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The Krewe of Rocckus Mardi Gras travel package includes a three-night stay at the Hilton Riverside New Orleans, welcome brunch with James Beard Award-winning Chef John Besh, Second Line parade complete with New Orleans brass band and Mardi Gras Indians, private parade viewing stands for Friday night parades as they roll down historic St. Charles Avenue, private cruise on the Creole Queen riverboat to cruise the mighty Mississippi with an open bar and live music, and two nights at House of Blues with all four Rocckus acts. Packages can be purchased for up to groups of four and a locals-only package is also available.

With seven full-length albums behind them, Better Than Ezra released *Death Valley* in October. The EP features revamped LSU tailgating songs as well as two of the band's originals. "LSU football has been a part of our DNA since our first practice just off campus in 1988 and we always talked about recording our favorite game day tracks BTE style," says Drummond on the band's website. "The songs on this EP are iconic to not only LSU's Tiger Band but were originally pop songs from the 50s, 60s and 80s. For us to be able to come back to LSU and record the songs is a dream come true."

Krewe of Rocckus takes place February 16-18. For more information and to purchase packages, visit www.kreweofrocckus.com. 🍷

