

A Special Invitation to all Spouses

We are delighted that you will be attending the MDNA Convention at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. As members of the Convention Committee, we want to welcome you and give you some information that will help you in planning your trip.

We are excited to be going to New Orleans! The city has so much to offer! The Sheraton is located on Canal Street in the heart of New Orleans. There are numerous nearby neighborhoods to explore, especially the Garden District.

The city will have an extra boost of vibrancy during our visit as they host the hugely popular [New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival](#). We strongly encourage you to make reservations for activities and dining as far in advance as possible.

Pack comfortable shoes for exploring! Temperatures can be in the 80s which is a welcome change after a frigid winter!

The first event of the Convention is the [Registration Buffet Luncheon](#) on Thursday. We always look forward to this opportunity to greet old friends and meet new friends.

Immediately following lunch is our [KICKOFF EVENT](#). This fun event has become a welcome tradition and is always full of surprises. Definitely plan to join in the fun!

Thursday evening is the [Welcome Party](#). We have a very special event planned at the world famous [Mardi Gras World](#). This is where they create, construct and store the floats for Mardi Gras. We will have a cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner. Attire is casual but

we suggest that you wear Mardi Gras attire! Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. We will supply the beads!

Friday morning is our annual event exclusively for spouses! A fantastic lunch is planned at the [New Orleans Cooking School](#) from 11:30 to 1:30. We will be entertained with a cooking demonstration while we learn about the vibrant history of New Orleans. They will teach us the basics of Louisiana cooking with a mix of fun, food and folklore while we enjoy a classic Creole and Cajun meal.

This is always a wonderful opportunity to spend time together.

Note: Space is limited and advance registration for this Spouse Event is required, so please be sure you have registered. [Register for the spouse event, when you or your spouse registers for the convention.](#)

Friday afternoon is your time to explore New Orleans. We have assembled a list of suggested tours, activities and restaurants for you. Please click on the link to review them.
[Click Here](#)

Friday evening will start with a [Cocktail Reception](#) from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Sheraton. Then Friday night will be an open evening so you can enjoy the jazz clubs, restaurants, casinos and all that the city has to offer. We suggest that you make dinner reservations prior to arriving.

Saturday morning is the Annual Business Meeting and spouses are invited to attend. It's a good opportunity to get an overview of the business side of the MDNA. Breakfast is served prior to this meeting at 8:30 am and the meeting begins at 9:00 am.

Saturday afternoon is another opportunity to explore the city!

Saturday evening is a special night to welcome our new MDNA President at the [National World War II Museum](#). This is an incredible world renowned museum and we will have private use of two exhibit halls followed by dinner and a special show.

Since we will be touring the exhibits we suggest you wear comfortable shoes. The dress for the evening is cocktail attire or 40s themed outfits!

We really look forward to spending time with you in New Orleans and hope this outline of events is helpful.

*Safe travels and see you soon!
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