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It had been almost seven years since we were last in New Orleans so we felt it was time for a short break in the “Big Easy”. We stayed at a hotel in the middle of the French Quarter, which made our daily walks and evening restaurant visits very easy. We had no specific agenda, except to enjoy three of the city’s best restaurants and to stroll through the historic district—and that’s exactly what we did. The weather was much better than that we had left in Cincinnati, but mid-seventies and relatively low humidity made for a pleasant change and was good for strolling.

Thursday March 11, 2021

We left home (after having breakfast with Elizabeth) and drove to the airport for our 2pm flight to Atlanta. From there, it was an easy change for our onward flight to New Orleans, where we arrived at 5:15 (Central Time). We took a 30-minute Uber ride to the W Hotel, right in the middle of the French Quarter.

Tonight, we had an 8pm reservation at Brennan’s, just a 3-minute walk from the hotel. It was a very good meal with the usual New Orleans excellent service. And we had the Bananas Foster here—the original.



Friday March 12



We had breakfast at Café Beignet, just a block from the hotel. We sat outside on the sidewalk under sunny skies. We then walked to Jackson Square, saw the cathedral and the other fine buildings around the square and then continued on the levee as far as the French Market. There were plenty of people

on the streets and one could almost imagine that there was no pandemic (except just about everyone wore a mask) but the market had clearly been thinned down on its stalls and there appeared to be





far fewer visitors than usual.

We had a drink near the market and then walked back along the levee, sat for a while, and then returned to the hotel. I went for a two-mile walk later and then we relaxed. Tonight, we ate at Galatoire's on Bourbon Street. It was another excellent meal, although the room was noisy.



Saturday March 13



We had breakfast at a local coffee shop and then walked to Jackson Square to watch the world go by. In the afternoon, we went for a two-hour cruise on the Mississippi. I managed to get in two short walks.

Tonight, we ate at Antoine's and, once again, had a very good meal.

Sunday March 14

We had breakfast at Café Beignet again and, at 9:30, took an Uber to the airport. Our noon flight to Detroit left on time and the transfer to our onward flight to Cincinnati was straightforward. We arrived home around 6:30 after a very pleasant and relaxing three days in New Orleans.

