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Responding to a Changing Climate:
Resilience and Adaptation in New Orleans

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Scientific evidence shows that recent changes in temperature, warming oceans, glacial retreat, rising sea levels and extreme weather events are likely to be the result of human activity and are proceeding at an alarming rate. These impacts can be observed firsthand in New Orleans, where coastal storm surge has assaulted the city and its citizens. Yet, like its waters, New Orleans rises – with energy and pride restored. Affectionately nicknamed, "The City that Care Forgot," you'll meet those in New Orleans who care deeply about the city's future. Visit the site of a notorious levee break during Hurricane Katrina and learn about efforts to protect against future flooding. Explore the bayou on a swamp boat in the heart of the delta. And find your rhythm on an exclusive walking tour with a Grammy-winning jazz musician through the French Quarter. A case study in resiliency, adaptation and heart, the Chautauqua Institute invites you to explore the challenges and consequences of a changing climate on this five-day journey to "The Big Easy."

Trip Highlights

- Visit the site of a catastrophic levee break that left New Orleans under water for weeks – and learn about the flood control mechanisms that helped the city emerge stronger and more resilient.
- Witness the jaw-dropping wildlife diversity of the bayou on a boat tour through cypress swamps.
- Learn the life cycle of your etouffee alongside an oyster fisherman whose family has made its living for five generations in the brackish waters surrounding New Orleans before gathering for a Gulf-to-Table seafood lunch.
- Stroll through the French Quarter on an exclusive musical tour with a Grammy-winning jazz musician (and former Chautauqua guest) – and enjoy front-row seats as he joins the band onstage.
- Toast your journey at a historic farm on the banks of the Mighty Mississippi – and learn about how the river has shaped the city and its inhabitants.

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Itinerary

Sunday, Day 1: Ease into the Big Easy

Start your journey with a private welcome dinner at one of New Orleans' oldest restaurants. Hear from Chautauqua's Director of Climate Initiatives, Mark Wenzler, about the issues facing the planet and the Crescent City in particular, setting the stage for the next four days as we prepare to explore the balance between reversing climate change and strategies for adapting to the realities of its worst effects. **Meals:** D,R

Monday, Day 2: Coastal Wetlands Restoration, Resilience and Climate Change

Start the day in Little Vietnam, with a visit to the Dong Phuong Bakery, crafting banh mi and baked goods for 40 years. Meet the owners and find out what attracted them to the delta. Join a local scientist and community organizer for a walk in the Bayou Sauvage Wildlife Refuge, the country's second largest urban wildlife refuge. And try your hand at citizen science at the Coastal Education and Research Facility, where you will be able to measure water quality and salinity with the center's director. Explore the expansive cypress swamps and rich wetland ecosystem that characterizes the region with a floating picnic through the tranquil cypress, tupelo, and oak-forested swamps. Traverse one of the largest estuaries in the United States as you return to your hotel for an evening to explore the city on your own. **Meals:** B,L

Tuesday, Day 3: Living with Water

Spend the morning in City Park, a 1,300-acre urban oasis that has provided a natural refuge for New Orleans' residents since 1854. You'll join a local naturalist to explore the Park – including the world's largest stand of mature live oaks – and hear how the failure of the federal levee system following Hurricane Katrina submerged much of this urban gem for weeks. Learn about the Park's subsequent use of vegetation, soils, and natural processes to improve water quality, support economic development, and beautify the community. Continue to the London Avenue Canal, which was breached during Hurricane Katrina and observe the flood protection measures that have since been deployed to protect the city. Gather for lunch as a group at Dooky Chase's – a beloved family-owned restaurant that has become a gathering place for musicians, civil rights leaders, and politicians, including Presidents George W. Bush and Barack

Obama. Tonight, join celebrated jazz trumpeter, Grammy award winner, leader of the Dukes of Dixieland, and former Chautauqua guest, Kevin Ray Clark. Kevin will take you to two of the French Quarter's premier music venues, where you will sip signature cocktails, chat with local musicians about the city's world-renowned music scene, and enjoy some of the best seats in the house as your host joins the band onstage. **Meals:** L, Cocktails

Wednesday, Day 4: Of Farms and Fishes

Meet with Arthur Johnson, CEO of the Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED), a community-based organization that was launched after Katrina to help the Lower Ninth Ward recover and rebuild sustainably. Learn about the Center's efforts to empower its residents to address their needs for food security, personal safety, and renewable energy. Then, meet with Don Robin, a legacy fisherman, whose family has been making its living from the waters surrounding New Orleans for five generations. Robin will share a firsthand account of the process of oyster harvesting and the growing environmental challenges faced by those who depend on these waters. After, enjoy a Gulf-to-Table seafood lunch on one of the Robins' family docks on the historic waterfront. Your journey continues at Docville Farm, an idyllic educational center on the banks of the Mississippi River. Ascend to Docville's rooftop river observatory, where Blaise Pezold, the Farm's Director of Environmental and Coastal Initiatives will explore how the River has shaped the people, the land, and the economy in the region – and how this relationship has evolved with a changing climate. Then enjoy a final celebratory dinner reception featuring food that is bayou born and internationally inspired in the historic barn. **Meals:** L,D,R

Thursday, Day 5: Departure

Depart any time for individual flights home.

