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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN OFFERS NEW ORLEANS TOUR

Lansing, Mich.—The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) debuts its “**Michiganders on the Road**” tour program with a **nine-day, eight-night tour of historic sites in New Orleans; Memphis, Tennessee; and Vicksburg, Mississippi**. The “Old Man River Tour,” which takes place from **May 13 to May 21, 2017**, departs from the HSM offices in Lansing, Michigan, with two pickup stops within the state in Grand Rapids and St. Joseph. **The tour follows the historic Lower Mississippi River from Memphis to New Orleans** and offers stops at premier historical sites.



**A detailed itinerary can be downloaded from HSM’s website: [hsmichigan.org](http://hsmichigan.org).** Reservations can be made online or by calling (800) 692-1828.

Tour highlights include a full day at the National World War II Museum, a carriage tour of New Orleans’ famed French Quarter, an ecology tour of New Orleans swamps, a visit to the antebellum Oak Alley sugar plantation, an evening dinner cruise aboard the Steamboat *Natchez*, an all-day tour of the Mississippi River Museum and a riverboat cruise aboard the *Island Queen*. Leading the tour is HSM staff member Robert Myers, who is the Society’s Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events and has led bus tours throughout the country, including several trips to New Orleans.

**The tour fee is \$1,995 per person and includes motor coach transportation; all lodging; all dinners and breakfasts; and all admission fees, taxes, and gratuities.** Historical Society of Michigan membership is required; memberships start at \$25. Price is based on double occupancy. **The registration deadline is April 1, 2017.**

The Michiganders on the Road motor coach tour program was developed by HSM to allow participants to experience the culture and heritage of all 50 states. Other tours will be announced on

HSM's website as they become available.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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High-resolution versions of images are available upon request.