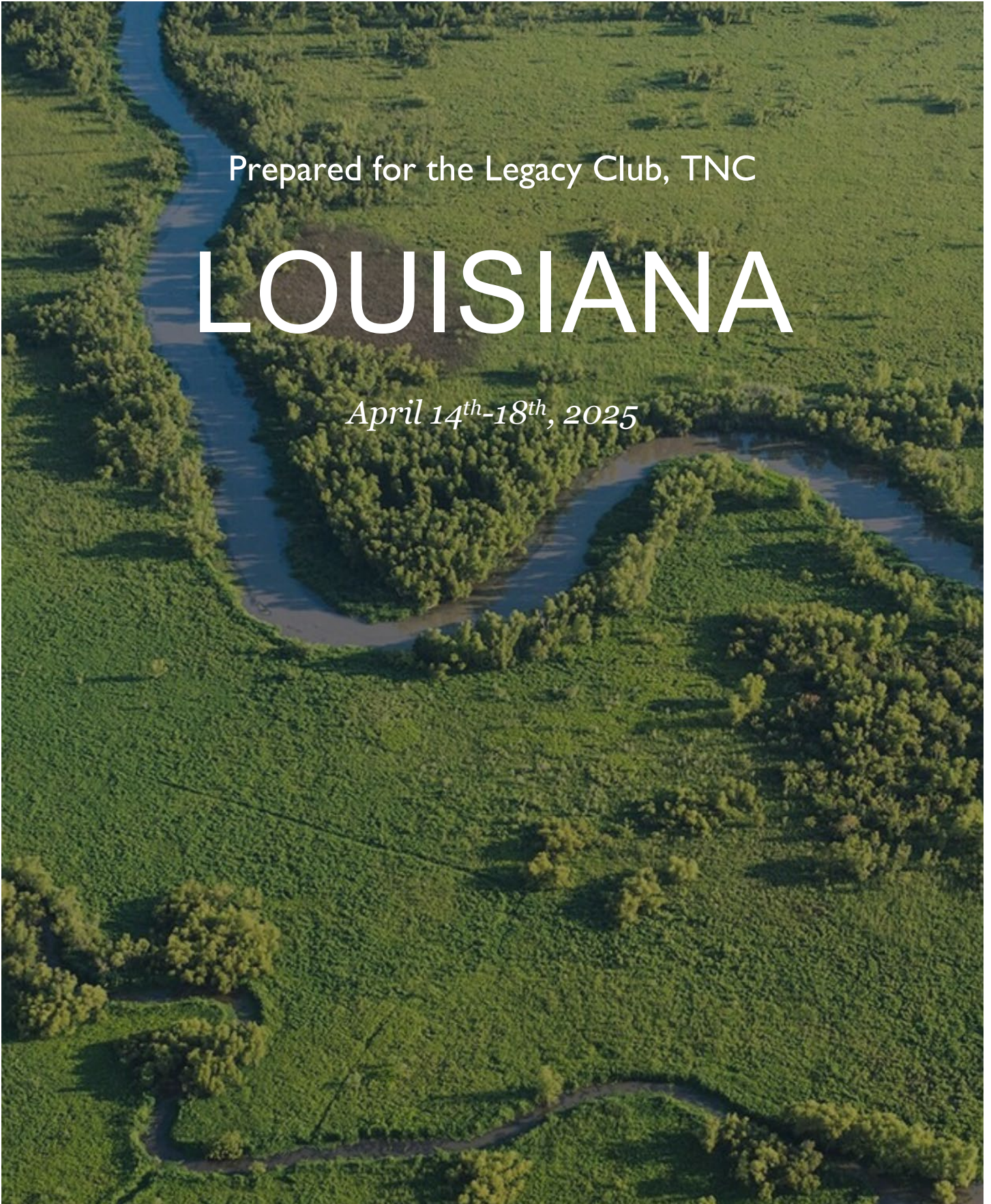


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LOUISIANA

April 14th-18th, 2025



WELCOME TO LOUISIANA!

