driver's Gratuity ? Refreshments

Pick-up in Alexandria & Bunkie

**\$85 per person**

**BETWEEN GOD & MAN:**  
**ANGELS IN ITALIAN ART**  
**EUDORA WELTY HOUSE MUSEUM**

Thursday, September 13 - Jackson MS

Exclusive showing at the newly renovated Arts Pavilion.  
 More than 200 works, *Angels* introduces us to the complex & glorious world of angels, explaining their hierarchy, attributes & various actions, while creating an evocative journey through the Golden Age of Italian art.  
 Visit Eudora Welty's house as she lived in it for 76 years

Motorcoach, Museum, Welty house,  
 luncheon, supper, refreshments,  
 driver's gratuity

\$110 per person \$50 deposit



## NEWS FROM NANCY

You have probably read my news about the Saenger Theatre in New Orleans. Let's hope it will be up & running in a couple of years. We'll be on the lookout for musicals in other places. *Jersey Boys* is now touring so I'll watch for its locations. We saw it in New York and it is "Too Good to be True" - the story of Rock & Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons. You'll know every song!

I have tried to offer diverse types of trips - long, short & in-between. I always welcome ideas for trips & encourage you to contact me if there is a specific location you think would be of interest to a group.

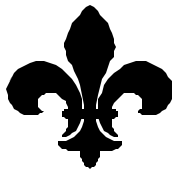
We have a wonderful group for our Philadelphia trip. As I researched all there is to do, I was so thankful that I had planned 5 nights. We're flying from Alexandria and don't have to get up at the crack of dawn.

I love going to big cities to visit & have a great time coordinating those trips for you. Check out the Chicago and New York trips for 2007. I keep the groups small so when we have dinner, everyone orders what they want. It is more economical to you if I don't include all the dinners in the trip price since you might not want appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert & beverage for every meal.

We all love day trips. I have offered 4 in May - more than normal but it just happened. I already had the Swamp Tour & Safari trip scheduled. A church asked me to organize a Vatican Mosaic trip but extend the invitation for others to join them. The wonderful *Femme Femme* exhibition ends on June 3 & I know a lot of you don't want to miss it. May is a beautiful month to travel. When you go with me on a day trip, you don't have to do anything but enjoy the time away from home.

I tried something new recently & it was a great success. We had a trip to New Orleans to see Hats. I offered transportation to people who might enjoy doing something different in the city. They paid me for the ride & thoroughly "doing their own thing" for the day. Call me if you are interested in doing that on any of our planned trips.

I dropped the word "Club" from our name, Cenla Travel. Some folks thought that one had to be a certain age, gender, Cenla resident or whatever to travel with us. Anyone is welcome & I would love to mail or e-mail information to your traveling friends & family.



If we have a coach traveling to New Orleans & you would like to ride & do something other than what we have planned, join us for \$45

### MEDITERRANEAN & GREEK ISLES

Saturday, July 28 - Thursday, August 9

Cruise between Venice & Barcelona on the newest jewel in the Princess Fleet, Emerald Princess. Multiple dining options, piazza-style Atrium, International Café, Wine & Seafood Bar, Lotus Spa & Movies Under the Stars

Venice, Athens, Kusadasi, Istanbul, Mykonos, Naples/Capri, Rome, Florence, Marseille & Barcelona

## BEAU RIVAGE IN BILOXI

Wednesday, August 1 - Friday, August 3

Beau Rivage is gorgeous & now has the theatre offering the finest entertainment on the coast. Two night's deluxe accommodations, 2 breakfast buffets, dinner buffet, portorage, motorcoach, gratuity, refreshments. Optional activities include a trip to Fairhope with lovely restaurants & unique shops, outlet shopping, Bellingrath Home & Gardens.

\$250 per person, double occupancy

\$305 per person, single occupancy

Send \$100 deposit per person

Please make your reservation before July to determine if we have a full motorcoach

BRING AN ICE CHEST FOR FRESH SHRIMP

## NEW YORK CITY

Friday, October 26 - Wednesday, October 31

Roundtrip airfare from Alexandria, hotel transfers, 5 nights Manhattan hotel, 2 private tours, dinner cruise, Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty, gratuities & portorage

This will be a small group personally escorted by Nancy & Lou. Besides professional, private tours, we will

accompany you to various places in Manhattan. Meals will be together unless you prefer otherwise. We assist with purchase of Broadway tickets. Popular musicals now are *Legally Blonde*, *Little Mermaid*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, & *Jersey Boys*. Register for trip NOW as many tickets are hard to get!

\$1,850 per person, double occupancy

\$2,650 per person, single occupancy

\$500 deposit



## CARNIVAL CONQUEST

### Mardi Gras Cruise

7-day Western Caribbean cruise from Galveston  
Sunday, February 12 - Sunday, February 19

Mega "Fun Ship" sails to  
Montego Bay ★ Grand Cayman ★ Cozumel

Interior stateroom \$370 per person

Oceanview stateroom \$490 per person

Balcony stateroom \$620 per person

\$250 deposit/person



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### **AVOYELLES PARISH**

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