



New Orleans, Louisiana

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Festivity carries in the air as much as the sounds of saxophones and trumpets in New Orleans. Though Hurricane Katrina left a mark in 2005, NOLA has not lost its indomitable spirit, charm, or the inextinguishable joie de vivre that makes it one of the most unique cities in the U.S. and the world. From the ever-lively Mardi Gras to the eclectic mix of cultures to the rich cuisine reflecting its Cajun, Creole, and French roots, New Orleans is a constant celebration of the human spirit.



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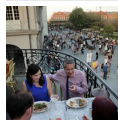
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THE CITY



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New Orleans is a city where history seeps from every corner, brick, and building. The Crescent City, as it is known, has undergone transformation upon transformation to become the vibrant hub of tourism and culture it is today.

With its roots in Spanish and French rule, European influence is still evident in the French Quarter's architecture—from the charming courtyards to the stately, multi-story buildings.

Over the years, thousands of Americans, Germans, Sicilians, Irish, and Haitians have made New Orleans their home, creating a melting pot of cultures that has sometimes boiled over. This cultural tension led to the Americans settling in what is now the Central Business District, seeking distance from the Creoles of the French Quarter. The term "neutral grounds," still used to describe city medians, originates from the Canal Street median, which served as a neutral business zone between the Americans and Creoles. It seems natural that "New Orleans" and "culture" are uttered in the same breath, as the city is awash with passion, verve, and history.

Also nicknamed "The Big Easy," perhaps to contrast with the hustle and bustle of "The Big Apple," New Orleans has maintained its relaxed,

easy-going vibe. With its abundant parks, preserves, bayous, and waterways, the city offers a natural escape for both locals and visitors. Cozy cafés and restaurants stand ready to serve up a warm beignet and café au lait, while the sounds of live jazz fill the air each night, embodying the city's timeless spirit.

DO & SEE



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New Orleans has the uncanny ability to combine fun and excitement with its endless historical elements. Each year, millions flock to experience Mardi Gras, while the city's iconic streets and districts offer endless exploration. The soulful sounds of jazz accompany you at every turn, as do the warm, wide smiles of the welcoming New Orleanians.

French Quarter



The French Quarter is brimming with attractions and endless opportunities for fun-filled days.

World-famous Bourbon Street is the heart of the action, offering everything from live music and jazz to the iconic "Hand Grenade" cocktail at Tropical Isle. If you're feeling lucky, Harrah's Casino is just around the corner. Dining in the French Quarter is a culinary adventure, with a wide array of Cajun, Creole, seafood, and other

cuisines waiting to be explored.

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Address: The French Quarter, New Orleans

Jackson Square



This beautiful park lies at the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter.

Surrounded by iconic and photogenic landmarks like St. Louis Cathedral

and the Cabildo, Jackson Square buzzes with vibrant street life. Painters and cartoonists display their works, while local musicians and artists infuse the air with culture and charm.

Photo: Maciej Bledowski/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jackson Square, New Orleans

Mardi Gras



Mardi Gras and Carnival have long been the marquee events in New Orleans, with the first recorded parade taking place in 1837. Attracting

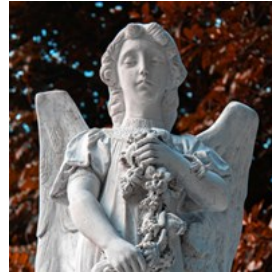
hundreds of thousands of people each year, these festivities trace their origins to French traditions—Mardi Gras translates to "Fat Tuesday" in French.

Carnival officially kicks off on January 6th (Epiphany) and unfolds over several weeks, beginning with elaborate, invitation-only balls hosted by krewes (private clubs), where debutantes are introduced to society. The excitement builds in the final weeks, leading up to Mardi Gras, with the famous street parades filling the city with colorful costumes, floats, and lots of music.

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Internet: www.mardigrasneworleans.com

St. Louis Cemetery



One of New Orleans' most intriguing attractions, St. Louis Cemetery No. 1

offers a unique glimpse into the city's rich history and storied past. Opened

in 1789 and accessible only through guided tours, this historic cemetery is the final resting place of notable figures like Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau and the infamous serial killer Delphine LaLaurie. This pre-booked experience provides an unforgettable opportunity to delve into the fascinating stories and historical significance of New Orleans' oldest and most celebrated cemetery.

Photo: Esaú Fuentes González/Unsplash

More Info: Limited visitors allowed into the cemetery each day.

Swamp Boat Ride & Oak Alley Plantation Tour from New Orleans



Join a full-day adventure from New Orleans which combines a boat ride through Louisiana's swamp with a tour of a southern plantation.

Begin your journey at Oak Alley Plantation, where you'll stroll down the iconic tree-lined esplanade and gain insight into antebellum life, or explore Destrehan Plantation, once a leading producer of sugar and indigo. Afterwards, venture into the marshy swampland for an exciting boat ride, where guided commentary will enhance your experience as you spot gators, raccoons, snakes, and native birds in their natural habitat.

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Food Walking Tour of the French Quarter

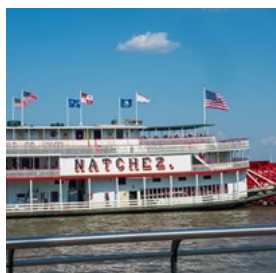


Savor authentic Louisiana cuisine from famous local eateries on this delicious Food Walking Tour of the French Quarter. Visit world-renowned

restaurants in New Orleans and enjoy tastings from seafood gumbo, Creole brisket, and beignets. Learn about the history of fine cooking in NOLA from your guide as you walk along the city streets.

Photo: Julian Rösner/Unsplash

New Orleans Steamboat Natchez Jazz Cruise



Step back in time to New Orleans' vibrant past as a burgeoning port town and experience its colorful Creole culture from a historic riverboat. Set sail

on the mighty Mississippi for a morning or afternoon cruise, where you get to soak in the scenic beauty of the urban shoreline, enjoy live music, and savor a delicious southern-style buffet meal.

Photo: Mary Hammel/Unsplash

New Orleans Premier Haunted Ghost, Voodoo, Vampire & Mystery Tour



Widely known as the most haunted city in the United States, New Orleans is full of spooky spots guaranteed to send a chill down your spine. And if you're feeling brave, why not explore the legends and history of this city embedded in mystical

arts by joining the Premier Haunted Ghost, Voodoo, Vampire, and Mystery Tour?

With a knowledgeable local guide, stop by the city's most eerie sites at night, such as the LaLaurie Mansion and New Orleans Pharmacy Museum, while listening to your guide's detailed stories of the paranormal and beyond.

Photo: Lan Gao/Unsplash

More Info: P.S. Not for the faint of heart!

The Cabildo



Originally serving as the seat of the city council during Spanish rule, the Cabildo now marks the beginning of the Louisiana State Museum.

It offers group tours that delve into Louisiana's rich history, from the early European settlers to the Civil War.

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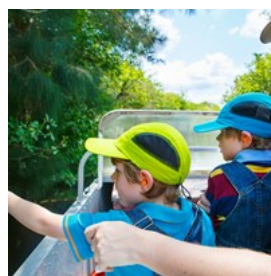
Address: 701 Chartres Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 568 8975

Internet: <https://louisianastatemuseum.org/museum/cabildo>

Airboat Ride



Embark on a thrilling, family-friendly airboat ride through New Orleans' wild bayou country, where you'll explore the moss-draped

cypress swamps near Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. As you glide along the lush, forested shoreline, a native guide provides lively commentary, enhancing your adventure with fascinating insights into the local wildlife and the rich history of the area.

Photo: Irina Wilhauk/Shutterstock

More Info: Alligators are most commonly spotted in the summer months.

St. Louis Cathedral



St. Louis Cathedral is one of New Orleans' most iconic landmarks.

Overlooking Jackson Square, this stunning cathedral captivates

visitors with its majestic architecture, including painted ceilings and stained glass windows. Visitors can enjoy an impromptu tour from a knowledgeable volunteer or explore at their own pace with a self-guided brochure.

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Address: 615 Pere Antoine Alley, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm

Phone: +1 504 525 9585

Internet: www.stlouiscathedral.org

Garden District



Known as the "Garden District" for its stunning gardens, canopies of live oaks, and serene vistas, this neighborhood offers a tranquil escape for

visitors. A leisurely stroll reveals historic mansions and grand homes that attract both tourists and locals. Coliseum Square and Magazine Street are particularly popular among travelers.

