Let loose and “Laissez les Bon Temps Roulez!” (Let the Good Times Roll!) in NOLA, a.k.a. the Big Easy, on Fantasy’s New Orleans Mardi Gras Rally! February 6-14, 2018 is the time to celebrate life, carnival, costumes and culture during the best nine days of Spring in the Crescent City.

Surrender to total seduction as you parade, masquerade, tour and feast on glorious food and music, all part of Fantasy's fantastic Party Gras package. The carnival call of the wild “Throw Me Something, Mister!” will get you pelted with brilliant beads in all shapes and sizes. Carnival beads are the one true currency here and the more the merrier!

New Orleans has been throwing this party for more than 175 years, and nobody does it better than Fantasy. You’ll be royally treated to reserved seating at all the parades, as well as behind-the-scenes tours and the dedicated service of an experienced rally staff. It all starts with a Masquerade Party on opening night. Carouse in costume and compete in our costume contest. Dive into a buffet dinner with an open bar and a live band. One bite of our traditional king and queen cakes determines who will reign as King and Queen of our Mardi Gras celebration. (But be careful what you wish for!)

A guided New Orleans city tour on Day 2 gives us the lay of the land as we explore famous landmarks and the intrigue of local legends. From the antebellum grandeur of the historic districts to the water wonderland of Lake Ponchartrain, you’ll see it all. We may not all be saints, but we’ll march into the famous Two Sisters Restaurant anyway for their famous jazz brunch. Our first round of parades rolls tonight with the Krewe of Druids and Krewe of Nyx.

Start off Day 3 with a traditional New Orleans breakfast, followed by an insider’s walking tour of the fabulous French Quarter. Rest assured, your loco local tour guide knows where the city's beaded skeletons are buried – and they're all still smiling. Not one, not two, but
THREE parades tonight: the old-world Krewe of Babylon, the irreverent Krewe of Chaos and the exclusive all-female Krewe of Muses.

Happy Friday revelers! It starts in Blaine Kern’s Mardi Gras World, one of the world’s largest float builders, experiencing the silent floats before they roar to life at parade time is surreal, to say the least. We sneak in a visit to the Presbytere – Louisiana State Museum’s home of the popular Mardi Gras and Hurricane Katrina exhibits. Rest up and dress up for tonight’s magical Bal Masque Tableau. This formal presentation of a carnival krewe’s royal court features cocktails, dinner and dancing.

At daybreak, your mind might ache and maybe a few other body parts – but what could be better than Saturday morning coffee and beignets at historic Café Du Monde? There is nothing that these luscious French-style doughnuts and dark, chicory coffee can’t cure! We cruise Ol’ Man River, the longest river in North America, aboard the steamboat Natchez. The krazy Krewe of Endymion rolls tonight! It’s the biggest parade of all with more than 3,000 riders on 37 floats!

A thoughtful and thankful visit to the National WWII Museum opens our Sunday and our hearts as we remember the thousands of Americans who died to preserve our way of life. Tonight we pay homage to Bacchus, the Roman God of Wine, as this powerful super krewe rumbles through uptown.

We spend Lundi (“Monday” in French) Gras morning on an exclusive private tour of the Krewe of Thoth Den. Afterwards, we plunge back into the heart of the Vieux Carré Quarter to the New Orleans School of Cooking for a lively cooking demonstration and delicious light creole lunch. Sorry, no parades tonight, but no matter because it’s Cajun night at our RV resort where we’ll all “Pass A Good Time!” with authentic Cajun dancers, music, food and beverages to boot.

Fat Tuesday finally dawns to yawns early with an entire day of pageantry and parades. We live and love the whole rolling spectacle from Fantasy’s reserved seating smack on St. Charles Avenue. Your crazy concierge, expert RallyMaster and Serial FunMeister is the one and only Greg Bruce.
Meet a proud native son, NOLA born and raised. Home base for this carnival ride is a beautiful RV resort right on Lake Pontchartrain. This welcome refuge from all the revelry at day’s end features full everything – full service, full hookups and an onsite restaurant = full fun!

“Dance like no one's watching!” at the biggest party on the planet, Fantasy's Mardi Gras Rally! Looking for a little “lagniappe,” (Cajun-speak for a little something extra) to give your special Valentine this year? Keep the party going and roll right into Fantasy's 14-day Cajun Heartland, February 17 – March 2, 2018.