From Jazz Fest in New Orleans to crawfish boils in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana is synonymous with a number of unique and lasting traditions. Through seventeen actively managed preserves and seven freshwater, terrestrial and estuarine projects, The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure that the state's natural wonders are also long-lived.

On this trip, you will visit important conservation sites and have the opportunity to meet the everyday conservation heroes that make it happen. Explore nearby Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve and hike along the boardwalks, viewing longleaf pine savanna, bayhead swamp, and slash-pine pond cypress woodland. Longleaf pine, which takes a century to mature, provides benefits for both people and nature - from storm resilience to the unique plants and animals that thrive in its understory.

Stroll through a cypress-tupelo swamp and bottomland hardwood forest, marveling at the site of old trees covered in Spanish moss. Keep a close eye out for turtles, migratory birds, and alligators! You'll visit a wading bird rookery that is filled with a host of nesting birds including herons, egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, and Prothonotary Warblers. Finally, hear how The Nature Conservancy is aiming to restore the Atchafalaya flood plain, which is teeming with fish and wildlife, by connecting local stakeholders with conservation work in the area.

Throughout this journey, you'll get an insider's look at conservation in Louisiana as we connect the work that's being done in the uplands, wetlands, and coast. A unique adventure, it is a side of Louisiana that most visitors never see.

CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

ABITA CREEK FLATWOOD PRESERVE

Longleaf pine was once the dominant tree in the southeastern United States, covering 90 million acres from Texas to North Carolina. Today the Conservancy is working extensively to restore this magnificent tree. While walking along the boardwalks in Abita Creek, view the longleaf pine savanna, longleaf flatwoods, bayhead swamp, and slash pine- pond cypress woodland. The Conservancy has chosen this area as a platform to demonstrate restoration and management due to the presence of unique native communities, rare native species, and longleaf pine flatwood savanna. By implementing restoration practices and partnering with conservation-minded landowners, TNC is well on the way to protecting 10,000 acres here.

CYPRESS ISLAND PRESERVE

This remarkable natural area is home to Little Blue Herons, Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets and Roseate Spoonbills that make their nests and rear their young in the rookery. The levee trail is easily accessible for wildlife viewing, particularly in the spring. The Nature Conservancy is working to maintain 10,000 acres of natural cypress-tupelo swamps and bottomland hardwood forest. By doing so, TNC supports a diverse array of iconic Louisiana species that thrive here.

ATCHAFALAYA RIVER BASIN

At nearly a million acres, the Atchafalaya River Basin is North America's largest floodplain swamp and Louisiana's most important natural habitat. Deep woods, fertile marshes, and meandering waters provide essential habitat for a variety of wildlife, fish, and native plants. The Basin also works to absorb floodwaters and filter water. The Nature Conservancy is working to conserve and restore the Basin's resources as habitat destruction and alteration have taken their toll on the waters. Today, TNC is working to restore natural water flows, developing systems for monitoring current conditions, and connecting local stakeholders with conservation work in the area.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Louisiana

April 14

MONDAY

Arrive in New Orleans, Louisiana – the land of Louis Armstrong and jambalaya – by 11:00 a.m. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be welcomed by your Iconic Leader and transferred to Audubon Riverview Park. Here, convene for a picnic-in-the-park and an overview of the exciting days ahead. We will continue towards the French Quarter afterwards, dropping our luggage at Hotel Provincial before beginning a locally guided historical walking tour of the city. As you wind your way through the streets, be sure to peek into courtyards to discover some of the hidden gems of the Big Easy.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon getting settled in. This evening, dine at Tujague's – a 160-year-old New Orleans institution that is known as the grande dame of restaurants in a city renowned for its cuisine.

Overnight at Hotel Provincial, New Orleans, LA

April 15

TUESDAY

After breakfast at the hotel, pack up and head for the first TNC property of the week: Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve, a nearly 1,000-acre area supporting significant longleaf pine savanna habitat. As one of the most diverse and threatened habitats in North America, this preserve supports nearly 30 rare native plants including carnivorous pitcher plants and several species of rare animals.