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Address: Garden District, New Orleans

City Park



Just 2 miles from the French Quarter, this expansive green oasis offers a welcome escape from the city. The park features numerous

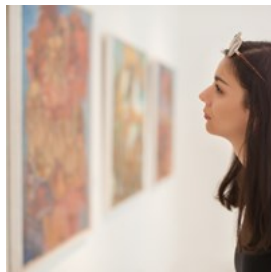
attractions, including museums, lakes, fountains, sports facilities (such as a golf course), an amusement park, and the world's largest collection of oaks. It's a favorite spot for runners, cyclists, picnickers, and boating enthusiasts. The park also hosts a variety of events, including concerts, an Easter egg hunt, and the popular Celebration in the Oaks.

Photo: AAlex81/Shutterstock.com

Address: City Park, New Orleans

Internet: <https://neworleanscitypark.org>

New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA)



Founded in 1911, the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) started with just nine pieces on display. Today, it boasts an impressive collection

of over 40,000 works, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and more. NOMA is renowned for its diverse collections of French, Japanese, African, and American art, as well as photography and glass.

The museum's Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden is a stunning five-acre outdoor gallery featuring some of America's most significant sculptural works. Set beneath a canopy of live oaks and Spanish moss, the garden offers a captivating experience for art lovers.

Photo: guruXOX/Shutterstock.com

Destination: New Orleans, Louisiana

Address: 1 Collins Diboll Circle, New Orleans

Opening hours: Tue & Thu-Sun 10am-5pm, Wed noon-7pm,
Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 658 4100

Internet: <https://noma.org>

Email: hello@noma.org

More Info: Located in City Park

New Orleans School of Cooking



Immerse yourself in the full Louisiana dining experience with a fun and educational cooking demonstration class at the New Orleans School

of Cooking. In a converted 19th-century molasses warehouse, watch a local chef prepare classic Creole dishes like gumbo, jambalaya, and pralines. As you learn the secrets of these beloved recipes, enjoy generous samples paired perfectly with local beer or a refreshing sweet iced tea.

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Address: 524 St Louis Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +1 800 237 4841

Canal Street



The legendary Canal Street is often referred to as New Orleans' "Main Street." It serves as the perfect starting point for exploring the Crescent

City, with scenic and historic sights just steps away. Many of Canal Street's historic buildings now house upscale hotels, such as the Ritz-Carlton, while the Shops at Canal Place offer a range of well-known brands. Canal Street also comes alive with parades during Mardi Gras and dazzles with stunning holiday lights during Christmas, making it a must-visit destination for

travelers.

Photo: Natalia Bratslavsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Canal Street, New Orleans

The National WWII Museum



Designated by Congress as America's National World War II Museum, this must-visit destination offers a powerful experience for locals,

visitors, and all citizens. The Louisiana Memorial Pavilion houses a wealth of artifacts from the war, including exhibits on D-Day, the Home Front, and the Pacific Theater. Don't miss Tom Hanks' exclusive production "Beyond All Boundaries," a 4-D experience at the Solomon Victory Theater. The Stage Door Canteen transports you back in time with music and entertainment from the era, while the American Sector restaurant and Soda Shop, crafted by renowned Chef John Besh, offer delicious dining options.

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Address: 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +1 504 528 1944

Internet: www.nationalww2museum.org

Email: info@nationalww2museum.org

New Orleans Streetcars



New Orleans' historic streetcars are more than just a convenient way to get around—they're an iconic attraction in their own right. Six vintage

streetcars (NOT trolleys), dating back to the 1920s, currently operate across three lines, and they hold a special place in the hearts of both locals and visitors.

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Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve



The Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve offers a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in Cajun culture and the natural beauty of the bayou. Named after the legendary "Gentleman Pirate" Jean Lafitte, who played a key role alongside General Andrew Jackson in defending New Orleans during the War of 1812, the park provides a rich historical experience. Visitors can also explore the Chalmette battlefield, where the pivotal Battle of New Orleans took place.

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Address: 6588 Barataria Boulevard, Marrero
Phone: +1 504 589 3882

Caesars Superdome



Home to the championship New Orleans Saints and the Tulane University Green Wave, the Caesars Superdome is one of the largest stadiums in the nation. Beyond football, the Superdome hosts world-class concerts, conventions, and exhibits. It has been the venue for seven Super Bowls and is also the site of the college football Sugar Bowl.

Photo: David Lee/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1500 Sugar Bowl Drive, New Orleans
Phone: +1 800 756 7074
Internet: www.caesarssuperdome.com

Audubon Zoo



Located in the picturesque Uptown neighborhood of New Orleans, the Audubon Zoo engages guests with animals from around the world. The zoo features immersive natural habitats, including the Louisiana Swamp and Jaguar Jungle, along with lush gardens. Visitors can enjoy spectacular presentations featuring elephants and sea lions. Highlights of the zoo include rare and endangered species such as Amur leopards, whooping cranes, orangutans, the white tiger, and the elusive white alligators.

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Address: 6500 Magazine Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm
Phone: +1 504 861 2537
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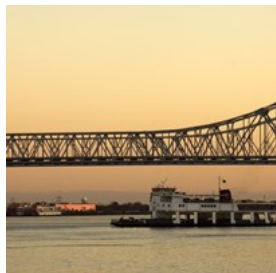
Audubon Aquarium



The Audubon Aquarium is adjacent to the French Quarter, right on the Mississippi River, which adds to the Aquarium's intrinsically inspiring aura. It displays, among other things, a vibrant world of Caribbean coral reef with a walk-through tunnel, sea otters and penguins engaging in play, and a 400,000 gallon Gulf of Mexico Exhibit which allows you to visit the gigantic sharks, tarpon, and rays. Guests are even encouraged to feed the parakeets, and get up close and personal with a sting ray.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Canal Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm
Phone: +1 504 565 3033
Internet: <https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/aquarium>

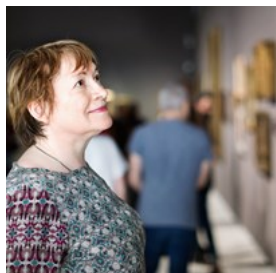
New Orleans Ferries



New Orleans ferries offer a fantastic way to explore the city while enjoying stunning waterfront views. The ferry system is one of the busiest in the nation, with the Canal Street ferry alone making over two million trips annually. Adding to their appeal, ferry rides are free for pedestrians, making them an even more attractive option for sightseeing.

Photo: Natalia Bratslavsky/Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.norta.com

Ogden Museum of Southern Art



The Ogden Museum of Southern Art showcases not just Southern art, but art deeply rooted in Southern themes. Its collection includes 4,000 paintings, sculptures, and photographs spanning 15 Southern states over the past three centuries. On Thursday evenings, the museum hosts Ogden After Hours, featuring live music and various events. Visitors can also enjoy stunning views of the area from the rooftop terrace.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: 925 Camp Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm
Phone: +1 504 539 9650
Internet: <https://ogdenmuseum.org>
Email: info@ogdenmuseum.org

Backstreet Cultural Museum



The Backstreet Cultural Museum celebrates New Orleans' vibrant street culture and rich Mardi Gras history. It showcases an impressive collection of Mardi Gras Indian costumes and a variety of musical artifacts. Visitors can delve into the city's artistic and cultural heritage through its exhibits, as well as enjoy live music and dance performances.

Photo: KoBoZaa/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1531 St. Philip Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +1 504 657 6700
Internet: www.backstreetmuseum.org

Louisiana Children's Museum



Since 1986, the Louisiana Children's Museum has been a top destination for young visitors and their families. With 147,000 annual visitors, the museum offers a wealth of interactive exhibits and activities that make it a fantastic way to spend an afternoon with kids. The hands-on fun and educational experiences ensure that children are engaged and entertained throughout their visit.

Photo: Romrodphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 Henry Thomas Drive, New Orleans
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9:30am-4:30pm, Sun 11:30am-4:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +1 504 523 1357
Internet: <https://lcm.org>
Email: info@lcm.org

EVENTS



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Immerse yourself in Louisiana's musical, culinary, and cultural heritage at one of more than 400 festivals celebrating everything from crawfish to cotton and Blues to barbecue. Don't miss the biggest festival of all, Mardi Gras, with its spectacle of parades, music, and food events, held in nearly every community in the state.

