

New Orleans Suggestions

The city of New Orleans is known for many things: jazz music, delicious Creole cuisine, and stunning architecture

NEIGHBORHOODS

French Quarter dates back to the 1700s

The French Quarter is New Orleans' oldest neighborhood. It was established by the French in 1718, which is why it's also known as the Vieux Carré (old square in French).

- **St. Louis Cathedral** 615 Pere Antoine Alley, New Orleans, LA 70116

Bourbon Street

Bourbon Street lies in the heart of the French Quarter. Some of the best nightlife in the city.

Jackson Square

700 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70116

The square was originally called the Place d'Armes... but it was later renamed to honor General Andrew Jackson, who won the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Besides the general's statue, the square also features the St. Louis Cathedral and beautiful gardens.

Horse drawn carriage ride in Jackson Square

- **The oldest operating Street Car Line:** The St. Charles Streetcar line, which is the oldest operating streetcar line in the world. Wooden seats like the 1800s and no AC.
- **Café Du Monde** (Famous for Beignets) Beignets are square French doughnuts piled high with powdered sugar (see below).

Garden District - Southern Charm

- Garden District Tour : <https://www.groupon.com/deals/french-quarter-phantoms-2-10>
- **Lafayette Cemetery**

300 N Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

No. 1, the oldest of the seven city-owned cemeteries in New Orleans. The maze of above-ground tombstones will make you feel as though you're stepping into another era.

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/french-quarter-phantoms-4>

- **Commander's Palace** is in the Garden District (See below)

Home of Jazz Music

Music of New Orleans Listen and Learn Tour

Tours depart at 3 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday, and wind through New Orleans' famous Treme neighborhood. Along the way, guides play examples of some of the most historically important styles of music to emerge from the city, while also sharing information about some of its musical legends, including Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Domino, Trombone Shorty, and, of course, Louis Armstrong

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/french-quarter-phantoms-1-9>

Random Activities

Burlesque Show

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/gl-bustout-burlesque-36>

Sensual Dance Class

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/jamal-marichals-sip-n-zance-2>

New Orleans Swamp Tours

<http://www.freetoursbyfoot.com/which-swamp-tours-of-new-orleans-are-best/>

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/james-james-tours-1>

Haunted Ghost or Cemetery Tour

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/witches-brew-tours-1-5>

History & Culture

McKenna Museum of African American Art

2003 Carondelet St, New Orleans, LA 70130

<https://www.themckennamuseum.com/>

New Orleans Museum of Art

1 Collins Diboll Cir, New Orleans, LA 70124

<https://noma.org/>

Mardi Gras Museum

1380 Port of New Orleans Place

New Orleans, LA 70130

<http://www.mardigrasworld.com/>

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/mardi-gras-museum-of-costumes-and-culture>

New Orleans City Tour

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/adventures-in-new-orleans-1>

The National WWII Museum

945 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/viator-national-wwii-museum>

The Cabildo

701 Chartres St, New Orleans, LA 70130

The Louisiana Purchase was signed in this 1790s landmark now housing a New Orleans History Museum

1850 House

523 St Ann St, New Orleans, LA 70116
Self-Guided tour of an antebellum townhouse with 1800s furniture

Backstreet Cultural Museum

1116 Henriette Delille St, New Orleans, LA 70116
Small museum exploring New Orleans traditions with exhibits on brass bands, jazz funerals and more!

New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum

Two snug rooms packed with voodoo artifacts ran by voodoo practitioners.
724 Dumaine St, New Orleans, LA 70116

Congo Square

700 N Rampart St, New Orleans, LA 70116
Renowned former gathering place for slaves.

Frenchmen Art Market

Strung with lights, this outdoor, nighttime market showcases art, jewelry & crafts by local artists.
619 Frenchmen St, New Orleans, LA 70116
Open 7pm-1am
<http://frenchmenartmarket.com/>

Slave Plantations

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/attractions/plantations.html>

Whitney Plantation

<http://whitneyplantation.com/>

Evergreen Plantation

<http://neworleansplantationcountry.com/plantations/evergreen-plantation>

Good Eats

Dooky Chase's Restaurant

Soul Food
2301 Orleans Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119
<http://www.dookychaserestaurant.com/>

Willie Mae's Scotch House

2401 St Ann St, New Orleans, LA 70119
<http://www.williemaesnola.com/menu/>

Parkway Bakery & Tavern

538 Hagan Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119

<http://parkwaypoorboys.com/>

Napoleon House

500 Chartres St, New Orleans, LA 70130

in NOLA – Real Old looking like you're in a different era

Ordering the house's muffuletta is a must. The sandwich is stacked with deli meat, cheese, and olive salad all piled onto Italian bread. Also can get Po-Boys

