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Denver,
Colorado

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Madison is awesome!

My husband and I took this tour with about 20 other people. Madison was our guide and he was awesome! His narrative about the area and its history was a real treat on the ride out and back. It's not always easy to wrangle 20+ people but he did so with a natural sense of humor and kept us right on time at every stop. If this is on your itinerary, ask for Madison; you won't regret it!

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jrscbw
Hartford,
Connecticut

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Awesome tour company

We had the best time with Madison and the tours we took through this company. Everything was just super easy to set up and pay for; instructions were clear on where pick up and drop offs would be. Really just super to work with.

We enjoyed our time so much more because of all these things.

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Steve_Linda_H
Mount Holly,
New Jersey

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Enjoyable and Educational Tour

We booked the Oak Alley and Laura plantations tour. Our tour guide, Madison, is extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic and personable. He is a wealth of information which he presented interactively. Not only about the plantations, but also about the history and ecology of the area. He made sure we were well prepared for the tours of the two very different plantations. The Oak Alley mansion and grounds were impressive and the guided tour touched on it's history. Our tour of the Laura plantation was more of a learning experience with a great guide. The family history of the owners and the slaves was presented in great detail. This plantation is not to be missed. Spending the day with Madison was like spending the day with a friend. He went above and beyond to accommodate everyone on the tour. We highly recommend this tour, especially with Madison. One of the best tours we have taken.



Tina F
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Great tour to the Old Oak Plantation and the Laura Plantation with Madison

Madison was an excellent guide for this tour. He was knowledgeable, humorous and very entertaining throughout the day. It was fantastic to get some insight into the plantations and some history of Louisiana on our way to both plantations. Both plantations were very different with the Old Oak very much like the Gone with the Wind images and the Laura in a Creole style (bright and colorful). Between both plantations themselves (both run their own small tours), the Laura tour run by Rocky was far superior to the Old Oak tour (run by someone else). Plenty of history on both tours but the delivery and the fact that the Laura plantation was a longer tour and included grounds and outlying buildings just made it a little more special. Highly recommended for any visitors to New Orleans and ask for Madison as your tour guide - you will love him! Thanks Madison for a great experience today.

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Mercedes J

Reviewed 2 days ago via mobile

Plantation & Swamp Tour!

Hopefully you are lucky enough to take this tour with Madison as your guide. The guy couldn't be more knowledgeable and passionate about NOLA. Once I booked my tour I was promptly contacted by Madison and gave me the run down regarding time and location of pick up. He was on time and his communication and interaction with each person was fantastic. He provided us with a short background of himself and he set the tone of the type of tour we will be having with him, which was great!

The ride to the plantation took about an hour or so and honestly it didn't seem long at all because Madison shared so much knowledge regarding the history (NOLA) of not only the city but the country lifestyle, which was very helpful and informative due to the nature of our trip to the plantations. As if that's not enough, he also shared what to expect at each plantation. From a short background of the plantation to the type of tour. He was the BEST! Non scripted, very knowledgeable and extremely passionate of what he does.

Customer service was excellent from start to finish. Madison has definitely set the bar high, I will definitely recommend this company and will be using them again when in NOLA.



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Reviewed 1 week ago

Great Tour. Ask for Madison!

My friends and I visited New Orleans for Mardi Gras and a Bachelorette celebration. Amidst all the partying, we wanted to get the most out of our visit - see some nature and learn more on the culture and history.

On this tour, we were the first group to arrive at Oak Alley Plantation because our meet up time was SUPER early in the morning. Pick up was from our hotel, really appreciated that. And it was worth it to get started so early.

Our tour guide / driver was Madison. He was really great with setting us up for what to expect and not shying away from the sad and horrible sides of American history and the atrocities of slavery. He was open, intelligent, and empathetic, I greatly appreciated the way he presented his stories, his pacing and timing in his speech, especially being a young millennial, asserted an intuitive wisdom way beyond his years. As a local, Madison gave interesting anecdotes that made the tour more personal and intimate, and he well prepped us for what we were going to experience.

