

You Are Invited to Attend

# Great Cities of American History: **New Orleans**

November 14-17, 2018

led by **Dale K. Phillips** and

**William de Marigny Hyland**



Once again, we invite you to join us in **New Orleans**. Our program leaders, both of whom have special connections to the **Crescent City**, have arranged an exciting adventure, certain to thrill even those who've visited the area many times before. During our three days and four nights together, we'll visit sites seldom seen, meet colorful local people, and delve deeply into the history, culture, architecture and cuisine of the **most fascinating city in America**.

After a Wednesday night reception and a program overview, we will tour the city and surrounding area over the next three days. Sites we will visit include:

- the **Chalmette Battlefield**, the site of the January 8, 1815 Battle of New Orleans, the climactic battle of the War of 1812
- the **Isleño Museum and Village** which commemorate Spanish colonists from the Canary Islands who came to Louisiana between 1778 and 1783 to populate Louisiana and halt British colonial expansion west of the Mississippi River. The Canary Islanders called themselves Islenos or Islanders, a tradition that continues to this day.
- the **French Quarter** and downtown areas including a focus on the long-forgotten **Battle of Liberty Place** (September 14, 1874), between members of the White League and the Metropolitan Police force under the command of **James Longstreet**. We'll visit **Gallier Hall**, the Civil War period city hall; the **United States Customs House**; the **St. Louis Hotel**, headquarters of the reconstruction government of Governor Kellogg; and the **Ursuline Convent**, the oldest building in the Mississippi Valley. And, we'll take a break at the **Café Du Monde** and enjoy some tasty beignets and café au lait.
- **Metairie Cemetery** in which are interred such notables as P. G. T. Beauregard, John Bell Hood, jazzmen Al Hirt and Louis Prima, and Hall of Fame baseball star Mel Ott.
- **Laura Plantation**, a restored historic Louisiana Creole plantation on the west bank of the Mississippi River significant for its early 19th-century Créole-style raised big house.
- the magnificent **Evergreen Plantation**. With pigeoniers (structures used for housing pigeons), a privy, a kitchen, guesthouse, overseer's house, and 22 slave cabins, Evergreen is unique. It is one of only a few plantations that evoke what major plantations resembled in the antebellum era, and provides an excellent example of the workings of the sugar industry of that period.

During the tour, we'll feed you **VERY WELL** with delicious lunches at restaurants that showcase the best in regional cuisine, and at a Friday top-shelf dinner at one of the most famed restaurants in New Orleans.

**All of this is included in your enrollment fee of \$595**

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Soon we'll announce our base hotel in the French Quarter or Garden District areas. We hope you'll join us in **November, 2018 in New Orleans** for a program that promises to be educational, friendly and **fun!**

## **ABOUT OUR TOUR LEADERS**

**Dale K. Phillips** recently retired as superintendent at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, IL. Previously he served as manager of the Chalmette and Acadian Units of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve in New Orleans.

**William de Marigny Hyland**, a native of New Orleans, is a direct descendant of the original French settlers of New Orleans. He is historian of St. Bernard's Parish and an expert on the history of the New Orleans area.

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