

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, a 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, Broussards, Galatoires, all known for their classic Creole cuisine.

On the evening of the 8th, 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 and the rest of the evening are 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 floats for the Mardi Gras parades 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 during Happy Hour.

There's ample time in the schedule for you to see other sights in the city, shop, or relax for the afternoon. We recommend that any dinner reservations be made well in advance. The better restaurants prefer that men wear jackets, but smart casual is accepted.

A list of places to go, and attendees, will be sent out later.

Registration form and hotel information are attached.

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





Taking it Easy in the Big Easy New Orleans, Louisiana

March 8 – 12, 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

THE REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **Wednesday, January 23, 2023**

Member(s) & Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Cell Phone(s) #: _____ Email(s): _____

Number Attending: _____ x \$375.00 = _____ -

Total Included: _____

Entrée Choice:	Number	Name
Louisiana Fried Catfish	_____	_____
Herb Crusted Pork Loin	_____	_____

List of any Food Allergies: _____

For information contact the Graham's: 804-314-8851
McCarter's: 757-876-5897 or
the Pugh's: 703-346-7730

Checks may be sent to Commodore Ron Pugh (PO Box 354, Wicomico Church, VA 22579) or checks or bank draft checks may be sent directly to Treasurer, PC Hugh H. Riley (717 East Tazewell's Way, Williamsburg, VA 23185.) Bank draft checks must be ordered early enough to arrive prior to **January 23, 2023**. If you send a check to the Treasurer, you may send only your registration form by USPS or by email to Ron Pugh. No registration is complete until both the registration form and payment are received. The club does not accept Cash, Credit Cards or direct pay services such as Pay Pal.



Below you will find the hotel room options for the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel.

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>3/8/23</u>	<u>3/9/23</u>	<u>3/10/23</u>	<u>3/11/23</u>
Petite Room 1 Queen Bed	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229
Deluxe Room 1 Queen Bed	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249
Premier Room w/view 1 King Bed	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269
Accessible Premier Room w/ view 1 King Bed	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269
Premier Room 2 Double Beds	\$279	\$279	\$279	\$279

All nightly room rates are quoted exclusive of appropriate state and local taxes, fees and assessments, currently 16.2% plus \$2.00 occupancy tax per room per day. These are subject to change without notice.

We have 26 rooms available each night. **Group rate will be offered pre and post, subject to group room availability.** Reservations must be made, modified, or cancelled on or before the cut-off date of **Wednesday, January 23, 2023, 5:00 pm local time.** A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of one night's room and tax will be charged to the individual's credit card upon making the reservation. Reservations made after the cut-off date will be accepted based on guest room availability at the prevailing transient rates. All reservations guaranteed that fail to arrive on the scheduled arrival date will be considered No-Shows and a charge of one night's room and tax will apply.

For those who want an upgraded room or Suite, below are the options. Any additional suite upgrades requested will be based on availability and negotiated based on the prices below.

<u>Suite Room Type</u>	<u>3/8/23</u>	<u>3/9/23</u>	<u>3/10/23</u>	<u>3/11/23</u>
Premier King Room with Balcony	\$329	\$329	\$329	\$329
Petite Suite King	\$399	\$399	\$399	\$399
One Bedroom Standard Suite	\$579	\$579	\$579	\$579

Check-in time is 4:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. Omni will make every effort to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee early check-in or late departure.

Reservations may be made by calling Omni Reservations at 1-800-578-0500 and by referring to the Virginia Yacht Club 2023 Group or by using the following link:

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/new-orleans-royal-orleans/meetings/virginia-yacht-club-asphalt-cruise-03082023>