Prior to going on this tour, I had a few friends mention that it made them uncomfortable, the idea of touring a plantation, because they thought it would be glorifying the place and not respecting the pain and suffering of the enslaved. I went into the tour not knowing much of what to expect and I was really grateful that Madison wasn't afraid of and didn't tip toe around the tough reality that slavery was a huge part of the history.

In fact Madison was so good at his job, he made the tour guides, who did a fine job, at the two plantations we visited, Oak Alley and Laura Plantation, seem amateur and simply not as good. We had a full bus that morning and everything went very smooth, the ride to and from was very comfortable. The grounds were beautiful and the overviews on property were good. I



Lindsay G 6 2

Reviewed 6 days ago

Oak Alley & Laura with Madison!

My mother and I had the pleasure of going to two very different plantation homes with Madison today. The homes were both a delight to see for different reasons. Our tour guide Madison was fantastic! He is bright, articulate and incredibly knowledgeable about Louisiana. Madison explained the rich and complex history surrounding the reprehensible slave trade. He also described the infrastructure and it's impact on LA. I highly recommend taking this tour. And hopefully you're lucky enough to get Madison as your guide!

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sharonsumy New York City, New York 60 26

Reviewed 4 weeks ago

Fantastic Full Day Tour

We just returned from New Orleans and had an amazing day with Madison and Old River Road Plantation Adventures. We chose the 2 Plantations plus lunch and a tour of the bayou and loved every minute. Madison was a wonderful driver and guide. We was very personable and made the drive up to the plantations a lot of fun. He was able to answer any and all questions and gave us great dining suggestions. The plantations, Evergreen and Laura, were fascinating and our on-premise guides, especially Desiree, were engaging and full of great information.

We cannot wait to return to New Orleans and see other plantations. Thank you Madison.



Patrick C Charlottesville, Virginia 53 13

Reviewed January 2, 2018

Great all day tour

We took 4 adults on combo tour: 2 plantations (Laura Plantation & Oak Alley Plantation). The best was bus driver "Madison" (a great young man from the area) giving an superb and fun overview and details on the drive out to the plantations and swamp tour. It was \$150 combo, but w/ transportation, lunch included, and 3 tours from 745-430pm, it was well worth it. I work as an Interpreter at an historical home in Virginia, and Madison was superb at describing southern Louisiana and the history there.



Marla2015 Freeburg, Illinois 22 14

Reviewed 6 days ago

Loved This Adventure

This is a must do activity while in New Orleans. We took the tour that included Oak Alley and the Creole plantation. I followed the directions the company gave me and called them when we arrived in New Orleans. They picked us up where and when they said they would....promptly. Our driver/guide was knowledgeable and entertaining. He kept us informed of what we were seeing and its history during our ride along the River Road. Both plantation tours were exceptional. We had time to poke around on our own at each stop, buy any souvenirs we wanted, and ask as many questions as we had. It was cold that day, but not even the weather could dim the experience. I would highly recommend this tour company...and their offerings. Thank you Madison!!



W9827HMjoem
Carlsbad,
California
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5 Reviewed December 25, 2017 via mobile

Fantastic Louisiana experience!

My wife and I booked the Laura Plantation and Oak Alley Plantation tour with our 3 adult daughters who had never been to New Orleans. Our guide Madison picked us up from our hotel - and from that moment on, we learned more about New Orleans and Creole history, culture, and lifestyle than we would have imagined. Madison is a bright young man who is passionate about sharing his knowledge of all things about New Orleans, and the rich history of the region. He was energetic and engaging, and really made the experience one that we will remember.



Joanna M
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5 Reviewed December 25, 2017 via mobile

Oak Alley & Laura Plantation tour

We toured both the oak alley and Laura plantations and had a great experience! Our tour guide Madison gave us history and context on the ride out which aptly prepared us for what we were going to see and experience. Not only did we gain history on each plantation and slavery, but Madison gave us great information that helped us understand how these plantations fit into both Louisiana and New Orleans history.