Local TNC staff will be on hand to help you explore this beautiful preserve and learn about the importance of fire to the surrounding natural habitat.

Lunch today is in the town of Abita Springs, home to the well-known export, Abita beer. Enjoy a native pint over lunch before making your way to the Cajun town of Breaux Bridge. Settle into one of two small, neighboring bed and breakfasts before enjoying a Louisiana crawfish boil at Cypress Island. Connect with Bryan Piazza and Seth Blitch who will be with you for the remainder of the trip as guides and boat captains.

Overnight at Maison des Amis and Old City Hotel, Breaux Bridge, LA

April 16
WEDNESDAY

After enjoying breakfast at a local café, make a short trip south to Cypress Island Preserve. Overflowing with alligators, egrets, turtles and ubiquitous migrating birds, the preserve will be sure to entertain and educate. TNC staff will meet you here and share their work with this beautiful landscape.

Return to Breaux Bridge for lunch and spend the afternoon exploring, antiquing in town, or, for those that are interested, have an opportunity to hop on a boat tour for a different view of Cypress Island Preserve.

Dinner this evening is at a local favorite, Cafe Syndie Mae.

Overnight at Maison des Amis and Old City Hotel, Breaux Bridge, LA

April 17
THURSDAY

This morning, set off to explore the heart of the Atchafalaya River Basin. On arrival, board TNC skiffs and spend the day on the water. The Atchafalaya River Basin contains the largest remaining contiguous block of forested wetlands in the lower Mississippi River Valley and is well-known for its cypress-tupelo swamps.

A prime viewing area for migratory birds, keep your eyes out! Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Atchafalaya Conservation Center before returning to New Orleans in the early evening.

Overnight at Hotel Provincial, New Orleans, LA

April 18
FRIDAY

After breakfast at the hotel, bid your fellow travelers goodbye. Shuttles to the airport will be provided mid-morning.

COSTS

Total per person based on 13 guests in shared accommodation: \$5,560 USD

Notes:

Single Occupancy Cost: \$6,160

Double Occupancy Cost: \$5,560

This cost includes:

Accommodations

All ground transportation

All meals beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 5

All activities

All gratuities

All park entrance fees and permitting

All guides

Iconic Leaders

Client hosts

A commission back to the host program

This cost does not include:

Travel to and from trip start

Travel insurance

Incidentals and spa services

Alcohol, beyond the welcome reception

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment and Cancellation Terms

As a reminder, all payment requests will be sent through WeTravel. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre/post nights or extra transfers.

Deposit:

\$1,500 per person due at time of registration

- Cancellation within 7 days of registering: Deposit is 100% refundable
- Cancellation outside of 7-day registration window: Deposit is non-refundable

Full Trip Payment:

Due 150 days prior to trip start

- Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable
- Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable

If you need to cancel, please contact Iconic Adventures via concierge@iconicadventures.com.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Iconic Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions. Our team is available to advise on paying invoices, arrival and departure details, packing lists, request mobility accommodations, and more.

You may reach us at concierge@iconicadventures.com. Note that emails sent over the weekend will be responded to on Monday at our earliest availability. Email is the preferred (and quickest!) way to reach us.

We are also available via phone: (877) 706-4266. Our team will respond within 24 hours during the work week. Please allow us time to respond before reaching out to The Nature Conservancy directly.

We look forward to traveling with you soon!

The Iconic Team

TNC TRAVEL VALUES

Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places; you'll see how you are helping save them.

Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.

TNC TRAVELER EXPECTATIONS

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review [TNC's Code of Conduct](#) prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. **To that end, when registering for a TNC trip, you are agreeing to uphold the Code.**

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are: respect for each other, respect for the world around us and acting with integrity. The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

1) Respect all people, places and perspectives.

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

2) Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

3) Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

4) Employ an attitude of flexibility.

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at travel@tnc.org.