

New Beginnings

New Orleans Retreat

**The registration details & preferred rates within
pertain exclusively for Yeye Luisah Teish's Students,
including women in Jambalaya Spirits Works,
Casting Lots, & Elements of Ritual programs.**

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and for clarity of communication on 9/17/19.**

New Beginnings New Orleans Retreat Hosted by Yeye Luisah Teish and Queen Leia Lewis October 30 – November 3, 2019

I. Retreat Overview

(A) RETREAT ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Please plan to arrive the morning/afternoon of October 30 or October 31.

We will access the New Orleans Retreat House property starting at 3 PM on October 30.

Please plan to depart late afternoon/evening of November 3.

We will depart the New Orleans Retreat House property at 11 AM on November 3.

Of course, you may extend your stay in New Orleans by securing your own hotel/lodging.

(B) WISDOM TEACHING, RITUALS & SACRED SITES EXPERIENCES

Please see the attached schedule of activities. This schedule is subject to unannounced changes. There also will be time allowed for you to explore New Orleans on your own.

(C) TRAVEL TO/FROM NEW ORLEANS

You are responsible for coordinating and paying your travel expenses to/from New Orleans. If you are buying an airline ticket, then you are encouraged to choose travel insurance when booking. You also can reach New Orleans via car, bus, and train. Please do your research and make appropriate plans. You are responsible for coordinating and paying for your ground transportation to/from the airport or bus station to the local housing or hotel where you are staying.

(D) NEW ORLEANS RETREAT HOUSE

We are making arrangements for group housing at a local residence, Air BNB in Uptown New Orleans. The focus is providing a safe, neat, comfortable environment for the group. We are not focused on providing luxury accommodations. Our research shows that the housing will accommodate 11 registered women. The shared housing cost is \$250 per woman. These funds will be pooled together to cover the housing rental. The spaces for staying at the New Orleans retreat house will be filled on a first come basis via completing your registration payment for the retreat. Please also see the budget for full details of the retreat investment.

(E) OVERFLOW LODGING & HOTEL

Because the New Orleans house will have limited capacity, some women may need to or prefer to stay at a hotel. We can support women communicating to coordinate plans for sharing hotel rooms by utilizing the private Facebook group. Any woman who stays at hotel (or other lodging) is responsible for making arrangements and paying this expense on her own.

(F) LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

We will travel around the city as a group with shared Uber or Lyft. Please be prepared to budget and bring \$100 for this purpose. As much as possible, these funds will be pooled together for transportation in the city for women staying together at the New Orleans retreat house and/or other lodging.

(G) LOCAL MEALS

Community prepared meals and the feast will be prepared and shared together. Please be prepared to budget and bring \$150 for this purpose. These funds will be pooled together for our shared meals and the feast. Also, we will have some meals at restaurants. There is amazing food and drink in New Orleans! You are responsible for buying your own meals + tipping at any eateries we visit together or on your own. You will need bring ADDITIONAL funds for this purpose.

(H) SECURE YOUR SPACE

The official registration for New Beginnings New Orleans is available online at WWW.YEYELUISAHITEISH.COM/NEWORLEANSYES

(I) SACRED SITES, CULTURAL EVENTS & RETREAT EXPERIENCES

It is possible that we will make changes to the retreat schedule and actual activities; and we reserve the right to make unannounced changes in order to provide you a quality retreat experience.