Judy13231607
Atlantic Beach,
Florida
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5 Reviewed November 30, 2017 via mobile

Wonderfull experience touring oak alley and Laura plantations

Madison, our tour guide provided an engrossing and informative narrative of the rich history of New Orleans, the surrounding areas and the history of the very different plantations on River Road. The well developed and informative perspective provided a vivid picture of the tragedy of slavery along side the very different experience of plantation families. The wealth gained from the toil of enslaved people could not be overlooked as we experienced the beauty of these historic dwellings. It was a memorable tour not to be forgotten.

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AthensFarmGirl
Athens,
Georgia
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5 Reviewed November 20, 2017

Oak Alley & Laura Plantations plus Swamp Tour

What a great experience! Our tour guide Madison was the best ~ funny, informative and professional. Both plantations provided a good overview of life of the owners and families down through the generations. The nice thing about these two plantations is they offer a nice compare and contrast as one is American style while the other is Creole. The tour at Laura Plantation is much more in depth and gives you a real feel of the people that lived there both free and slave. I recommend both.

The swamp tour was great. Saw lots of alligators, even had my picture taken with a baby alligator. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable as was his young son. I recommend this as well.

Overall, excellent experience. Lunch was pretty good as well.

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amwmakon
Fairmont, West
Virginia
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5 Reviewed November 10, 2017

Oak Alley & Laura Plantations with Madison

My husband and I took this tour with about 15 other people on a Sunday morning (nice time to go...before the heat and crowds hit). Madison was our tour guide, and he was the best. Friendly, knowledgeable, helpful. Loved that we were picked up and dropped off at our hotel (Hotel Monteleone). There was a 55 minute ride to Oak Alley, during which Madison pointed out items of interest and maintained general, informative conversation with the group. Oak Alley was absolutely beautiful. The oaks...just amazing. The house tour was interesting and informative. The slave exhibit was VERY well done. I would've liked to have had a little more time at Oak Alley to properly absorb it all. Laura was my favorite tour of the two. Smaller, more intimate settings. It also got more into the family relationships and the darkness of slavery. Tour visited other sites on the property and wove the property and family's history together very nicely. I would recommend these tours (and Madison) to anyone visiting the area. I plan to visit Evergreen with Old River Road Plantation Adventure the next time I'm in New Orleans. Fantastic experience!

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julie c
Toronto,
Canada
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5 Reviewed 6 days ago via mobile

Oak Alley and Laura Plantations

Great tour! Thanks Madison! Madison is a very informative/knowledgeable tour guide/great driver! The two very different plantations were great to see. Learned a lot about the business and, more importantly, the slaves who had to work at each plantation, about their hard lives, where and how they lived and how they survived. The individual plantation guides were excellent, too. Between, Madison, our driver and tour guide as we drove to the plantations, and the two on site guides, we learned a lot! Thank you!

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Susan H
Wenatchee,
Washington
61 26

5 Reviewed October 23, 2017

Wonderful tour

Our very friendly and knowledgeable guide, Madison met us at our hotel. We spent the afternoon with him and 4 other people. The tour consisted of driving out to two plantations~Oak Alley and Laura. Both were very interesting. Our concierge recommended this company and we would also.

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jdb91758
Holland,
Pennsylvania
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5 Reviewed March 9, 2017

Must see for the history buff

This was an unforgettable trip back in time. Our driver Madison was extremely well informed about all facets of New Orleans and southern Louisiana about all about history. The two plantations we toured Oak Alley and Laura were fascinating. I appreciated the unflinching accounts of the life of enslaved persons that we learned about at Laura (Creole) plantation. Madison was so helpful. he even provided us umbrella when an unexpected downpour happened. Money well spent!



Insgirl4543
Denver,
Colorado
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5 Reviewed September 25, 2015

This is a "don't miss" tour

We toured both the Laura Plantation and Oak Alley Plantation along with the swamp tour. It was a wonderful tour and our driver was an excellent driver and tour guide. While I wasn't too excited about the swamp tour, it turned out to be a very good experience and I'm glad I took the tour. Our guide for the swamp tour was so knowledgeable and funny! We actually got to hold a baby alligator.

