

# Asian Art and Heritage in NOLA

March 23-27, 2022



*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 Dr. Robert J. 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, March 23rd**

**R**

- **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 J. Del Bontà**.
- Dinner on your own. *A List of Suggested Restaurants will be provided.*

## **DAY 2: Thursday, March 24th**

**B**

- 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 **Robert J. Del Bontà** at the **New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA)** of the special exhibitions, “*The Pursuit of Salvation: Jain Art from India*” and “*Arte Sacra: Roman Catholic Art from Portuguese India.*”
- Dinner on your own.

**DAY 3: Friday, March 25th**

**B**

- Morning docent-led tour at the NOMA of “*Queen Nefertari’s Egypt*” exhibition.
- 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, March 26th**

**B, D**

- 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, March 27th**

**B**

*Au revoir to NOLA!* The tour officially ends. Participants arrange their own travel including airport transfers.

**The Details:**

- \$1,480 (per person double occupancy, based on a minimum group size of 15)
- \$425 Single Room Supplement
- \$235 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 Dr. Robert J. 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

- 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

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)

**Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations received 60 days prior..... \$500  
 Cancellations received on or after January 20... Total cost

**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 \$425.

\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:meg@travelmuse.net)**