

May 29-June 2, 2017



# Taste of the Gulf Coast

**WHAT FOODS DO YOU THINK OF WHEN WE SAY "LET'S GO TO THE GULF COAST?? SEAFOOD, YES...BUT SO MUCH MORE!**

**(AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ALTERNATIVES FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT EAT THE FRUITS OF THE SEA!**

**WE WILL DEFINITELY EAT A LOT AND ENJOY 'FREEBIES' AT EVERY STOP!**

**Delicious..**

**with a tasty side of mouthwatering!**

The Gulf Coast is the perfect destination. 'Cause around there, you make more than just afternoon plans.

You make memories full of adventure, excitement and possibly the best food you've ever tasted... every day & all day long! Looking for something delicious?

Treat your taste buds to king cake, smoked sausage, beignets, shrimp, sweet tea, Heavenly Hash, and dessert first in the form of a Chrissie Ice Cream drink!! While munching through each day, highlights of our tour will include a visit to Keesler Air Force Base to take a tour of the Hurricane Hunters quarters, hear their stories of flying into the eye of unimaginable chaos, and have lunch on their base. We will also tour Jefferson Davis' home with afternoon tea on Beauvoir's front porch, take a shrimp boat excursion and learn all about the 'fruits of the seas', enjoy a private visit to Mobile's Mardi Gras Museum, and make a quick stop at the Visitation Monastery. In the process, we will also learn the fascinating history and experience the ambience of the Gulf. While enjoying the Gulf Coast, we will spend 3 nights at the 4-star Beau Rivage on the Gulf and 1 night at the 4-star Windcreek Hotel in route home.

**Just imagine..**

**5 days of tasting & freebies!**

### *Tour Inclusions*

Luxury motor coach with amenities  
and services of experienced tour director  
4 nights' hotel accommodations with baggage handling, as needed  
Tour of Mississippi's Gulf Coast, plus tastings  
Hurricane Hunters, Keesler Air Force Base  
Tour of Beauvoir, plus tea & tasting  
Shrimp Boat Excursion      Ocean Springs & tasting  
Tour of Mobile, plus tastings      Mardi Gras Museum  
4 breakfasts      3 lunches      2 dinners  
And much, much more!

*Also, the Group Travel Protection plan has been purchased on behalf of all travelers on this tour.*

**Read the day-by-day itinerary for details...**

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### **COST**

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**WITH RESERVATION**

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## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Depart for another 'foodie' capitol of the South...the Gulf Coast, arriving in Biloxi, Mississippi, in the late afternoon. We will spend the next 3 nights right on the Gulf at the lovely 4-star hotel and casino, the Beau Rivage. It is a 'not-to-be-missed' experience!! This evening, we will enjoy their famous Gulf Coast buffet...quite possibly the best buffet you will ever have. (D)



### DAY 2



A full breakfast will be included at our hotel; and, we must make time for a riding tour on the Gulf's famous Highway 90 on our way to Keesler Air Force Base, home of the famous Hurricane Hunters. The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, known as the Hurricane Hunters of the Air Force Reserve, is one-of-a-kind: the only Department of Defense organization still flying into tropical storms and hurricanes--since 1944. Their ten Lockheed-Martin WC-130J aircraft and

crews are part of the 403rd Wing, based at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi. After lunch, included, on the base, we will continue along Highway 90...marveling at the chainsaw art done in tribute to the survivors of Katrina. We will also include a tour of Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis' home and there will be time for afternoon tea on Beauvoir's porch, before returning to our hotel for the evening. (B, L, and tastings)

### DAY 3

After a leisurely breakfast at our hotel, we will continue our culinary adventure. On our agenda this morning is a shrimp boat excursion with a most entertaining captain. He puts on quite a show and tells you so much about marine life in the process! After our excursion, it will be time for a late lunch, included, at McElroy's...the most well-known 'local' restaurant on the Mississippi Gulf! Beignets are commonly known on the Gulf Coast as breakfast served with powdered sugar on top. They are traditionally prepared right before consumption to be eaten fresh and hot. Our beignets will be dessert, prepared by the chef at Le Café Beignet just for us! Our afternoon will conclude with a visit to the charming community of Ocean Springs...time for browsing, and maybe one more tasting before we return to our hotel for the evening. (B, L, and tastings)



### DAY 4



And, there will be time for one more buffet breakfast at the Beau before we continue to the Alabama Gulf Coast...just 1 hour east of Biloxi. We will spend the day in Mobile with a local guide. He has planned a great combination of food, fun, and history for us as we visit the Mardi Gras Museum of Mobile. It will open just for us and we will learn that Mobile was the first city on the Gulf Coast to celebrate Mardi Gras. We will also sample freshly made 'king cakes' made by the king cake-maker himself. Who will find the 'baby'? You will also learn about this tradition and you

may even find the 'baby' yourself! The day continues with another local tradition and special tasting...the Chrissie Ice Cream drink! You can believe it is not just ice cream! Lunch, included, at a local restaurant and a stop at the Visitation Monastery for a tasting of Heavenly Hash will be on the agenda for the afternoon. We will spend our final night in Alabama at the Wind Creek Hotel & Casino, enjoying their sumptuous buffet, included, this evening. (B, L, D and tastings)

### DAY 5

Today, after a full hot breakfast, it will be time to pack up and head back to South Carolina. We think this will be one of your favorite 'taste' tours...as Martha and Johnadee would say...'the best yet!'" (B)