

Marching Thunder New Orleans, LA Bowl Trip Itinerary

Day	Time	Event	Additional Info
Wednesday	9am - 5pm	Covid Testing	All members of the Marching Thunder traveling must get tested by 5pm.
	6:45 PM	Arrive early to help with large equipment	...and be sure you have everything you need.
	7:15 PM	Full Marching Thunder Meeting Sit in sections and take attendance	All students and staff meet in the bandroom for logistics, quick discussion of trip overview and expectations.
	8:00 PM	Load buses	Once you claim your seat and get your belongings on the bus, please help load all the large equipment.
	8:45 PM	Grab "to go" dinner, find seat, prepare for departure	Dinner tonight is provided for you.
	9:00 PM	Depart for New Orleans	A meal will be provided before we depart
		Hotel: InterContinental New Orleans Travel through the night	
Thursday	7:15 AM	Stop for Breakfast (Gain an hour)	Stop in Meridian, MS (exit 154 off of I-20) - Cracker Barrel Don't forget to tip your server!
	8:30 AM	Continue Travel to N.O.	
	12:00 PM	Arrive at the Hotel and Checkin	All members stay on the bus, wait for check-in to be completed. Once keys are received and passed out, they can then grab their belongings and head to room. Instruments can be kept in your room. Large equipment - tubas, battery, sound system, etc.) will be kept in a storage/meeting room in the hotel.
	1:00 PM	Meeting in Hotel (Location TBD)	
	1:30 PM	Free time - lunch on your own	
	3:45 PM	Meet at hotel and head to rehearsal	Be ready to walk at this time!
	4:00 PM	Begin rehearsal at Lafayette Square	Park is 1 block away. Please bring only what you need for rehearsal and help move large equipment (sound system?).
	6:00 PM	Rehearsal Concludes Free time - dinner on your own	All equipment MUST be brought back to the hotel and place in our secure storage area. T-shirt after rehearsal
	11:00 PM	Return to Hotel and Quiet Time	
Friday	6:30 AM	Breakfast is served at hotel	
	8:00 AM	Load buses/truck for rehearsal	
	8:20 AM	Depart for Rehearsal Site	
	8:45 AM	Arrive, unload, Rehearsal begins in sections	
	9:45 AM	Set up Pregame and Halftime Set (Stand Still)	This will be with Cheer and Dance as well.
		Run Through Pregame and Halftime	
	10:45 AM	Load buses/truck	
	11:15 AM	Depart for Hotel and unload	
	11:45 PM	Freetime	
	6:15 PM	Arrive at the dock to load the boat.	
	7:00 PM	Band Dinner on the Creole Queen	
	9:00 PM	Freetime - Be Safe	
	11:00 PM	Return to Hotel and Quiet Time	

Saturday	6:30 - 9:30	Breakfast is served at hotel	It would be a good idea to pack all your belongings in the morning to give yourself more time in the afternoon to get ready.
		Free time to explore possible sites: o New Orleans Jazz Museum o Historic Voodoo Museum o Jackson Square o Audubon Aquarium of the Americas o French Market @ Dutch Aly o St. Louis Cathedral o Walk Bourbon Street o Café du Monde (beignets)	Of course, there is plenty to do. These are just so easy suggestions. Have a great time, be safe, and always stay with someone from our group - never walk
	3:00 PM	Suggested to be back at hotel	You don't necessarily need to be back at this time, however you need to give yourself enough time to pack, pick up your room a bit, and be at the meeting on time.
	4:45 PM	Meeting (location TBD), Check out, load all equipment and personal belongings	All should be in half uniform (no jackets). Be sure you have every part of your uniform. CG and Majorette, be as close to ready as possible.
	5:30 PM	Grab pre-game meal, load buses	
	5:45 PM	Depart for Caesars Superdome	
	6:00 PM	Arrive at Superdome	Arrive at the dome via the Southgate Loading Dock entrance - off Girod St. (Dave Dixon Dr). This is where we are to enter the stadium.
		Unload equipment, cases stay on the bus, change into uniform	Changing facility may be available. To be determined.
	6:45 PM	Warm-up and tune	
	7:15 PM	Line up for Pregame	
	7:37 PM	<i>University of Louisiana - Lafayette Pregame</i>	
	7:43 PM	Marshall University Pregame	
	8:15 PM	New Orleans Bowl Kickoff	
Sunday	11:45 PM	Estimated game end time Load equipment on to buses Grab post-game meal, load buses	
	12:45 AM	Depart for Marshall University Travel through the night	
	8:30 AM	Stop for Breakfast	Just west of Huntsville, AL (exit 351 off of I-65). Selections include: Crackerbarrel, McDonalds, Wendy's, Dunkin', Bojangles, Panera Bread, & iHop
	1:30 PM	Stop for Lunch (we lose an hour entering eastern timezone)	Elizabethtown, KY (exit 94 off of I-65). Selections include: Ruby Tuesday's, Cracker Barrel, Wendy's, Burger King, Texas Roadhouse, Arby's, Taco Bell, Culver's, and more.
	5:30 PM	Estimated arrival back at the Henderson Center Unload everything into the band room Turn in uniforms	We are changing on the bus, so be appropriate.