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Sylvia H
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5 Reviewed September 29, 2015 via mobile

Laura plantation

Excellent tour guide, Madison, he was new but he knew the history really well and is a great story teller ! Gives more attention to the history of the plantation than the materialistic part of the tour! You really get to know the owners of the plantation !

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DrNic1144
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5 Reviewed June 3, 2017

Fantastic Tour guides!!

We went to Oak Alley and Laura Plantations, which were amazing. I would have liked more time at each one, but really enjoyed the visits. However, I feel I learned more from our fantastic tour guide, Madison. He was extremely friendly and knowledgeable. Made for an excellent experience. Highly recommend!

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mermaid1212
Boston,
Massachusetts
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5 Reviewed May 13, 2017

Great tour!

My friend and I had taken the Oak Alley and Evergreen Plantation tour. It was fabulous! We had Madison as our driver/tour guide to the plantations. He was professional, knowledgeable, and witty. I appreciated being contacted the day before with details of what time and where to meet for pick up. Madison gave great history on the drive out to the plantations, and answered all questions that were asked. The plantations themselves were beautiful. Evergreen was a special treat since it still has the slave cabins on site. Evergreen had more of a personal feel during the tour. Oak Alley was beautiful as well, and I especially enjoyed having a mint julep under an oak tree. A great recommendation from Madison. Overall, great part of my trip to New Orleans.



Alain C
Boca Raton,
Florida
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5 Reviewed April 23, 2017

An excellent visit activity

The tour guide "Madison" was exceptional, and very friendly. He made the 90 minutes bus ride a pleasure with plenty of explanations and history. We highly recommend. and ask for Madison.

Thank Alain C



daljalil
Colorado
Springs,
Colorado
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5 Reviewed April 22, 2017

Don't miss this!

Madison picked up us at our hotel and warmly welcomed us aboard. He immediately included us in the ongoing conversation with the other passengers. The ride to the Oak Alley and Evergreen Plantations took about an hour and the van was very comfortable. Madison is smart, funny, and very knowledgeable. During the ride to and from the plantations he held our interest with lots of stories and fun facts about the history, the culture, the food, and the people of NOLA. He had the answer to every question he was asked. The plantation tours were also very interesting and informative and the grounds beautiful. Miss Desiree, tour our guide at Evergreen Plantation, has an amazing presentation and had us all in awe. The total tour time (drive time and plantation time) was about 6 hours but it was never boring or slow. I highly recommend this tour on your next visit to the awesome city of NOLA.

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lambo98a
Seattle,
Washington
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5 Reviewed April 8, 2017

Learned so much!

It starts with our driver and guide Madison. He was really enthusiastic, knowledgeable and funny. The trip out to and back from the plantations, we went to Laura and Oak Tree, is 45 minutes or so each way, yet Madison made the time fly with his information and stories.

The Laura Plantation was really informative about the people who lived and worked there, making it very personal and meaningful to the visitor.

Really recommend this tour company and Madison if you are going to tour the plantations near New Orleans.

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jdb91758
Holland,
Pennsylvania
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5 Reviewed March 9, 2017

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Lynsee E
Sweet Home,
Oregon
17 6

5 stars Reviewed March 28, 2017

Amazing from start to finish!

I booked the Oak Alley & Evergreen plantation tours. The driver, Madison, called and texted beforehand to confirm the pick up time at my hotel and was promptly on time. He was extremely knowledgeable and entertaining during the approximately 50 minute each way trip. Oak Alley is a STUNNING house, I think it was my favorite of the four places I visited. Desiree was our guide at Evergreen and I cannot say enough good things about her! She was engaging and really held everyone's attention from start to finish. A boring history lesson this was not! The tour groups were relatively small at both locations which made it easy to hear and follow along with the guides. Two thumbs up for this tour, Madison, I would recommend it to anyone!