Mardi Gras (January–February)



Mardi Gras in New Orleans isn't just a single day—Fat Tuesday—but a month-long celebration that kicks off on Twelfth Night, January 6. The city

immerses itself in a whirlwind of festivities, including eating, costuming, bead-tossing, and parading, with excitement building as Ash Wednesday approaches. Throughout the weekends leading up to Fat Tuesday, parades roll through various neighborhoods, featuring bands, marching groups, boats, and costumed riders who toss beads and other trinkets to the crowds. The celebration is also family-friendly, with Uptown and suburban parades offering kid-friendly fun.

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Internet: www.mardigrasneworleans.com

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (April–May)



The annual New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, commonly known as Jazz Fest, is an eight-day celebration of the city's rich musical and cultural traditions, second only in importance to Mardi Gras. Held in late April and early May, the festival attracts bands and performers from across the country, showcasing genres integral to Louisiana's art scene, including jazz, blues, Cajun, Afro-Caribbean, and zydeco.

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Internet: www.nojazzfest.com

French Quarter Festival (April)



Another noteworthy music festival is the French Quarter Festival, a celebration of New Orleans music that has been running annually since its inauguration in 1983. Music genres represented include blues, jazz, zydeco, and others. Attendance is free of charge.

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Internet: <https://frenchquarterfest.org>

New Orleans Wine & Food Experience (June)



The New Orleans Wine & Food Experience (NOWFE) is a premier five-day festival that draws culinary experts and foodies from around the globe who come to the city to savor Louisiana's finest cuisine. As implied by its

name, NOWFE also hosts wine-tasting events, on which hundreds of fine wines from around the world are offered.

Photo: New Orleans CVB
Internet: www.nowfe.com

COOLinary New Orleans Restaurant Month (August)



Good food is at the heart of New Orleans' inextinguishable joie de vivre, and there is hardly a better month than August to explore all the city's culinary delights. Throughout the entire month, diners can indulge in special prix-fixe menus at over 100 participating restaurants, offering lunch, dinner, and brunch at irresistible prices. These culinary experiences are spread across the city, allowing you to savor the diverse flavors of New Orleans in iconic neighborhoods like the French Quarter, Uptown, and the Central Business District.

Photo: New Orleans CVB
Internet: www.neworleans.com/coolinary

Satchmo SummerFest (August)



The annual Satchmo SummerFest is a lively celebration dedicated to the legendary Louis Armstrong, aligning with his August 4th birthday. Held at the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old U.S. Mint, this two-day festival features a diverse lineup of jazz performances across multiple stages, including traditional jazz, swing, and more. It's a festive event that captures the spirit of New Orleans with music, food, and fun for the whole family.

Photo: New Orleans CVB
Internet: <https://satchmosummerfest.org>

Christmas New Orleans Style (December)



Christmas in New Orleans is truly magical, with carols and live jazz filling the air as the city welcomes Papa Noël, Louisiana's own Santa

Claus, who travels by alligator-pulled boat instead of a sleigh. Take the opportunity to enjoy a four-course Réveillon Dinner and immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere beneath the twinkling lights of City Park's centuries-old oaks.

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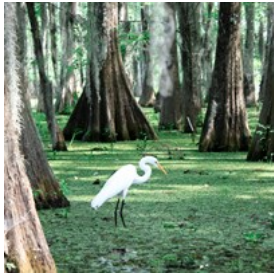
EXCURSIONS



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In Louisiana, you'll discover a vibrant and unforgettable melting pot of cultures and cuisines. Visitors from around the world are drawn to savor flavorful Cajun and Creole dishes before dancing the night away in the birthplace of American Jazz, Cajun, and Zydeco music. With endless opportunities for fishing, biking, birding, paddling, and golfing, Louisiana is the ultimate playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

Bayou Lafourche



Less than an hour's drive from New Orleans, Bayou Lafourche is a scenic waterway often called "The Longest Main Street in the World." As you explore the area, you'll discover picturesque towns like Thibodaux, where antebellum homes and local museums tell the story of Louisiana's past. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy fishing, boating, or simply soaking in the natural beauty of the surrounding wetlands, home to alligators, herons, and majestic cypress trees.

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Lafayette



Once named the "Happiest City in America" by the Wall Street Journal and the "Tastiest Town of the South" by Southern

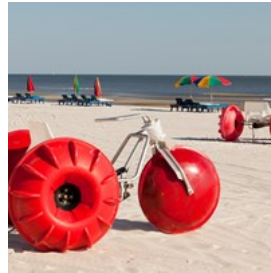
Living in 2012, Lafayette is the vibrant heart of Louisiana's Cajun and Creole country. Pay a visit to Lafayette to experience the city's warm hospitality and its unique blend of food, music, and culture that makes it truly special.

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Address: Lafayette, LA

More Info: Lafayette is about 217 kilometers west of New Orleans. The drive usually takes around 2 to 2.5 hours, depending on traffic and the route.

Northshore



If you're looking for a perfect day trip from New Orleans, head to Louisiana's Northshore—just a quick drive across Lake

Pontchartrain. This picturesque region offers a mix of natural beauty, rich history, and small-town appeal.

Kick off your day with a visit to the historic town of Covington, where you can stroll through art galleries, browse unique boutiques, and savor locally roasted coffee. For nature lovers, the Northshore is a haven—take a peaceful hike in Fontainebleau State Park or rent a kayak to explore the peaceful waterways. Don't miss a stop at the Abita Brewery in Abita Springs, where you can sample some of Louisiana's finest craft beers.

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Internet: www.visitthenorthshore.com

Lake Charles



If you're looking for a memorable excursion from New Orleans, consider heading to Lake Charles, also known as "Louisiana's Playground."

Celebrated for its vibrant culture and beautiful natural scenery, Lake Charles offers a mix of outdoor adventures and lively entertainment. You can explore the Creole Nature Trail, a scenic byway that takes you through lush marshlands and wildlife refuges, dine on fresh seafood, pamper yourself at a spa, or try your luck at one of the local casinos. The city also has a thriving arts scene, with galleries, festivals, and events

year-round that showcase the area's rich heritage.

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Address: Lake Charles, LA

Internet: www.visitlakecharles.org

More Info: Lake Charles is about 330 kilometers from New Orleans. The drive typically takes around 3 to 3.5 hours.

Baton Rouge



Steeped in history and Southern charm, Baton Rouge offers visitors a chance to explore iconic landmarks like the Old State Capitol, a Gothic

Revival building that looks more like a castle than a government office. Stroll along the Mississippi River at the downtown Riverfront Plaza, or dive into Louisiana's storied past at the Capitol Park Museum. Foodies will have a great time at Louisiana's lively capital, where Cajun and Creole flavors shine at every turn.

Photo: Gower Brown/Unsplash

Address: Baton Rouge, LA

More Info: Baton Rouge is approximately 130 kilometers from New Orleans. The drive typically takes around 1.5 to 2 hours.

Houma



If you want to experience authentic Cajun culture and explore Louisiana's natural beauty, a day trip to Houma is well worth the hour-long drive from

New Orleans. Located about 95 kilometers from the city, Houma is a gateway to the bayous, offering swamp tours where you can spot alligators, birds, and other wildlife in their natural habitat. The town's rich traditions come alive through its toe-tapping music, lively

festivals, and finger-licking Cajun cuisine. Don't miss the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum to delve deeper into the area's fishing heritage, or simply enjoy a leisurely stroll through the charming downtown.

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Address: Houma, LA

DINING



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Much of New Orleans' appeal lies in its incredible cuisine. Southern, Cajun, Creole, and French fare are the most common, with each restaurant adding its own twist to these traditional favorites. This makes dining in the Crescent City a truly unique experience, with each venue offering something distinct and memorable.

Bourbon House



Specializing in fresh, local, and seasonal ingredients, Bourbon House is renowned for its Gulf oysters, served straight up or topped

with champagne mignonette and Cajun caviar. The menu seamlessly blends classic Creole dishes with innovative creations, providing a dining experience that's both traditional and modern.