<p>ARRIVE NEW ORLEANS - Wednesday, October 30</p> <p><u>Arrive in New Orleans.</u> Settle in Bed and Breakfast. Build group altar: All participants gather for a first meal at the house. We are renting a house to be together. Some women may elect to stay at a hotel. <u>Later in the evening, we will gather for late night wisdom sharing and playshop to make spiritual potions and powders with Queen Leia Lewis-Iya Oriade.</u></p>
<p>Thursday, October 31</p> <p><u>Attend the Voodoo Festival</u> on Dumaine Street in front of Voodoo Authentica. Presenters will include: Mambo Marie (NOLA), Mambo Maggie from New York (Mama Lola's House). Pere Francois of Mississippi. Nana Sula (Akan priestess) and Yeye Luisah Teish. Music and Food. This street festival is often full. Yeye presents at 4 pm but we will arrive early to secure our seats. Dinner at a French Quarter Restaurant. <u>No entry fee. Donation to drummers. Yeye's students also will visit the cemetery of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau pending our ability to secure an official licensed tour guide whose services we prefer.</u></p>
<p>Friday, November 1</p> <p><u>All Saints Day Parade at the Backstreet Cultural Museum.</u> Led by Rachel Bruelin from the University of New Orleans Story Project. Yeye Teish's students will participate in building the altar for this event, will tour the Museum, march in the parade, and may also attend the exhibit at the Cabildo on San Malo maroon settlements. You may purchase an early copy of Le Ker Creole a textbook on the Creole language of Louisiana. This is especially good for those pursuing the paths to Voudou and/or Hoodoo. This event includes a photographic exhibit of the Wild Mushrooms of the Louisiana Bayous. May also include a few short films about the Congo and some materials from the Healing Arts concert. This is a full day of activity. <u>Recommended donation \$21.00 or more.</u> <u>Later this evening, Yeye, students, and special guests celebrate the Wild Women Feast of Oya.</u></p>
<p>Saturday, November 2</p> <p><u>Enjoy your morning on your own exploring New Orleans.</u> <u>Then later in the day, we will gather for the evening ritual that is a Voodoo Ceremony at the peristyle in Pas Christian, Mississippi.</u> Fete for Ghede is the Haitian ritual tradition of honoring the Ancestors. We will coordinate round-trip ground transportation for the group to have this same-day excursion and ritual experience.</p>
<p>DEPART NEW ORLEANS - Sunday, November 3</p> <p><u>Ritual Day at Ile Coin-Coin.</u> Ile Coin-coin is directed by Nana Sula. We begin with a lesson in the art of Water-gazing. Participants are asked to bring a clear glass (preferably a chalice/wineglass), a white candle, pen and paper, and to wear white clothing. Yeye Teish will teach the art of water-gazing as a way to quiet the "monkey mind"; to enhance intuition in an "Alpha state", and as means of communicating with kind spirits to receive guidance through imagery. Then Iya Omotinubua Fayemi will assist the participants in creating artworks in fabric and feathers (as in the tradition of the Black Indians of La.)</p> <p>We will break for a vegetarian meal will be served at Ile Coin-Coin. Then, we will fulfill a group Money Pouring Ritual before the Shrine House in Nana Sula's garden. Yeye Teish will discuss the Powers of Aje, the Yoruba Goddess of Wealth. Participants are asked to bring an object for the altar that symbolizes wealth, coins to contribute to the pouring bowl, a sacred oil (available for sale from Nana Sula), and a lidded jar with which to take some of the Money Pouring water to their home altars. Yeye Teish will provide the Roses of Jericho for the ritual.</p> <p>Also happening this day (timing permitting) is community drumming and dancing in the historic Congo Square. Meet other community members and priests interested in Voodoo and Hoodoo of New Orleans. <u>Donation to drummers.</u></p>

(J) RETREAT PREPARATIONS

Following your registration, you will be provided the Participant Agreement Form & Welcome Packet, that includes additional details about what to bring and how to prepare.

(K) RETREAT REGISTRATION, PAYMENT & REFUND POLICY

Carefully review this information on the following pages. Your completion of your deposit and/or payment in full to participate in the New Beginnings New Orleans retreat signifies your understanding and agreement with this policy.

(J) CONTACT INFORMATION

**Thanks for your interest and joining us, Jambalaya Woman! Do you have any questions?
Please email Yeye Teish and Queen Leia Lewis at yeyeluisahteish@gmail.com**

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The preferred rates below are for Yeye Teish’s current students:
Retreat Registration is \$700 Retreat House Lodging
Retreat Registration is \$450 without Retreat House Lodging

II. Retreat Registration

Jambalaya Women! We have intended to present a budget-friendly retreat experience as affordably as possible. Of course, depending on your tastes and selected local excursions and activities, then your budget may be greater than presented below. Continue reading for online payment links and important details of additional funds you must prepare to bring and contribute as a retreat community member.

