Gulf Coast Industry Studies / Disaster & Emergency Preparedness / Gulf Coast Security Issues
Summer Travel Class, 2009

CONTACT INFORMATION AND TRIP ITINERARY
FOR
HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, AND THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN

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DAY-TO-DAY TRIP ITINERARY
All times shown are local. This itinerary is subject to change.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

4:00am  Individuals arrive at Columbus International Airport (CMH).

   Each person is responsible for their own transportation to CMH.

   Everyone is to meet by the check-in counter for Continental Airlines at CMH.

5:45am  Continental Airlines begins boarding Flight 1093 for Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH).

6:16am  Continental Airlines Flight 1093 departs CMH for IAH (non-stop).

8:00am  Continental Airlines Flight 1093 arrives at IAH.

   Proceed to baggage claim. Once all luggage is gathered, Gary calls Marcia (numbers are above) and she will
   communicate with Bus Trips USA to tell them group is ready for pick-up.

10:00am  Group travels to The Galleria (5085 Westheimer Road – 713-622-0663).

   This is a dual-purpose visit. It is both a leisure activity while the group waits for check-in at the hotel, and an
   opportunity to complete one or more in-trip questions.

   Lunch (individual choice)

3:00pm  Check-in at Drury Inn & Suites Galleria (1615 West Loop South; 713-963-0700).

4:30pm  Meet in hotel lobby to leave for dinner. Dress code is “business casual.”

5:00pm  Reservations at Canyon Cafe * (5000 Westheimer Road; 713-629-5565).

7:00pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

9:15am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment. Dress code is “casual.” (Afternoon appointment will be “business casual.”)

10:00am  Arrive at Houston Public Library, Freed-Montrose branch (4100 Montrose Blvd.; 832-393-1800).

   This is a morning-long academic meeting to discuss assignments, readings, and appointments on the trip.

12:30pm  Leave morning appointment for Drury Inn & Suites.

1:00pm  Lunch (individual choice).

2:00pm  Meet in lobby to leave for afternoon appointment. Dress code is “business casual.”

2:30pm  Meeting with Harris County Office of Emergency Management (6922 Old Katy Road; 713-743-4770).

4:30pm  Leave afternoon appointment for dinner.

5:00pm  Dinner at Saltgrass Steak House (1803 Shepherd Drive; 713-850-1010).

7:00pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.
9:15am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment.  *Dress code is “business casual.”*
10:00am  Meeting with American Red Cross of Greater Houston (2700 Southwest Freeway; 713-526-8300).
11:30am  Leave morning appointment for Rice University.
12:00pm  Lunch on Rice University campus (individual choice).  Meet at Baker Hall at 12:45pm.
1:00pm  Meeting with Dr. Robert Stein & colleagues, Rice University (main address is 6100 Main Street; 713-348-2795 is Dr. Stein).
3:00pm  Leave afternoon appointment for Drury Inn & Suites.
5:00pm  Meet in hotel lobby to leave for dinner.  *Dress code is “semi-formal.”*
5:30pm  Dinner at Café Adobe *(7620 Katy Freeway #355; 713-688-1700)*
7:30pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.
9:15am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment.  *Dress code is “business casual.”*
10:00am  Meeting at the Global Energy Mgmt Institute, University of Houston (main address is 4800 Calhoun Road).
12:00pm  Lunch (individual choice).  Meet back at bus for departure at 1:45p.m.
2:30pm  Meeting at Houston Department of Health and Human Services (8000 North Stadium Drive; 713-794-9320).
4:30pm  Leave afternoon appointment for dinner.
6:00pm  Dinner at the Downtown Aquarium Restaurant (410 Bagby; 713-223-3474).
--:--pm  After dinner, visit the Downtown Aquarium exhibits at your leisure (tickets provided at dinner).
9:00pm  Leave the Downtown Aquarium for the Drury Inn & Suites.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.
8:30am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment.  *Dress code is “business casual.”*
10:00am  Meeting with Galveston Co. Office of Emergency Mgmt. (1353 FM-646, Suite 201, Dickinson, TX; 281-309-5002).
12:00pm  Lunch (individual choice).  Meet back at bus at 1:00pm.
1:00pm  Bus tour of Hurricane Ike damage in Galveston, TX.
3:00pm  Travel to Kemah Boardwalk (215 Kipp Avenue, Kemah, TX; 281-334-9880).
--:--pm  Dinner on the boardwalk (individual choice).
7:00pm  Leave Kemah Boardwalk for Drury Inn & Suites.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009**

7:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 10:00am.
8:15am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment.  *Dress code is “casual.”*
9:00am  Arrive at Houston Public Library, Central Library branch (500 McKinney Street; 832-393-1313).
12:00pm  Leave morning appointment for Drury Inn & Suites.
--:--pm  Lunch (individual choice).
--:--pm  Personal free time.
4:15pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner.  *Dress code is “casual.”*
5:00pm  Dinner at the Cadillac Bar Mexican Restaurant (1802 Shepherd Drive; 713-862-2020).
7:00pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.
Evening  Each person checks with front desk to settle any outstanding room charges – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009**

7:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 10:00am.
8:30am  Meet in lobby for check-out and transport to New Orleans, LA.  
         *Bring all luggage to the lobby.  Faculty member(s) should be able to check out whole group at once.*
9:00am  Depart hotel for New Orleans, LA (Bus Trips USA).
3:00pm  Check-in at Drury Inn & Suites Galleria (820 Poydras Street; 504-529-7800).
4:45pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner.
5:30pm  Dinner at Patout’s Cajun Cabin *(501 Bourbon Street; 504-529-4256).*
7:30pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.
**MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

9:45am  Meet in lobby to leave for morning appointment. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

10:00am  Gray Line bus tour of Hurricane Katrina damage and recovery efforts. *(Try to get bus to drop group in French Quarter.)*

1:30pm  Lunch in the French Quarter *(individual choice)*.

3:00pm  Meeting with New Orleans Travel Marketing Corporation *(504-524-4784, ext. 212).*

*Meeting is at The Historical New Orleans Collection museum *(533 Royal Street in the French Quarter).*

4:30pm  Return to Drury Inn & Suites to get dressed for dinner.

5:45pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner. *Dress code is “formal.”*

6:30pm  Dinner at the Court of Two Sisters *(613 Royal Street; 504-522-7261).* *(Sodas are an additional cost.)*

8:00pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

9:30am  Meet in hotel lobby for travel to day’s appointments. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

11:00am  Meeting with Tulane Energy Institute, Tulane University *(7 McAlister Drive, Goldring-Woldenberg Hall II; 504-865-5427).*

--:--pm  Lunch on Tulane University’s campus *(individual choice).*

--:--pm  Meeting with Tulane Energy Institute, afternoon session.

--:--pm  Leave Tulane for the Drury Inn & Suites.

6:30pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner. *Dress code is “casual.”*

7:00pm  Dinner at Mulate’s Cajun Restaurant *(201 Julia Street; 504-522-1492).*

8:30pm  Leave dinner for the Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.  *NOTE: Tomorrow is an early morning!!*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009**

*BATON ROUGE*

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

6:45am  Meet in lobby for travel to day’s appointments. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

Group boards bus *(Superior Shuttle) for Baton Rouge.*

9:00am  Tour of Exxon oil refinery in Baton Rouge, LA *(4999 Scenic Highway; 225-977-8687).*

10:30am  Leave refinery for afternoon appointment at LSU.

12:00pm  Meeting with the Stephenson Disaster Mgmt. Institute, LSU *(1103 Patrick Taylor Hall, Baton Rouge; 225-578-0238).*

*This is a combination lunch and presentation.*


*This location should be close to the group’s lunch appointment.

3:00pm  Leave Baton Rouge for Drury Inn & Suites.

--:--pm  Dinner *(individual choice); evening on your own.*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

--:--am  Personal free time. *(This is an opportunity to catch up on in-trip questions, see something you missed, do laundry, etc.)*

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5:30pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

6:00pm  Dinner at the Sugar House * *(315 Julia Street, in the Embassy Suites; 504-525-1993).*

7:30pm  Leave dinner for Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009**

6:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 9:30am.

8:00am  Meet in lobby for travel to morning appointment. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

9:00am  Meeting with the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security *(1300 Perdido Street; 504-658-8700).*

11:00am  Leave City Hall for afternoon appointment; group takes NORTA buses to day’s appointment.

12:00pm  Lunch on the campus of the University of New Orleans *(individual choice).*  Meet at Kirschman Hall at 12:45pm.

1:00pm  Meeting with Kabacoff School of Hotel, Restaurant, & Tourism Admin. *(462 Kirschman Hall; 504-280-6385).*

*Main address for UNO is 2000 Lakeshore Drive.*

3:00pm  Leave afternoon appointment for Drury Inn & Suites.

6:15pm  Meet in lobby to leave for dinner. *Dress code is “casual.”

7:00pm  Dinner at the Crescent City Brewhouse *(527 Decatur Street; 504-522-0571).*

8:30pm  Leave dinner for Drury Inn & Suites; evening on your own.
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009

7:00am  Breakfast available in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites until 10:00am.

Bring all luggage to the lobby.
Faculty member(s) should be able to check out whole group at once.

11:00am  Meet in lobby for check-out and transport to the Erato Street Pier. *Dress code is “casual.” (Bus company is Superior Shuttle,)*

Bring all luggage to the lobby.
Faculty member(s) should be able to check out whole group at once.
Make sure your passport, photo ID, and printed cruise tickets are with you.
Make sure that the proper Carnival ID tags are on all of your luggage!

11:30am  Bus leaves the Drury Inn & Suites for the Carnival Cruise Ship *Fantasy.*

12:00pm  Arrive at the Erato Street Pier to begin check-in for boarding the Carnival *Fantasy.*

When all luggage has been taken by the longshoremen, proceed into terminal for check-in and boarding.
Make certain to stick close to your cabin roommates so that you can all check in together!