<http://www.napoleonhouse.com/>

Best Po-Boy Sandwich

Parkway Tavern and Grill

538 Hagan Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119

<http://parkwaypoorboys.com/>

Café Du Monde

800 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70116

<http://www.cafedumonde.com/>

Coop's Place New Orleans

1109 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70116

<http://www.coopsplace.net/>

Frank's New Orleans

933 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70116

Eatery known for muffulettas & po' boys plus classic Italian fare in a modest space with balcony

Steamboat Natchez

Take a two-hour cruise along the Mississippi River and experience New Orleans' beauty and French Quarter romance aboard the Steamboat Natchez Riverboat

600 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70130

<http://www.steamboatnatchez.com/>

Deanie's Seafood Restaurant

841 Iberville St, New Orleans, LA 70112

Spin-off of the Bucktown original featuring hefty seafood platters & entrees in a laid-back space

<http://www.deanies.com/>

<http://wgno.com/2017/01/19/where-did-president-obama-eat-in-new-orleans-during-his-presidency/>

Night

Victory Bar

Creative & classic cocktails & small plates in stylish, red-walled lounge with nightclub ambiance.
<http://victorynola.com/>

Masquerade Night Club – Thursdays

<http://masquerade-nightclub.com/>

Drinking

New Orleans Alcoholic-Beverage Crawl

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/second-city-tours-17>

Bar-Hopping Walking Tour with Puzzles by the Glass

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/puzzles-by-the-glass-5>

Mixology Class at The Maison

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/maison-frenchman>

New Orleans Original Cocktail Walking Tour

25-Cent Martini's

Café Adelaide & the Swizzle Stick Bar

The Deal: 25-cent martinis with purchase of an entrée.

Start your power lunch with a powerful cocktail. At Café Adelaide & the Swizzle Stick Bar, you can order up to three 25-cent martinis to accompany your lunch. Be sure to sample the Southern-style corn-fried oyster salad and shrimp courtbouillon.

Antoine's Restaurant

The Deal: 25-cent martini during lunch hours.

Make a reservation at Antoine's Restaurant, where prix fixe lunch rings in at \$20.11 and includes three courses of decadent dishes, such as oysters Rockefeller, breaded veal and meringue glacé. The daily martini rotates and is always only 25 cents. As it turns out, luxury doesn't have to cost a fortune.

Commander's Palace – Elegant creole cuisine and great jazz music

The Deal: 25-cent martinis with purchase of an entrée.

For dining in a historic landmark, Commander's Palace is your place. This legendary turquoise-and-white establishment was built in the 1880s and is located in New Orleans' mansion-filled Garden District. Don't miss the upscale lunch, which touts rich Creole dishes, such as panéed veal and crawfish, couchon de lait and hickory-grilled gulf fish, paired with — yes — 25-cent martinis.

Commander's Palace

1403 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130

<http://www.commanderspalace.com/>

Notable spot for refined Creole fare & an elegant jazz brunch in a chandelier-hung space since 1880. Famous for their 25cent martini's – No limit

Could be a cool brunch spot

Dress Code

Business Attire

Jackets are preferred for gentlemen

Collared shirts and closed-toe shoes required for gentlemen

No shorts, flip-flops, t-shirts, sweat shirts or sweat pants

Jeans are discouraged; ripped jeans are not allowed

\$2 tacos, with a features a live performance; Treces del Sur performs 6:30PM-9:30PM.**BEERS**

\$3TEQUILA SHOTS \$5 MARGARITAS \$5

EATS

Highbrow (\$\$\$, may need reservation)

Jacques-Imo's

8324 Oak St, New Orleans, LA 70118

<http://jacques-imos.com/>

*Alligator Cheese Cake

-Mr. B's (Get the BBQ Shrimp)

-Brennan's (Go for brunch ;get the Bananas Foster)

-Galatoire's (if you want to be very high-brow/fancy/classic)

-Pascale's Manale (believed to be the home of BBQ shrimp but I haven't had theirs. Still an excellent restaurant and I have eaten there)

-Commander's Palace (might need to call them to confirm, but I believe that M-F during lunch hours they have 25 cent martinis. It's a fancy restaurant but if you can get drunk off martinis for 25 cents AND eat the food, don't miss it).

Midprice/Lunchtime places (\$-\$\$, no reservation)

-Mother's (Cafeteria-style, no frills, and known for their Fried chicken and sometimes lines out the door! Good home cooking, you'll love it)

-Domolise's (Magazine Street. Known for their roast beef po-boy. I think the roast simmers for like 5 hours in its own juices and the sandwich is to DIE for. You can get seafood poboy too, obv.)

-Willie Mae's Scotch House (now, I have never been here. It's in Treme, which was still very much destroyed when I was in school and I didn't venture there often. But it's known as having some of the best fried chicken in the city - some say, in the country-and is about as down home/traditional as you can get. I'd suggest going in the daytime).