YOUR REGISTRATION PAYABLE IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR SPACE FOR THE RETREAT.	YOUR DONATIONS TO BRING FOR SACRED SITES, CULTURAL EVENTS, & RETREAT EXPERIENCES.	YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRING FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES.
\$250 for group housing to stay in New Orleans Retreat House	\$21 donation for cultural group	\$100+ for Uber sharing with Jambalaya Women retreat participants
\$150 for group meals and feast	\$20+ donations to drummers	\$150+ additional meals, entertainment on your own
\$100 for honorariums and gifts to New Orleans Elders	Honorarium and gifts of your choosing to appreciate Yeye Teish and Queen Leia, your retreat hosts/leaders.	\$100+ shopping with Jambalaya Women and New Orleans spiritualists, authors, artists
\$40 for hospitality and ritual supplies		
\$60 for group transportation and expenses to attend Fete Ghede in Mississippi		
\$75 full day of ritual with meal at Ile de Coin		
\$25 Administration		
\$700 TOTAL	\$66+ TOTAL	\$350+ TOTAL

All payments are non-refundable.

New Beginnings New Orleans Retreat Registration
with New Orleans Retreat House Lodging
PREFERRED RETREAT RATE FOR YEYE TEISH’S STUDENTS
\$700 PAID IN FULL (or)
\$450 Deposit – payable NOW through September 30
\$250 Balance due – due October 15 to 25

Note: Retreat Registration when coordinating your own lodging is \$450.

III. NEW BEGINNINGS NEW ORLEANS RETREAT REGISTRATION, PAYMENT & RFEFUND POLICY

Your full registration payment, deposit registration payments, donations, and/or contributions are NON-REFUNDABLE at any time.

DEFINITIONS

“Cancellation” is defined as not attending your scheduled retreat, including postponing or rescheduling.

“You” refers to the student/guest booking the Retreat.

“We” refers to Yeye Luisah Teish and Queen Leia Lewis who are the organizers of the Retreat.

GUEST CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel your Retreat/trip, Yeye Luisah Teish and Queen Leia Lewis do not offer refunds for any reason. To cancel your retreat payment and retreat participation means that you are forfeiting your entire payments made to date. We will gladly transfer your payment credit minus a \$100 administration fee. Any person registering for this Retreat is to be a natal-woman. In the event of transferring your space to another woman, this this guest’s complete name and contact information must be communicated within 15 days before the retreat. Exceptions to our cancellation policy cannot be made for any reason. We do not offer credit for a guest arriving late or leaving early.

You must submit your signed Participant Agreement form within one week of booking and securing your space with registration online and/or offline . Guests who fail to do so may be subject to an automatic cancellation and the above policy will apply. This form will be provided within 72 hours or your registration paid in full or paid deposit.

TRAVEL

You are responsible for booking and purchasing your personal round-trip airfare to and from New Orleans. While travel insurance is not required, we suggest that you research the benefits of purchasing trip cancellation insurance independently, on your own, and with a insure of your choice. Depending on the policy and conditions, travel cancellation insurance will pay for some or all cancellation fees. With most agencies, insurance must be purchased within 14 days of making your reservation.

ROOMMATES

The standard retreat housing is shared rooms in a group house. We will assign your bed assignment and roommate on first come, first to register basis.

RETREAT PREPARATIONS

After your registration, we will provide you additional information to prepare for the retreat, including Tips to Plan Your Travel, What to Wear, and What to Bring. This information will be sent to your email address and/or communicated through our Facebook Group.

CHANGES & CANCELLATION

It is possible that we will make changes to the retreat schedule and actual activities; and we reserve the right to make unannounced changes in order to provide you a quality retreat experience. While it is highly unlikely, if Yeye Luisah Teish and Queen Leia must cancel the retreat date for any reason, then you may transfer your full retreat payment to another retreat, or you may request a refund of your payment in writing. Your refund shall be paid within 90 days and constitute a full settlement. Beautiful and Sacred Things is not responsible for your expenses incurred in preparation for any cancelled retreat, such as airline tickets, passport, loss of work, and/or other costs associated with preparing for your trip.

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

We do not accept liability in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part including, but not limited to war, civil disturbance, fire, floods, unusually severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government or of any other authorities, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment or industrial action.

CONTACT US

Any concerns arising out of your registering for a retreat shall be communicated in writing immediately to yeyeluisahteish@gmail.com.