

# **We're Gonna Be Takin' it Easy in the Big Easy**

Yes, we're going to New Orleans for our 2023 Asphalt Cruise!

This will take place March 8 - 12 and we'll be staying at the Omni Royal Orleans, an historic hotel within easy walking distance to most of the attractions in the French Quarter. Those would include Café Du Monde down by the river and Jackson Square, also Antoinettes, Arnauds, Brussards, Gautiers, all known for their classic Creole cuisine.

After arrival, we'll have our first social hour in the hotel bar with drinks and appetizers.

Thursday morning we'll meet at Café du Monde for coffee and beignets, then we'll have a guided walking tour featuring the architecture, history and culture of the French Quarter. Lunch is on your own and your afternoon is free as well.

Friday, we'll tour the outstanding National WWII Museum, including a movie and buffet lunch at the Canteen with special 1940's entertainment.

Saturday morning we'll have a guided behind the scenes tour of Mardi Gras World where most of the major floats for the parade are created. A mask-making workshop is included where you can create your own mask to wear to our "Masquerade Happy Hour" before our closing dinner at the Southern Yacht Club, the 2nd oldest Yacht Club in the country. It's a beautiful facility located on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain. A jazz combo will provide entertainment.

There's ample time in the schedule for you to see other sights in the city, shop, or relax for the afternoon.

Registration and more information to follow.

Cruise Directors are: Randy & Carolyn Graham  
Kerry & Betsy McCarter  
Ron & Micki Pugh