Located on bustling Bourbon Street, the restaurant features airy dining spaces with large picture windows that offer a lively view of the action outside. Beyond its exceptional seafood, Bourbon House boasts one of the most extensive bourbon selections in the country, making it a haven for bourbon enthusiasts.

Photo: Mitili Mitili/Unsplash

Address: 144 Bourbon Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7:30am-9pm, Fri & Sat

7:30am-10pm

Phone: +1 504 522 0111

Internet: www.bourbonhouse.com

Bayona



Housed in a 1769 Creole cottage in the French Quarter, Bayona offers an enchanting dining experience that blends historical charm with

contemporary flair. Founded by Chef Susan Spicer in 1990, this award-winning restaurant is celebrated for its inventive Louisiana fare, featuring signature dishes like creamy garlic soup, grilled duck breast, and veal sweetbreads—all served in a warm, intimate setting that includes a lush courtyard perfect for a romantic al fresco dining.

Photo: Anna Grishenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 430 Dauphine Street, New Orleans

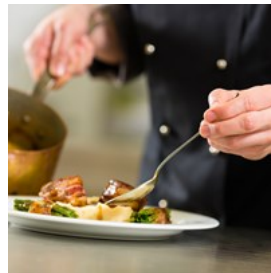
Opening hours: Tue & Wed 6pm-8:30pm, Thu-Sat

11:30am-1:30pm / 6pm-9pm; Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 525 4455

Internet: www.bayona.com

Commander's Palace



Adorned with turquoise and white turrets and columns, Commander's Palace is the Victorian gem of the Garden District, and a New

Orleans landmark since 1893. Its cuisine is a delightful marriage of haute Creole and modern American fare.

With seven James Beard Foundation Awards to its name, this culinary legend provides a glimpse into New Orleans' storied past while remaining a go-to destination for refined dining in the heart of the city.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1403 Washington Avenue, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 5:30pm-9:30pm, Thu-Sat

11:30am-2pm / 6pm-9:30pm; Sun 10am-2pm / 6pm-9:30pm

Phone: +1 504 899 8221

Internet: www.commanderspalace.com

Boucherie



Inspired by the heritage and culture of Southern cooking, Boucherie shares the spirit of traditional New Orleans festivals and familial

celebrations known as "boucheries." The meats are all smoked, cured, and aged in-house, and the seafood and grains are purchased locally. Chef Nathaniel Zimet is a certified winner of Food Network's "Chopped."

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock

Address: 8115 Jeannette Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Wed & Thu 5pm-9:30pm, Fri 11am-2pm /

5pm-9:30pm; Sat 5pm-9:30pm

Phone: +1 504 862 5514

Internet: www.boucherie-neworleans.com

Email: info@boucherie-nola.com

Acme Oyster House



The inevitable long lines at this French Quarter eatery are well worth the wait. Acme is legendary among both tourists and locals, serving some of the city's best local specialties in a laid-back, no-frills setting. The menu features Gulf oysters, a variety of po'boys, gumbo, and other Cajun-Creole classics, making it a must-visit spot for authentic New Orleans flavors.

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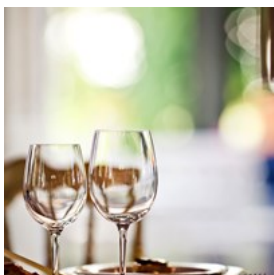
Address: 724 Iberville Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 504 522 5973

Internet: <https://acmeoyster.com>

Antoine's Restaurant



Fine dining is at its best at Antoine's, one of the oldest family-run restaurants in the United States, operating since 1840. This classic old-world grand dame of French-Creole cuisine is not only elegant but also rich in history as the birthplace of Oysters Rockefeller.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 713 St. Louis Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon 10:30am-2pm / 5pm-9pm; Tue & Wed 5pm-9pm, Thu-Sat 10:30am-2pm / 5pm-9pm; Sun 10:30am-2pm

Phone: +1 504 581 4422

Internet: <https://antoines.com>

Email: antoines1840@gmail.com

The Company Burger



While the burgers at Company Burger might forgo some traditional toppings like lettuce and tomato, they more than makeup for it with unique homemade condiments like basil mayonnaise and Creole honey mustard, adding a distinctly New Orleans flair. Whether you opt for beef, turkey, or lamb, every choice here is a winner. At Company Burger, there's no such thing as a wrong order—just great flavor.

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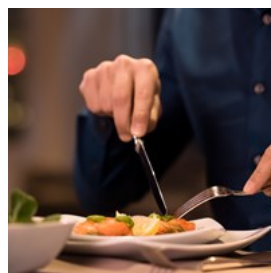
Address: 4600 Freret Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-10pm, Tue closed

Phone: +1 504 267 0320

Internet: <https://thecompanyburger.com>

GW Fins



As the French Quarter's premier destination for high-quality seafood, GW Fins offers an ever-changing menu that showcases fresh catches at their seasonal peak. Housed in a turn-of-the-century warehouse, the restaurant features 210 dining seats, stunning graduated ceilings, and grand windows with views over the French Quarter. The dress code is "dressy casual," with gentlemen requested to wear collared shirts.

Photo: Rido/Shutterstock.com

Address: 808 Bienville Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-9:30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm-10pm

Phone: +1 504 581 3467

Internet: <https://gwfins.com>

August



Located in a 19th-century French-Creole building in the Central Business District, August is the brainchild of famed chef John Besh. Here,

contemporary French cuisine is crafted with fresh ingredients and a nod to Besh's southern Louisiana roots. Warm hardwood floors, mahogany paneling, gallant columns, and antique mirrors give the interior a touch of majesty. There are three dining rooms and a two-story wine room.

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Address: 301 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans

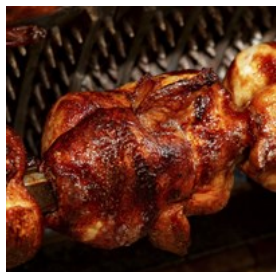
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-9pm

Phone: +1 504 299 9777

Internet: www.restaurantaugust.com

Email: info@restaurantaugust.com

Zea Rotisserie & Bar



Zea Rotisserie & Bar in Metairie (about 20 minutes from the French Quarter) offers a mouthwatering menu featuring succulent

appetizers, scintillating soups, and fresh seafood, alongside sandwiches, salads, and daily rotisserie platters. This New American restaurant is known for its expertly roasted meats, craft cocktails, and vibrant happy hours, all served in a relaxed, casual setting.

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Address: 4450 Veterans Boulevard, Metairie

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 504 780 9090

Internet: <https://zearestaurants.com/location/metairie>

Mr. John's Steakhouse



Nestled in New Orleans' charming Garden District along the historic St. Charles Avenue, Mr. John's Steakhouse is a top-tier dining destination

renowned for its USDA Prime steaks. Highly recommended come the Cowboy Steak and the Porterhouse for two, served sizzling with just a touch of salt and pepper to let the quality shine. Complementing the steaks are an array of delicious sides, including their mouth-watering garlic mashed potatoes and creamed spinach.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2111 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5:30pm-9:30pm, Fri 11:30am-2pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm; Sat 5:30pm-9:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 679 7697

Internet: www.instagram.com/mrjohnssteaks

Clancy's Restaurant



Originally a neighborhood bar, Clancy's transformed into a renowned fine dining establishment in 1983. Today, it is one of New Orleans' top spots

for classic Creole cuisine. The restaurant boasts an impressive wine cellar and a menu that features standout dishes like fried oysters with brie and grilled lamb chops Webster.

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Address: 6100 Annunciation Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Tue, Wed & Sat 5pm-10pm, Thu & Fri 11:30am-2pm / 5pm-10pm; Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 895 1111

Internet: www.clancysneworleans.com

Bennachin Restaurant



Drawing from its roots in Gambia and Cameroon, Bennachin brings authentic African cuisine to New Orleans. The menu features

vegetarian-friendly West African fare, and the restaurant prides itself on using fresh, healthy ingredients in all its dishes. A citywide favorite is the Jama Jama, a flavorful dish of spinach sautéed with vegetable oil, ginger, onion, and garlic.