Your Experts

Mark Wenzler, Chautauqua Climate Director | Mark Wenzler begins his service to Chautauqua Institution as Director of the Climate Change Initiative on June 14, 2021. He works primarily out of the Institution's Washington, D.C., office while also maintaining a significant presence on the grounds at Chautauqua during each Summer Assembly and otherwise as called for by Climate Change Initiative programs and experiences. Under Mark's direction, the Climate Change Initiative has three primary areas of focus: education, stewardship and justice.

Before Chautauqua, Mark served as senior vice president for conservation programs at the National Parks Conservation Association, a not-for-profit organization working since 1919 to protect and enhance America's National Park system for present and future generations. He created and managed multiple programs focused on addressing climate change, air and water pollution, landscape conservation, energy development and sustainability.

Mark also directed the climate and energy programs at the National Environmental Trust (now the Pew Charitable Trust's Environment Group). He is a lawyer who began his career as a deputy attorney general prosecuting environmental cases for the New Jersey Division of Law, Environmental Practice Group, and later joined the Public Justice legal advocacy organization to represent organizations and communities in pursing environmental justice against polluters.

Mark volunteers as chair of the board of trustees of Experience Learning, a high-alpine wilderness-based nonprofit focusing on experiential learning adventure programs for children and adults. He also volunteers as secretary of the board of directors of Climate Ride, a non-profit that runs multiday cycling and hiking adventures around the globe, raising awareness and funds to fight climate change and advance a just and sustainable future. He previously served as volunteer chair of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Sierra Club.

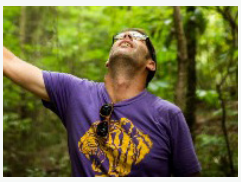
Mark earned his law degree at Syracuse University, where he also completed a master's degree in international relations at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, with a focus on economic and environmental policy. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at Providence College. A New Jersey shore native, he resides in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., with his spouse Dare, daughter Nina and dog Ranger. He is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys backpacking, bike touring, backcountry skiing, paddling, wilderness running and adventure travel.

Featured Site Visit Speakers

Arthur Johnson, Executive Director Lower 9th Ward, Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development | Arthur Johnson was born in Washington, D.C. but his roots are in New Orleans and date back to visits with his grandmother who lived in the Lower 9th Ward on Fostall Street. Arthur earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from The George Washington University and the University of the District of Columbia, respectively. He relocated to New Orleans in 1999 where he has established himself as an accomplished fundraising professional and non-profit leader with a number of educational institutions and non-profit organizations. As the Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development's Chief Executive Officer, Arthur is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization and works closely with staff and volunteers to advance CSED's key initiatives focused on Food Security, the Natural Environment and the Built Environment.

Barbara Johnson, Founder, The Great Delta Tours | Barbara Johnson, MPA, is President and CEO of The Great Delta Company, a New Orleans-based community and economic development firm that provides consultant services and ecotour experiences that inspire stewardship, advocacy and engagement in building community resilience and economic prosperity. The eco-experiences created by The Great Delta Tours offer a unique, immersive and first-hand opportunity to explore the natural, cultural, and economic richness and importance of coastal New Orleans. Barbara also has over 20 years of experience as a practitioner and has held executive positions with GNO, Inc., the MetroVision Economic Development Partnership and the Downtown Development District of New Orleans.

Dinah Maygarden, Director, University of New Orleans, Coastal Education and Research Facility | Dinah Maygarden is Research Associate and Director of Coastal Education Program at the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans. She received a B.Sc. from the University of Wales and a M.A., Science Teaching from the University of New Orleans. Since 1997 she has worked at UNO implementing educational projects for K-12 and adult audiences with the goal of increasing public understanding of Louisiana's coastal zone. Ms. Maygarden explores real world science problems with teachers, K-12 students and adult learners.



Blaise Pezold, Coastal and Environmental Program Manager, Meraux Foundation | Blaise Pezold is the Coastal and Environmental Program Manager for the Arlene and Joseph Meraux Charitable Foundation. Blaise's work focuses on restoring the Mississippi Delta via dredging, oyster reefs, and vegetative restoration projects. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, foraging and searching for heirloom seeds.