1:00pm  Board the Carnival *Fantasy.*

Lunch should be available on the Lido Deck until 3:00pm. Hand luggage may be left in cabins after 1:30pm.

3:30pm  Approximate time for mandatory lifeboat drill – all passengers MUST participate in this drill.

4:00pm  Carnival *Fantasy* sets sail!

5:00pm  Approximate time for “Welcome Aboard” meeting for the group – pay attention for exact time and location.

6:00pm  Dinner (main seating) is served in the Jubilee Dining Room. (Confirm this location once on the ship.)

*Dress code is “casual” in the dining room, but only for today.*

Attendance is required – please be there 15 minutes early if possible.

*Group will be seated together by dining room staff; table numbers are printed on Sail & Sign cards.*

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Saturday’s evening onboard activities.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

General  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Sunday’s onboard activities.  *This is a day at sea!*

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for breakfast times and locations.

--:-- am  Possible meeting with Carnival *Fantasy* personnel (specifies subject to approval once onboard).  *Dress code is “business casual.”*

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for lunch times and locations.

--:-- pm  Possible meeting with travel agent concerning disembarking and customs procedures.  *Dress code is “business casual.”*

--:-- pm  Possible meeting with Carnival *Fantasy* personnel (specifies subject to approval once onboard).  *Dress code is “business casual.”*

6:00pm  Dinner in the Jubilee Dining Room.

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Sunday’s evening onboard activities.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

General  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Monday’s onboard activities.

7:00am  Carnival *Fantasy* arrives in Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico.

7:30am  Passengers may visit Progreso until 3:30pm.

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for breakfast times and locations.

--:-- am  Atmospherics, security-related observations, or personal time in Progreso.

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for lunch times and locations.

--:-- pm  Atmospherics, security-related observations, or personal time in Progreso.

3:30pm  Passengers must be back onboard the Carnival *Fantasy.*

4:00pm  Carnival *Fantasy* sets sail for next destination.

6:00pm  Dinner in the Jubilee Dining Room.

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for other dinner times and locations.

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Monday’s evening onboard activities.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009

General  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Tuesday’s onboard activities.

9:00am  Carnival *Fantasy* arrives in Cozumel, Mexico.

9:30am  Passengers may visit Cozumel until 4:30pm.

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for breakfast times and locations.

--:-- am  Atmospherics, security-related observations, or personal time in Cozumel.

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for lunch times and locations.

--:-- pm  Atmospherics, security-related observations, or personal time in Cozumel.

4:30pm  Passengers must be back onboard the Carnival *Fantasy.*

5:00pm  Carnival *Fantasy* sets sail for next destination.

6:00pm  Dinner in the Jubilee Dining Room.

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for other dinner times and locations.

--:-- pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Tuesday’s evening onboard activities.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009

General  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Wednesday’s onboard activities. *This is a day at sea!*

--:--am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for breakfast times and locations.

--:--am  Possible meeting with Carnival *Fantasy* personnel (specifics subject to approval once onboard). *Dress code is “business casual.”*

--:--am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for lunch times and locations.

--:--pm  Possible meeting with travel agent concerning disembarking and customs procedures. *Dress code is “business casual.”*

6:00pm  Dinner in the Jubilee Dining Room.

--:--pm  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for Wednesday’s evening onboard activities.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009

--:-- am  See the ship’s daily schedule, the Carnival Capers, for breakfast times and locations.

8:00am  Carnival *Fantasy* arrives back at the Erato Street Pier in New Orleans.

8:00am  Group meets in location determined at disembarkation talk to wait for dismissal from the ship.

Make sure to have your passport, other photo ID, and your customs form with you, and not packed in your luggage.

8:30am  Approximate time that disembarkation begins. Proceed to terminal to retrieve luggage, then pass through US Customs.

This will take a while, and gathering your luggage can be a bit chaotic, so be patient!

Look for the Superior Shuttle bus driver with a sign that says, “Straight A Tours” who will lead group to the bus.

10:00am  Approximate time of departure from the cruise terminal.

11:00am  Approximate time of arrival at Louis Armstrong Airport in New Orleans (MSY).

11:30am  Lunch in airport terminal (individual choice).

1:12pm  Air Tran begins boarding Flight 447 for Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL) in Atlanta, GA.

1:42pm  Air Tran Flight 447 departs MSY for ATL. *Atlanta is the group’s only layover.*

4:09pm  Air Tran Flight 447 arrives at ATL.

Locate and proceed to gate for next leg of the group’s flight.

4:54pm  Air Tran begins boarding Flight 534 for Columbus International Airport (CMH).

5:24pm  Air Tran Flight 534 departs ATL for CMH.

7:00pm  Air Tran Flight 534 arrives at CMH.

Proceed to baggage claim.

IMPORTANT: NO STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT UNTIL THEY EXPRESSLY AND DIRECTLY INFORM ONE OF THE FACULTY LEADERS THAT THEY ARE LEAVING!