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Address: 1212 Royal Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Wed & Thu 11am-8pm, Fri & Sun 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 504 522 1230

Internet: <https://bennachinrestaurant.com>

Email: info@bennachinrestaurant.com

Cochon



Boasting authentic Southern Cajun cuisine, Cochon utilizes locally grown pork, seafood, and produce to stay true to New Orleans' culinary

heritage. Cochon's chefs employ traditional preparation and cooking methods to deliver genuine flavors. Housed in a renovated warehouse, Cochon offers a modern yet cozy atmosphere that perfectly complements its hometown charm.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 930 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 504 588 2123

Internet: <https://cochonrestaurant.com>

Broussard's



Broussard's, a historic New Orleans institution since 1920, offers an exquisite dining experience with high-end Creole cuisine in an

elegant, timeless setting. Guests can savor dinner in the beautifully appointed dining rooms, enjoy a jazz brunch in the intimate courtyard, or unwind with crafted cocktails at the Empire Bar.

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Address: 819 Conti Street, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 581 3866

Internet: <https://broussards.com>

Ancora Pizzeria



At Ancora, pizzas are baked to perfection in a wood-burning oven brought all the way from Naples, following traditional Neapolitan methods for the dough. The result is authentic, simply delicious pies. The menu also features alternatives centered around cured meats, which are equally worth trying.

Photo: svariophoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4508 Freret Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 2pm-9pm, Thu noon-9pm, Fri &

Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-9pm

Phone: +1 504 324 1636

Internet: www.ancorapizza.com

Email: ancoranola@gmail.com

Hoshun



Hoshun is an eclectic Asian restaurant in the Uptown neighborhood serving a diverse array of dishes inspired by the cuisines of China, Japan, Vietnam, and other South Asian countries. The menu features favorites like pho soup, pad Thai, Vietnamese spring rolls, sushi, and more.

Photo: svry/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-12:30am

Phone: +1 504 302 9716

Internet: www.hoshunrestaurant.com

CAFÉS



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Boasting style, character, quality, and history, the cafés of New Orleans never cease to satiate even the most distinguished palates. Traditional French beignets are freshly baked at the famous Café du Monde, and chicory coffee is brewed daily. No matter where you go, you'll find delicious food around every corner.

Café Du Monde



Standing proudly as one of New Orleans' original and lasting treasures since 1862, Café Du Monde is open nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to fulfill all your desires for fine coffee and pastries. Its menu is rife with all the essentials of a traditional coffee house: dark roasted coffee with chicory, a variety of pastries, and freshly squeezed juices. Naturally, most people come for the famous beignets made true to French-style doughnuts.

The most frequented location is the French Market Café Du Monde, but there are also several other locations in the New Orleans area, so visit the website to find the nearest one to you.

Photo: sydney8690/Shutterstock.com

Address: 800 Decatur Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7:15am-11pm, Fri & Sat 7:15am-midnight

Phone: +1 504 587 0833

Internet: <https://shop.cafedumonde.com>

Napoleon House



Napoleon House is as rich in history as it is in flavor. Originally owned by Nicholas Girod, who served as mayor of New Orleans from 1812 to 1815, the building was offered as a refuge for Napoleon Bonaparte during his exile—though the French leader never arrived, the name stuck. Today, Napoleon House is a nationally renowned bar and café, beloved for its old-time ambiance, classic Creole dishes, and local favorites such as muffalettas and po' boys.

Destination: New Orleans, Louisiana

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Address: 500 Chartres Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 504 524 9752

Internet: www.napoleonhouse.com

Email: info@neworleans-food.com

Jacques-Imo's



Created by French-Italian chef Jacques Leonardi, Jacques-Imo's is a beloved spot for authentic "Nawlins" cuisine. This lively café invites guests

to come early and stay late, indulging in Creole soul food like duck and andouille sausage gumbo, crab meat-stuffed shrimp, and blackened redfish with crab-chili hollandaise. The atmosphere is warm and whimsical, perfect for gathering with friends and family. For parties of four or fewer, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, while reservations are recommended for larger groups.

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Address: 8324 Oak Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Wed-Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat 4pm-10pm, Sun-Tue closed

Phone: +1 504 861 0886

Internet: <https://jacques-imos.com>

Email: info@jacquesimos.com

Cafe Amelie



Cafe Amelie feels like it was plucked straight from the pages of a fairytale, and it's easy to see why locals love this place. Its enchanting courtyard,

brimming with lush greenery and timeless charm, has made Café Amelie a sought-after venue for weddings and special events. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply

enjoying a meal, take a seat in this magical setting and savor the flavors of local cuisine, surrounded by the whisper of fountains and the glow of string lights.

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Address: 900 Royal Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 10:30am-2:30pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm; Mon-Wed closed

Phone: +1 504 412 8065

Internet: <https://cafeamelie.com>

Email: info@cafeamelie.com

Atchafalaya



The cuisine at Atchafalaya is as elaborate as its name, offering a tempting array of contemporary Creole and Cajun fare. Alongside hand-crafted cocktails, the restaurant features a "Bloody Mary Bar" and often hosts live music during its popular Saturday and Sunday brunches. The setting is equally impressive; Atchafalaya is housed in a cozy Creole cottage with art on the walls.

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Address: 901 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 9:30am-9pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +1 504 891 9626

Internet: www.atchafalayarestaurant.com

Mr. B's Bistro

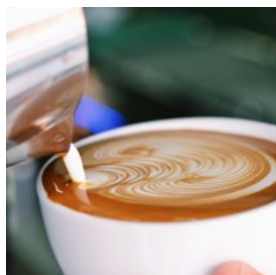


Located on the corner of Royal Street, this lively bistro is renowned for its iconic dishes like Barbequed Shrimp, served with French bread perfect for soaking up every last drop of the savory sauce. The menu also features Southern staples such as shrimp and grits and gumbo,

alongside the delicious buttered pecan pie. Its interior is warm and inviting, with a mix of brass accents, dark wood, and large windows that flood the space with natural light during the day. Whether you're stopping in for a casual lunch or a more elegant dinner, Mr. B's offers a refined yet relaxed dining experience that captures the essence of New Orleans.

Photo: Ekaterina Kondratova/Shutterstock.com
Address: 201 Royal Street, New Orleans
Phone: +1 504 523 2078
Internet: www.mrbsbistro.com
Email: dine@mrbsbistro.com

Avenue Cafe



Avenue Cafe is a charming neighborhood spot, perfect for anyone looking to unwind with a cup of coffee or a casual bite. The menu features a mix of fresh, made-to-order dishes, ranging from breakfast sandwiches and salads to pastries and smoothies. With large windows offering views of the historic streetcar line, it's a great place to soak in the local vibe while savoring delicious food and drink.

Photo: little star/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1907 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans
Opening hours: Daily 7am-2pm
Phone: +1 504 301 2097
Internet: www.avenuecafenola.com
Email: hello@avenuecafenola.com

Hivolt



Hivolt is a trendy café known for its gourmet coffees and health-conscious menu featuring avocado toast, quinoa bowls, and

house-made pastries served in a bright and modern space.

Photo: Fotyma/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1829 Sophie Wright Place, New Orleans
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-5pm, Sun closed
Phone: +1 504 324 8818
Internet: www.instagram.com/hivoltcoffee

Elizabeth's



Elizabeth's is a bustling and quirky eatery famous for its hearty Southern comfort food and eclectic, down-to-earth atmosphere. From the moment you step inside, you're greeted by colorful local artwork, mismatched furniture, and a lively, welcoming vibe that perfectly captures the spirit of the city. The menu is filled with indulgent dishes like their renowned praline bacon, creamy grits, and the iconic Eggs Elizabeth—poached eggs atop fried green tomatoes.

Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com
Address: 601 Gallier Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 8am-2:30pm, Wed closed
Phone: +1 504 944 9272
Internet: <https://elizabethsrestaurantnola.com>

Mammoth Espresso



Mammoth Espresso is a small but mighty coffee haven in New Orleans' Warehouse District, known for its meticulously crafted espresso drinks and inviting minimalist vibe. Whether you're grabbing a quick shot of espresso or a creamy cappuccino, Mammoth's skilled baristas ensure that every drink is perfectly balanced and full of flavor. The café

also offers a selection of teas alongside baked goods that pair beautifully with your beverage of choice.