Don Robin, Oysterman and Owner, Robin Seafood | Don Robin is owner of Robin Seafood, one of the largest oyster harvesters in Louisiana. Don's business is located on the picturesque banks of Bayou la Loutre in Ycloskey, LA, a hub of Louisiana's fishing industry that produces the second largest seafood catch in America. The Robins represent six generations of Islenos families recruited from the Canary Islands to Louisiana in the late 19th century. The Robins' families have survived hurricanes and other disasters to supply restaurants and markets in New Orleans with the seafood that has made the City famous for its cuisine.

About Your Hotel

The Eliza Jane is a historic property that has been reimagined as a modern boutique hotel just two blocks from the vibrant French Quarter, allowing easy access to the city's highlights without the noise. This charming oasis in the heart of New Orleans' Business District is built within nine historic warehouses with an open courtyard garden. The property features a fitness center, lobby bar and lounge ("The Press Room") with locally inspired cocktails, and a charming French restaurant, "Couvant."

Price:

$2,995 pp

For a single room add: $675 pp

Terms and Conditions

Our Policies
When you enroll in a trip, you are asked to sign our *Terms & Conditions*. We require all travelers to sign this document before traveling with us. Please review this document in its entirety below and submit your signature at the end.

TRIP COST
Prices are listed in U.S. dollars and are based on a person sharing a room with another. While we do our best to maintain the listed price, because our prices are set over a year in advance, we reserve the right to change costs due to extraordinary circumstances beyond our control. The land cost is based on a minimum number of guests.

WHAT IS INCLUDED
- Comprehensive educational program by professional on-site guides
- Accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Ground transportation within the itinerary unless otherwise indicated
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities to porters, drivers, and guides
- The assistance of an ATA tour manager for comprehensive logistical and customer service management on the trip
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions, travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, or other services
- Comprehensive pre-departure information about the destination and what to expect on the trip, including a suggested reading list

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED
- U.S. domestic or international airfare or other transportation from your home to the departure point of the trip and from the end point of the trip to your home
- Airport transfers and baggage handling
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport, visa, airport departure and excess baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals
- Personal items such as telephone, fax and internet charges, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included
- Gratuities for non-group services
- Expenses resulting from delays due to bad weather, road conditions, sickness, government action, and flight delays
- Expenses incurred in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the trip

SINGLE OCCUPANCY
A limited number of single rooms or cabins are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis, but availability cannot be guaranteed.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
$500 per person deposit upon application. Balance due upon receipt of invoice, 60 days before departure. Acceptable forms of payment for the deposit are personal check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final payment may be made by credit card, check or wire transfer. If final payment is not received by 60 days prior to departure, your space is subject to cancellation. If you are making a reservation within 60 days of the trip's departure, full payment will be required upon confirmation.

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INSURANCE
We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. We will send you information from Travel Insure Services, or you may obtain coverage through a company of your choice. All ATA trips include Emergency Evacuation Insurance as part of the trip price.

A NOTE ABOUT THE ITINERARY
While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification by ATA. Rest assured that, should any changes be needed, ATA commits to deliver an experience as outstanding as the one originally planned.

Fitness to Travel, Active Elements
To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical or mental condition requiring special attention, diets, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made (or at such later time when you become aware of such a condition). We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the travel program or the enjoyment of other participants. All health information is protected and treated as confidential.

Some of our trips incorporate active elements such as hiking, climbing, biking, or canoeing. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the level of activity that will be involved in your trip and assessing your ability and willingness to participate. Any such activity is entirely optional. In some cases, on-site providers may require you to sign an additional waiver/release to participate in an activity that involves additional risks or a certain fitness level.

In these cases, we do our best to share these waivers with you in advance of the trip. By registering for this trip, you are representing that that you are physically and mentally able to understand the risks, foreseeable and unforeseeable; to safely participate in the selected activities and services; and of sufficient intelligence and maturity to understand and follow safety protocols.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO
Participant agrees that The Chautauqua Institution and ATA (and/or their respective affiliates) may record Participant by any means including, without limitation, electronic recording, film, videotape, audio tape, live-stream and photography and Participant hereby grants to The Chautauqua Institution and ATA (and their respective affiliates) the gratis right to use, publish, display and broadcast Participant's name, likeness, voice, quotes, and images in whole or in part, by any and all formats now known or hereinafter developed throughout the world including, without limitation, in advertising materials, promotional materials, social media, commercial tie-ups and live-streaming productions. Participant also releases The Chautauqua Institution and ATA (and their respective affiliates) from any and all claims and causes of action Participant may have now or in the future based upon defamation, misappropriation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity or similar claims, and Participant agrees not to institute any legal action based on any of the grounds specified herein.

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Dates, schedules, program details, and featured speakers although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication of the brochure or catalog, are subject to change and revision.

AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ANY APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST AGREE TO THE STATEMENT SET FORTH BELOW:

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