

SAA: Asian Art and Heritage in NOLA

April 14th - 18th, 2021



Samavasarana, the Holy Assembly of Jinas, c. 1825–1875
Ink, opaque watercolor and gold on paper, 23 x 20 in.

On loan to NOMA from the collection Dr. Siddharth K. Bhansali

Please join the Society for Asian Art and Tour Lecturer Robert Del Bontà for a trip to New Orleans, where we will have the rare opportunity to see Asian treasures at New Orleans Museum of Art and in private hands. We will also spend a half day at The National World War II Museum and take a walking tour of the Garden District.

OPTIONAL ON YOUR OWN: Consider enjoying Sunday jazz brunch at the legendary Commander's Palace; or add an extra day to visit the Whitney Plantation Museum, the only museum in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people.

***** **Tour In Brief** *****

DAY 1: Wednesday, April 14th

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- ***Bienvenue to NOLA!*** Arrive at Louis Armstrong International Airport, and transfer to the hotel independently.
- Check in to **International House**, a boutique hotel located two blocks from the French Quarter and Bourbon Street in a beaux-arts building with interiors that combine a modish Big Easy flavor with stylish minimalism.
Check-in time: 4 p.m. <https://www.ihhotel.com/>
Specially Reserved for SAA members:
Standard rooms with high ceilings and a choice of one King or two Double Beds (averaging 325-375 sq. ft.), and a mini-fridge. Large granite-and-marble bathrooms are equipped with hair dryers and robes. Room service is not offered, and rooms do not have a minisafe (though guests may use the safe at Reception). There is a small but well-equipped gym. WiFi is free of charge.
- Evening wine & cheese at the hotel in a private gallery space, and introductory talk by our scholar, **Robert Del Bontà**.
- Dinner on your own. *A List of Suggested Restaurants will be provided.*

DAY 2: Thursday, April 15th

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- Continental Breakfast is included daily. Vouchers will be provided at check-in.

- Morning self-guided visit at **The National WWII Museum**.
- Lunch on your own at one of two restaurants in the WWII Museum
- Afternoon tours with **Bob Del Bontà** at the **New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA)** of three special exhibitions: “*Buddha and Shiva, Lotus and Dragon*,” “*The Pursuit of Salvation: Jain Art from India*” and “*Arte Sacra: Roman Catholic Art from Portuguese India*.”
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 3: Friday, April 16th

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- Morning docent-led tour at the NOMA of “*Orientalism: Taking and Making*.”
- Lunch on your own at Café NOMA
- Afternoon visit at the **private collection of Gitter/Yelen** to see Edo-era paintings.
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 4: Saturday, April 17th

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- Morning guided **walking tour of the Garden District** with a local architectural historian.
- Lunch on your own at nearby eateries. *Suggestions will be provided by your guide.*
- Afternoon visit at the **private collection of Dr. Siddharth Bhansali**.
- Final dinner at **Antoine’s**, renowned for French-Creole classics served in an elegant setting.

DAY 5: Sunday, April 18th

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Au revoir to NOLA! The tour officially ends. Participants arrange their own travel including airport transfers (at additional cost). *See Suggested Flight Options following the Itinerary.*

Suggested Flight Options

There are a number of flight options available. We suggest the non-stop flights on United, as follows:

From San Francisco (SFO) to New Orleans (MSY):

United Depart SFO 8:35 a.m. / Arrive MSY 2:43 p.m. non-stop (4hr8)
 Depart MSY 3:45 p.m. / Arrive SFO 6:41 p.m. non-stop (4hr56)

Economy Fare as of January 6th: \$716.05 including taxes (cancel for free within 24 hours of booking; excludes additional baggage charge). Flight times and fares are subject to change until the time of ticketing.

The Details:

- \$1,395 (per person double occupancy, based on a minimum group size of 15)
- \$ 395 Single Room Supplement
- \$ 225 Pre- or post-tour extra night, per room (*includes tax, excludes breakfast*)
- Upgrades are available upon request, and subject to availability.

The tour cost includes:

- Accompaniment by Robert Del Bontà
- 4 nights’ accommodation with free WiFi
- Breakfast daily, one welcome reception, and one dinner including wine
- Fees for curators, docents and guides
- Entrance fees and donations to all sites

Not included are:

- Airfare to and from New Orleans (MSY)
- Airport transfers in SF and NOLA
- Porterage at the hotel; housekeeping gratuities (\$3 per room per day is suggested)
- Transportation to, from and between sites, as specified (taxi, ride-share, public transport)

- Meals and beverages not indicated
- Items for personal use, including phone and fax charges, minibar, and laundry services
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guides and drivers
- Tickets to any events or performances

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations received prior to Feb. 10th.....\$500
 Cancellations received on or after Feb. 10th:.....Total cost

In the event the tour needs to be canceled due to acts of God or government authorities, natural disasters, pandemics or other emergencies, monies will be refunded in full.

Difficulty Level: MODERATE

This trip will spend considerable time standing in museums and will require being able to be on your feet for extended periods. We will be walking to many of the trip sites which will take 10 to 20 minutes.

Health Requirements:

Travelers must have proof of a negative COVID-19 test or proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and be in good health and with good mobility to enjoy this program. Travelers should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of participants on long days of touring. Any condition that may require any individual accommodations or special medical attention must be reported at the time you make your reservation. Travel insurance is recommended for this trip; information will be sent upon sign-up.

Please complete and send this Reservation Form with your full payment (by check, American Express, Visa or MasterCard) to: TRAVEL MUSE INC., 369 Montezuma Avenue, #319, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the postmarked date. Upon receipt of your payment, we will send you the complete Itinerary, a Liability Release Form, a Participant Information Form and a Credit Statement for your records.

I/We would like to join the SAA Tour to NOLA! Please reserve _____ spaces.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

PAYMENT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

_____ Check enclosed (*payable to Travel Muse Inc.*).

_____ Please charge my card no. _____

Expiry _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

_____ I/We would like to share a room with two beds. My roommate will be: _____

_____ I would like to have a room with one bed for single occupancy, and will pay the single supplement of \$395.

_____ Please assist me in finding a roommate. (*If none can be found, I will pay the single rate.*)

_____ I/we would like to have a _____ non-smoking room _____ smoking room

DIETARY ISSUES

Please advise if there any food allergies as well as any foods you prefer not to eat:

For a complete Itinerary or for any questions, please contact Meg MacDonald, Travel Muse Inc., at (617) 480-0250 or meg@travelmuse.net