Photo: Bplanet/Shutterstock.com

Address: 821 Baronne Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm

Phone: +1 504 475 4344

Internet: <https://mammothcoffee.co>

Email: hello@mammothcoffee.co

Tout de Suite Cafe



Tout de Suite is an amalgamation of sorts, combining the rustic feel of a European-style café with the comfort of a traditional diner and

bakery. The menu impresses with a diverse array of dishes, from boudin with eggs and green tomato pie to decadent pots de crème, plus vegan and vegetarian diners alongside a selection of organic coffees and teas.

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Address: 347 Verret Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-1pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 504 362 2264

Envie Espresso Bar & Cafe



Nestled in the heart of the French Quarter, Envie Espresso Bar & Cafe is a beloved New Orleans spot that perfectly captures the

laid-back yet lively spirit of the city. With its exposed brick walls and warm, eclectic decor, Envie exudes a welcoming, cozy vibe that invites you to relax, whether you're grabbing a quick breakfast or lingering over a cappuccino. The menu offers a delightful range of options, from almond croissants and hearty breakfast

sandwiches to the local favorite, shrimp and grits.

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Address: 1241 Decatur Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-midnight, Fri & Sat 7am-11pm

Phone: +1 504 524 3689

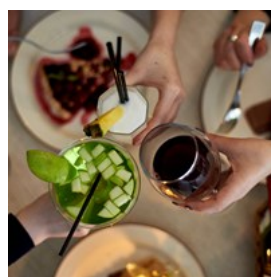
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Standing boldly against the vivacity of New Orleans' world-famous streets are its nightclubs and bars. Jazz plays a central role in the city's identity, and it truly is ubiquitous—heard in bars, cafés, restaurants, and small venues throughout the city. From grand orchestras to new young trios, jazz is the air this city breathes, so indulge and take a deep breath.

The Elysian Bar



Nestled within the historic Hotel Peter & Paul in New Orleans' vibrant Marigny neighborhood, The Elysian Bar is a hidden gem offering a unique blend of old-world charm and modern elegance. Housed in a beautifully restored 19th-century Creole rectory, the bar exudes a cozy, romantic ambiance, with its striking yellow walls and intimate "jewel box" atrium bar creating a warm, inviting atmosphere. Come here to enjoy a creative cocktail, with

highlights like the "Mr. Follow Follow," a spicy yet pleasantly fruity drink, alongside a selection of small bites that reflect a blend of Mediterranean, European, and New Orleans flavors.

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Address: 2317 Burgundy Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-midnight, Fri & Sat 7am-1am

Phone: +1 504 356 6769

Internet: <https://ash.world/dining/the-elysian-bar>

More Info: Located inside the Hotel Peter and Paul

The Bombay Club



The Bombay Club continues to be a quintessential destination for those seeking an elegant and sophisticated experience. Modeled

after a British gentleman's club, it offers a classy setting where guests can enjoy authentic Creole cuisine alongside an impressive selection of craft cocktails, single malt scotches, ports, reserved bourbons, and premium cigars. Plus, a menu that includes steaks, seafood options, and nightly live music.

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Address: 830 Conti Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 5pm-midnight, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +1 504 577 2237

Internet: <https://bombayclubneworleans.com>

The Spotted Cat Music Club



The Spotted Cat Music Club is a beloved local institution known for its authentic and intimate jazz experience. This cozy venue, often referred to simply as "The Cat," is a magnet for both locals and visitors who are eager to escape the chaos of

Bourbon Street and immerse themselves in the true essence of New Orleans music. With live performances that range from traditional and modern jazz to blues and funk, The Spotted Cat offers music lovers a chance to enjoy some of the best local talent the city has to offer.

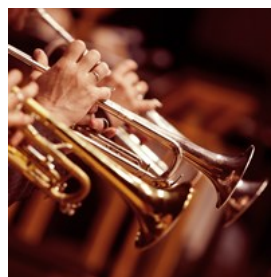
Photo: Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com

Address: 623 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 2pm-2am

Internet: www.spottedcatmusicclub.com

Preservation Hall



This iconic New Orleans jazz hall, operational since 1961, continues to be a cornerstone of the city's rich musical heritage, hosting over

350 live jazz performances annually. Payment is cash-only, and it's best to arrive early to claim some of the limited seating on benches if you'd rather not stand.

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Address: 726 St. Peter Street, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 522 2841

Internet: www.preservationhall.com

Email: info@preservationhall.com

Ernst Cafe



Housed in a circa-1902 saloon, Ernst Cafe offers a taste of authentic New Orleans in a setting that radiates historic charm.

With its rustic, inviting interior featuring exposed brick walls and wood accents, the restaurant provides the perfect backdrop for enjoying some delicious Cajun pub grub and NOLA staples like Gumbo and Jambalaya. Their menu also boasts unique creations like Creole nachos and the signature

“Ernster Po’boy,” a mouthwatering twist on a classic, combining slow-cooked roast beef, Swiss cheese, and deep-fried Gulf shrimp. To complete the experience, wash it all down with one of their specialty drinks or a local brew.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock

Address: 600 South Peters Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11am–1am

Phone: +1 504 525 8544

Internet: <https://ernstcafe.com>

Fritzel’s European Jazz Club



Located in a historic 1831 building in the heart of the French Quarter, Fritzel's European Jazz Pub has been a mecca for jazz lovers and musicians

since its founding in 1969. This Bourbon Street mainstay offers nightly live jazz in an intimate setting, making it a must-visit spot for anyone looking to experience the authentic sound of New Orleans.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 733 Bourbon Street, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 586 4800

Internet: <https://fritzelsjazz.com>

NOLA Brewing & Pizza Co.



NOLA Brewing & Pizza Co. is a must-visit spot in New Orleans for craft beer enthusiasts. Housed in a converted old warehouse, this proudly

local brewery offers more than 20 beers on tap, showcasing a diverse range of flavors that cater to every palate. On top of that, they serve delicious NYC-style pizzas that perfectly complement their brews.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3033 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun–Thu 11am–9pm, Fri & Sat 11am–10pm

Phone: +1 504 896 9996

Internet: <https://nolabrewing.com>

Email: info@nolabrewing.com

The Carousel Bar & Lounge



Located at Hotel Monteleone, the Carousel Bar & Lounge has long been a favorite haunt of writers and artists alike, including Ernest

Hemingway, William Faulkner, and Truman Capote. It is famous for its revolving bar, which has been delighting visitors since 1949. Known for its legendary cocktails and vibrant atmosphere, it’s a must-visit spot in New Orleans for those seeking an authentic and memorable experience.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 214 Royal Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11am–midnight

Phone: +1 504 523 3341

Internet:

<https://hotelmonteleone.com/entertainment/carousel-bar>

More Info: Hotel Monteleone

d.b.a.



d.b.a. is a legendary music venue hosting an eclectic lineup of live music in an intimate setting. Alongside its rich history, d.b.a. is also

celebrated for its extensive beer and spirit list.

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Address: 618 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 4pm–3am

Phone: +1 504 942 3731

Internet: www.dbaneworleans.com

The Sazerac Bar



The storied Sazerac Bar has been a symbol of class and quality in New Orleans since the days of Huey P. Long. Located in the Grand Roosevelt

Hotel, this legendary bar is renowned for its signature cocktails, including the iconic Sazerac, considered by many to be the world's first mixed drink. The African walnut bar is as stunning as ever, and the plush banquettes and elegant old-world vibe create an intimate atmosphere perfect for relaxing after a busy day.

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Address: 130 Roosevelt Way, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-1am, Fri-Sun 11am-1am

Phone: +1 504 648 1200

Internet: <https://therooseveltneworleans.com/dining>

Tropical Isle



Tropical Isle is a festive, island-themed bar famous for its lively atmosphere and signature Hand Grenade cocktail, which you can enjoy in a plastic

souvenir mug. The bar offers live music, a wraparound balcony with views, big-screen televisions, billiards, and a jukebox, creating a fun and entertaining environment. Whether you're there for the vibrant neon lights, Mardi Gras beads, or just to relax with great drinks and food, Tropical Isle guarantees an enjoyable evening in the heart of New Orleans.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 721 Bourbon Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-2am, Fri & Sat noon-3:30am

Phone: +1 800 475 3649

Internet: <https://tropicalisle.com>

Rock 'N' Bowl



The name says it all: Rock 'N' Bowl combines great live music with the fun of bowling, creating a uniquely entertaining experience. Plus, a bar

and Creole-inspired eats to keep you fueled during hours of fun. Whether you're hitting the lanes or the dance floor, Rock 'N' Bowl guarantees a good time for everyone.'