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Cat L
Cambridge,
Massachusetts
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5 stars Reviewed March 26, 2017

Information and History from Start to Finish

We took the 8am tour to Oak Alley and Laura plantations. Our tour guide, Madison, was OUTSTANDING! From the moment he pick up the 16 people on this tour at our various hotels until he dropped us back at our hotels around 2pm he was talking and providing information and stories. We had just a couple days in New Orleans and am so glad we did this tour because we really learned and experienced a great deal.

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Kristi H
Dayton,
Oregon
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5 stars Reviewed January 22, 2017

A view into the past

From start to finish this was an incredible tour. The knowledge of our tour guide Maddison kept us very informed. He was very prompt and accommodating and has lived in Louisiana all his life. The tour took us both to Oak Alley and the Laura Plantation. The only thing is we wish there was a bit more time that we could of walked around the grounds at Oak Alley. It was raining on our day and Maddison provided us each with our own umbrellas. There was only 6 in our group which made it very intimate. Highly recommend this tour company.

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David L
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5 stars Reviewed January 18, 2017

Great tour and guide

Very interesting tour -- I think it is vital to see the plantations and hear their history as you enjoy the rich culture of the rest of the New Orleans area. Madison was an awesome guide. I've done a lot of these kinds of tours and he was one of the best -- friendly, knowledgeable, really made it an adventure. Highly recommended! Be sure to have enough time to see all the places at Oak Alley as there is a lot to cover. Laura plantation is fascinating as well -- be sure to ask lots of questions!

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marymitchell
Gainesville,
Georgia
13 1

5 stars Reviewed January 17, 2017

Fantastic Tour

Madison was our tour guide and he is very knowledgeable. We had couples on the tour from 3 different countries and he was able to relate the tour information to everyone. He made sure we knew what time he would pick us up and where. He drove safely. I enjoyed listening to him talk about the culture and lifestyle of the area. He made sure that we knew what to expect at each plantation. The plantation tours were excellent, Oak Alley and Laura Plantation very different tours. Glad we didn't drive ourselves, we would have missed learning so much from Madison. He is as knowledgeable as the plantation tour guides.

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Tiffany S
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5 stars Reviewed December 27, 2016

Pickup for Oak Valley & Laura Plantation tour

Madison (male) was our driver and guide for this tour. He picked us up on time from our French Quarter hotel and immediately made me feel at ease. On the drive out of New Orleans, he provided informative and interesting commentary on the city and surrounding land. We had originally signed up for the Evergreen Plantation but switched to the Laura Plantation per Madison's recommendation to see contrasting architectural and lifestyles. He let us know what to expect for each tour and everything went as expected. Definitely recommend this company for those interested in visiting sugarcane plantations...an important part of American history that cannot be ignored.

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RoseRN199
Orange,
California
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5 stars Reviewed November 9, 2016

A Memorial to the Slaves at the Whitney Plantation

This tour was the highlight of our trip to New Orleans. I still can not stop thinking about all I learned on this tour. Our guide was so knowledgeable. He taught us in this two-hour tour as if he was a history professor. He left us wanting to learn more. I was especially moved that this is the only memorial to slaves in the U.S. If you can only do one plantation tour, I would not miss this one.

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Mount Vernon,
Washington
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Quite a trip and a lot to see

Signed up for this since I've always wanted to go to the plantations. The drive out was an hour long, but most interesting scenery. The first stop was Oak Alley which is a large beautiful plantation that is beautifully presented. The tour with the dresses young ladies was most enjoyable. Liked seeing the furniture and hear all about the home and area. The picture taking made it a nice visit.

I liked the Laura Plantation better. The guide gave us such a verbal tour that it was wonderful to walk on this Creole area. The heat and humidity were intense so was not able to keep up with all of the tour. Had to quit when we sat to hear about the slaves. Must have been the emotional portion that drained me. They had cats roaming the place too.

I bought the book since the family tree and description was so absorbing, I wanted to hear more. Even bought one of the fan's. It helped keep us a little bit less sweaty.

On the drive home our drive, forgot his name, gave us a run down of where he likes to eat in the French Quarter. That took almost the entire trip back. Enjoyed his talk and wished I could have remembered his name. I do have pictures of him. Was unable to give him the tip that he deserved too.

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