

## BLNR Group Coordinator Recent Trip

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What better way to start a 14-day cruise than arriving early in one of my absolute favorite cities, New Orleans!

I had the joy of leading a wonderful group of 8 travelers, and for several of them, it was their very first time experiencing the magic of NOLA...which made it even more special.

We kicked things off with a meaningful and eye-opening day. Our first tour combined a visit to the [Whitney Plantation](#), where the story of slavery is told from the perspective of the enslaved, followed by a city tour focused on the 9th Ward, an area deeply impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Powerful, moving, and unforgettable.



The next day, we leaned all the way into the flavor of New Orleans with a walking food tour, and oh my goodness, it did not disappoint! If you love good food (and who doesn't?), this is a must-do.

And if you enjoy peach cobbler, make reservations at [Dooky Chase's Restaurant](#), a New Orleans institution since the early 1950s and known as a place where civil rights leaders could safely "meet and strategize." The food is amazing, and the peach cobbler is one of the best I've ever had!

Day three brought us to the iconic [St. Louis Cemetery No. 1](#), the only cemetery in New Orleans that charges an entrance fee, and absolutely worth it. The history, the architecture, the stories...fascinating!





And then...time to set sail! We boarded our 14-day Norwegian Cruise Line adventure, with incredible stops in Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama,



Colombia, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and two beautiful ports in Mexico.

Great company, meaningful experiences, delicious food, and a little adventure sprinkled in, just the way travel should be.

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