Photo: Oleg Znamenskiy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3016 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 861 1700

Internet: www.rocknbowl.com

The Jimani



The Jimani is a lively neighborhood bar offering a true sports bar experience with TVs broadcasting the latest games, a selection of over

100 beers, and classic pub fare served late into the night. Enjoy trivia nights, a jukebox, and a welcoming atmosphere that makes it a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 141 Chartres Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-4am

Phone: +1 504 524 0493

Internet: <https://thejimani.com>

Email: jimmyjcafe@gmail.com

Crescent City Brewhouse



Crescent City Brewhouse specializes in unique brews like Pilsner, Red Stallion, Black Forest, Weiss Beer, IPA, and seasonal offerings

designed to satisfy any craving. The food menu is equally impressive, featuring Modern Louisiana fare and local favorites such as crabmeat hushpuppies, fried alligator bites, chicken and andouille sausage gumbo, and freshly shucked Louisiana raw oysters. To top it off, live jazz is played nightly, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of this French Quarter gem.

Photo: Denis Pogostin/Shutterstock.com
Address: 527 Decatur Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-9pm, Fri & Sat noon-10pm
Phone: +1 504 522 0571
Internet: www.crescentcitybrewhouse.com

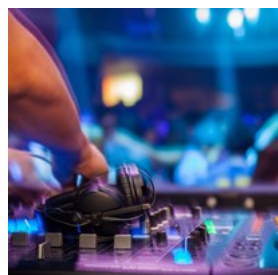
Parasol's



Founded in 1952, Parasol's has earned its reputation as a popular stomping ground for St. Patrick's Day festivities in New Orleans. This old-school bar offers a laid-back, divey atmosphere, and its food is fantastic. The traditional Louisiana po'boy, a standout on the menu, is a must-try.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock
Address: 2533 Constance Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-1am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am
Phone: +1 504 354 9079

The Metropolitan



With two stories of club action and premier cocktails, anything can happen at the Metropolitan. Smoke machines, lights, and strobes set the tone as resident DJs provide the backdrop. Every few weeks a guest DJ comes to turn tables, and the likes of Jazzy Jeff, DJ Scene, and Lady Gaga's DJ, Space Cowboy, have been

featured. Stop for drinks at one of the 11 bartender stations.

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Address: 310 Andrew Higgins Boulevard, New Orleans
Phone: +1 504 568 1702
Internet: www.themetronola.com

Bacchanal Fine Wine & Spirits

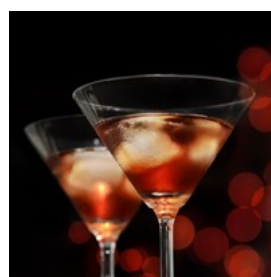


Bacchanal call themselves a "wine laboratory," and what they concoct is a mix of good food, great music, and of course, fine wine.

This unique wine shop has over 100 varieties, which you can enjoy alongside delicious cheese platters and live local music on their lush back patio.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 600 Poland Avenue, New Orleans
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri 4pm-11pm, Sat & Sun noon-11pm
Phone: +1 504 948 9111
Internet: www.instagram.com/bacchanalwine
Email: info@bacchanalwine.com

French 75 Bar



Originally a "gentlemen-only" area, French 75 at Arnaud's emphasizes class, sophistication, and old-school elegance,

offering fine spirits, classic cocktails, and premium cigars in a refined atmosphere. The bar is part of Arnaud's Restaurant, a "grande dame" of Creole dining since 1918, known for its seafood classics and jazz brunch. Upstairs, the free Germaine Wells Mardi Gras Museum adds a unique cultural touch to your visit and is well worth exploring.

Photo: Hitdelight/Shutterstock.com

Address: 813 Bienville Street, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 523 5433

Internet: www.arnaudsrestaurant.com/bars/french-75

Maple Leaf



Sunday afternoons are a special time to visit the Maple Leaf Bar, home to the longest-running poetry reading in the Southern United States.

But don't limit yourself to just one day—this iconic venue is a treat any day of the week, offering a diverse lineup of live music, from funk and zydeco to jazz, R&B, and blues.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8316 Oak Street, New Orleans

Phone: +1 504 866 9359

Internet: www.mapleleafbar.com

Email: mapleleafbooking@gmail.com

Cure



Cure, a stylish cocktail bar in the Uptown neighborhood, offers a sophisticated experience that harkens back to the elegance of classic

cocktail lounges. Housed in a beautifully repurposed firehouse, Cure combines a dimly lit, intimate atmosphere with expertly crafted cocktails that showcase the skills of its talented mixologists.

The bar is renowned for its creative drinks, which pay homage to the origins of cocktails as medicinal concoctions, and it also features an eclectic menu of dishes that perfectly complement the beverages. Cure has earned a James Beard Award in 2018 and ranks No. 47 on North America's 50 Best Bars list (2024), making

it a must-visit destination for cocktail enthusiasts.

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Address: 4905 Freret Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun–Thu 4pm–11pm, Fri & Sat 3pm–midnight

Phone: +1 504 302 2357

Internet: www.curenola.com

Email: info@curenola.com

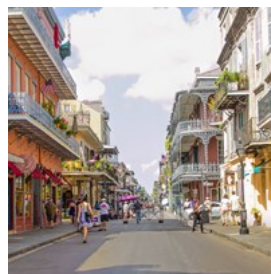
SHOPPING



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Whether seeking familiar retail brands or hoping to browse through authentic New Orleans galleries, shopping options never fall short in this city. Independent boutiques, antique stores, souvenir shops, and outlet malls offer visitors a vast mix of selections.

Royal Street



Located in the famed French Quarter, historic Royal Street is brimming with a diverse array of shops, art galleries, and antique stores.

Fashionable boutiques and jewelry stores line the street, alongside unique souvenir shops that capture the essence of New Orleans.

Photo: New Orleans CVB

Address: Royal Street, New Orleans

Jackson Square

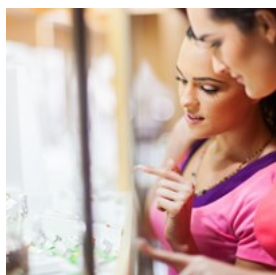


Jackson Square is a vibrant hub for local New Orleans artists, offering a unique opportunity to purchase original art directly from the creators. The artwork on display includes natural landscapes, portraits, and pieces perfect for decorating your home or office. While the paintings may sometimes appear unaccompanied on the fences, the artists are often nearby, ready to meet with customers at the surrounding coffee houses.

Photo: Lucille Rios Saunders/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jackson Square, New Orleans

The Shops at Jax Brewery



Housed in the beautifully restored Jax Brewery building, in the heart of the French Quarter, this shopping center offers a mix of boutiques, specialty stores, and dining options, all while maintaining a charming old-world vibe. Explore unique local shops, pick up souvenirs, or enjoy a meal with a view of the Mississippi River.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: 600 Decatur Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri & Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +1 504 566 7601

Internet: <https://shopsatjaxbrewery.com>

Email: info@shopsatjaxbrewery.com

Canal Place



Canal Place is where upscale shopping meets Southern charm, making it a must-visit for those looking to indulge a bit while in the Crescent

City. Nestled at the foot of Canal Street, this chic shopping destination offers everything from high-end fashion brands like Saks Fifth Avenue to unique boutiques and local gems. Beyond the shopping, Canal Place features a state-of-the-art movie theater and several dining options that cater to both casual bites and fine dining experiences.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 333 Canal Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +1 504 522 9200

Internet: www.canalplacestyle.com

Louisiana Music Factory



The shelves at Louisiana Music Factory are packed with everything related to Louisiana music culture, from its rich origins to the latest releases, and

you're welcome to explore it all at one of the listening stations. On Saturdays, you can catch live shows right in the store. Beyond music, you'll find a variety of music-related goods, including T-shirts, books, DVDs, and posters, making it a must-visit for any music lover.

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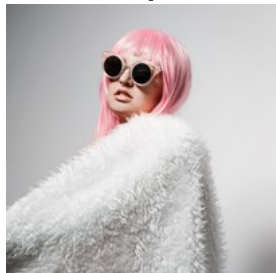
Address: 421 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 11am-6pm, Wed closed

Phone: +1 504 586 1094

Internet: www.louisianamusicfactory.com

Fifi Mahony's



When in Rome, do as the Romans do; and when in New Orleans, dress up! Whether you're hunting for the perfect Mardi Gras costume or just

something outrageous for a night out in the city, Fifi Mahony's is the place to find it. Their legendary range of wigs is unmatched, and you'll also discover a great selection of cosmetics and accessories to complete your look.

Photo: SIBAShouse/Shutterstock.com
Address: 934 Royal Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Sun, Mon & Wed noon-6pm, Thu-Sat 11am-6pm, Tue closed
Phone: +1 504 525 4343
Internet: <https://fifisbywater.square.site>

Vieux Carré Wine & Spirits



Vieux Carré Wine & Spirits, a wine shop with a French name run by Italian brothers in New Orleans, offers visitors a well-curated selection of

wines from around the world, along with an impressive variety of beers. For true connoisseurs, the shop holds a special treat—upon request, you can explore the backroom, where rare and exclusive vintages are kept.

Photo: Markus Mainka/Shutterstock.com
Address: 422 Chartres Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-6pm, Fri & Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-4pm
Phone: +1 504 568 9463
Internet: www.instagram.com/vcwineandspirits

New Orleans Glassworks & Printmaking Studio



Housed in a spacious old brick warehouse, New Orleans Glassworks & Printmaking Studio is both a gallery and an institution where you can

purchase truly stunning and unique pieces of glasswork. Visitors often have the chance to watch artists in action, whether they're blowing glass or working in other specialties like fine silver alchemy, printmaking, paper sculpture, and more. The studio also offers workshops, providing a hands-on opportunity to learn these incredible crafts.

Photo: jurra8/Shutterstock.com
Address: 727 Magazine Street, New Orleans
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun closed
Phone: +1 504 529 7279
Internet: www.neworleansglassworks.com
Email: neworleansglassworks@gmail.com

Oakwood Center



Oakwood Center is a lively shopping and entertainment hub just across the Mississippi River from New Orleans. It offers a diverse range

of retail options, from popular national chains to unique local shops, making it a great spot for a retail therapy session. Beyond shopping, Oakwood Center features a variety of dining options and an array of entertainment choices, including a movie theater for catching the latest films.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 197 Westbank Expressway Suite 33, Gretna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm
Phone: +1 504 218 0501

Internet: www.oakwoodcenter.com/en

Lakeside Shopping Center



Conveniently located just a short drive from downtown New Orleans, this bustling mall features big names like Macy's, Apple, and Sephora,

alongside unique boutiques that showcase the latest in fashion, beauty, and home decor. With a variety of dining options ranging from quick bites to sit-down restaurants, it's easy to refuel after a day of shopping.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3301 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Metairie

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri & Sat 10am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +1 504 835 8000

Internet: www.lakesideshopping.com

Email: info@lakesideshopping.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



Citizens of Schengen Area countries, along with Andorra, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino,

Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, can visit the United States for up to 90 days without needing a visa, provided they obtain an approved ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before their trip. All other travelers must secure a visa before visiting the U.S.

In addition, international travelers must ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. For the most current information and any updates on entry requirements, it is advisable to consult the U.S. Department of State website or contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate before traveling.

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Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)



Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is located approximately 18 kilometers from downtown New Orleans,

making it about a 20-minute drive under normal traffic conditions. Travelers can reach the city center via several transportation options. Both taxis and rideshare services like Uber and Lyft can be picked up from the Arrivals Curb on Level 1, just a short walk from the baggage claim area. Public transportation is also available, with the Jefferson Transit E2 bus providing service to

downtown New Orleans.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport

Phone: +1 504 303 7500

Internet: <https://flymsy.com>

Best Time to Visit



New Orleans is a happening city, which means there is always something going on regardless of the time of year. That being said, the

best time to visit "The Big Easy" is between the months of February through May when the city is at its busiest, and many arrive for Mardi Gras as early as January. Temperatures rise throughout the summer (June through September), while October through January is moderate in temperature and less crowded than spring.

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Public Transport



Bus: The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (NORTA) operates over 30 bus routes across the city, offering a convenient way

to explore various neighborhoods. The fleet includes modern, bio-diesel buses equipped with large windows, perfect for enjoying the scenic views of New Orleans. For detailed route maps and schedules, visit the official RTA website.

RTA offers several fare options, including One-Way Fares and Jazzy Passes valid for 1 day, 3 days, or 31 days. These passes can be used on both buses and streetcars. One-way tickets and

1-day passes can be purchased directly from bus drivers using exact change. Alternatively, you can buy any fare type through the GoMobile app, which allows for instant access on your smartphone. Passes can also be ordered online through MyRTA, or purchased at various retail locations across the city. Additionally, Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) are available at key points along the Canal Streetcar Line, where you can buy passes.

Streetcar:

Streetcars are a quintessential part of New Orleans' charm and a favorite mode of transportation for both locals and visitors. The city operates four lines: St. Charles, Canal Street, Riverfront, and the N. Rampart line, all of which originate downtown. Streetcar fares are the same as bus fares, with one-way tickets and 1-day passes available for purchase with exact change upon boarding. You can also buy 3-day and 31-day Jazzy Passes through the GoMobile app, online with MyRTA, from numerous local retailers, or at TVMs along the Canal Streetcar Line.

Other Transportation:

In addition to public transit, bike rentals are widely available throughout New Orleans, offering a flexible and eco-friendly way to explore the city.

Photo: Hannah Tu/Unsplash

Internet: www.norta.com

Taxi



In New Orleans, finding a taxi is relatively easy, especially in popular areas like the French Quarter, Central Business District, and major hotels.

Taxis are metered, and while they don't have a specific color, they are often marked with the company name and a lighted roof sign. In addition to traditional taxis, ride-sharing apps such as Uber and Lyft operate extensively throughout the city, providing a convenient alternative for getting around the Big Easy.

Photo: Gustavo/Unsplash

Post



Sending parcels and letters in the U.S. is straightforward, with the United States Postal Service (USPS) being the primary provider. USPS offers a range of services, including First-Class Mail for letters and postcards, Priority Mail for packages, and Priority Mail Express for guaranteed overnight delivery. In New Orleans, you can easily locate the nearest USPS post office or blue collection box by using the USPS website or mobile app. Many locations also offer self-service kiosks for purchasing postage or dropping off items.

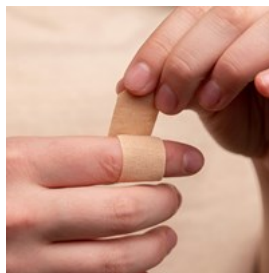
In addition to USPS, private couriers like FedEx and UPS operate in the city, offering faster and more flexible delivery options, though typically at a higher cost.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: US Post Office - 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans
Phone: +1 800 275 8777

Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy



In New Orleans, major pharmacy chains include Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: CVS - 800 Canal Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +1 504 528 7099

Telephone



Country Code: +1 Area Codes: 504

Photo: Miryam León/Unsplash

Electricity



US standard voltage is 110-115V and the standard frequency is 60Hz. The sockets and the power plugs are of type A and B. Type A plugs have two flat parallel pins, while Type B plugs have two flat parallel pins plus a grounding pin.

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Time Zone



New Orleans is located in the Central Time Zone (CT). This time zone is 6 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-6).

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Population

City: 357,767 (2024)

Metro area: 1 million (2024)

Currency

US Dollar (USD)

Opening hours

General business hours typically run from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Some retail stores, especially those in tourist areas like the French Quarter, may stay open later, often until 7/8pm. Banks operate from 9am to 4/5pm, Monday through Friday.

Newspapers

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate:

www.nola.com

Gambit: www.nola.com/gambit

The New Orleans Tribune:

<https://theneworleanstribune.com>

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

New Orleans Visitor Center

339 Decatur Street, New Orleans

Opening hours: daily 9am–8pm

Information is subject to change. Please contact your Lifestyle Consultant for the most up-to-date recommendations.