DRINKS

Behave yourself

-The Columns (bar located in the Columns Hotel on St. Charles Ave. Maybe the priciest drink in New Orleans I ever had (\$18 maybe?) Super elegant and historical (think Beyonce's "Formation" video) and I love it there!

-The Sazerac Bar (cool! Like a NY bar but with New Orleans twist)

-The Carousel Bar (Located inside the hotel Monteleone--cool to see because it looks like a carousel and it spins. So if you're sitting at the bar you are also spinning, albeit very slowly. This is also where the Sazerac was invented (supposedly) so if you go there, get a Sazerac.)

Maybe behave yourself (good for day or night, night, or late night but maybe not late LATE night--who knows)

-The Bulldog (indoor/outdoor casual bar on Magazine; mostly beer and during the school year lots of college students but not too annoying/sportsy); they have a pint night where you get to keep your pint glass, though. I think it's Wednesdays. Good for a souvenir).

-Bacchanal (indoor/outdoor wine bar with yummy small plates)

-Pat O'Brien's (French Quarter--it will be touristy. But if you want to "do" New Orleans, get a Hurricane and prepare to get drunk. I did this the night before my graduation)

-Tropical Isle (French Quarter and also very touristy. This is where you can get the Hand Grenade, which, I think, rivals the Hurricane as the classic Bourbon Street shit-faced beverage. Personally, I like the Hand Grenade SO much more than the Hurricane. It tastes like those off-brand pixie sticks that came in plastic straws that had to be cut open with scissors. And it comes in a neon plastic cup that has a little winking grenade on it. I don't know. Get both and let me know what you like better!)

-Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar (this place is cool because it's SUPER old and people claim to see ghosts and stuff! you can tell how old it is once you're inside and it's really dark!)

-New Orleans Original Daiquiris: You will see a lot of 'daiquiri' places, in the French quarter, in the 9th ward, and even out into the suburbs. I personally think the Daq places on Bourbon street are trash. Not only are they overpriced, but their flavors suck and I personally wouldn't waste my time or money drinking one over a Hand Grenade. That being said, the New Orleans Original Daiquiris located uptown on St. Charles Avenue is the one all Tulane people went to and my personal fave. If you want the really drunk one, get the Octane 190 or whatever (they'll know the name). I like the bellini flavor because it's like a delicious frozen bellini that gets you warm and drunk. Mmmmmmmmm I want one now.

**Ratchet (go late at night; might get a little sloppy; might be a little shady; just have fun. No one gives a shit and no one is looking at you :))
Get ready to rally, bitches.**

-Miss Mae's (AKA The Club Miss Mae's)- open 24 hours, dirt cheap--I think it might be cash only so have cash! You can catch locals and long-time regulars here which is very cool IMO.

-Snake + Jakes Christmas Club Lounge <http://snakeandjakes.com/> (best after 3AM. Keep your wits about you when you're walking there because it can be dark and some people have been carjacked/mugged. Don't mean to scare you--they were alone! if you'r with a group or partner you'll be fine). What to say about this place...I just love it. It's unique. It's classic. It's ratchet AF. Back in my boyfriend's day (1999-2003) the Schiltz

was \$1. By the time I went to school there they upped the price to \$1.25 or \$1.50 but it's still fun to buy a round of like 10 beers for your friends and pound them on top of the drunk you already have going on. I sound like an alcoholic. But alcoholic in New York is not the same as alcoholic in New Orleans :)

-Circle Bar (live Music) in Lee Circle (did they tear down that statue yet? I think they are tearing it down).

-Brother's III Lounge: not my top choice but in an emergency, go here.

-Saturn Bar: Ditto. When I dated a guy in a band he played here a lot and it's a chill place to see music and drink.

-The Boot: If you want to pretend you're in college again just for a second, go here. There's also a pizza place next door called The Dough Bowl where you can get slices and it's so good.

TREATS

-Sucre (Magazine Street. The cutest pastel dessert shop with can't miss Macarons. Well, you could miss them because we have macarons here but it's still cute if you're passing by! Some have glitter on them!)

-Plum Street Sno Balls (Sno Balls are New Orleans' version of Shave Ice. Yummy and refreshing since it'll be like 110 degrees with 150% humidity)

-Cafe du Monde (you should be drunk at this point because there might be a line depending on the time of day. BUT they are open 24/7 except Christmas so if you go at certain graveyard hours you won't have to wait!)

-Boucherie: OK, this is a restaurant and technically a cozy, date night spot. It's so cute. The reason it is under Treats is because they have an item on the menu that changed my life. That item is Krispy Kreme bread pudding. If you have time and think that's something you might enjoy, you'd be nuts to not go get one. It's just---it's heaven in your mouth. I am done.

MUSIC

Frenchman Street- basically, you can walk down Frenchman Street and hear music coming out of open doors. You can usually just pick one and go in. But here are the internet's picks:

- Three Muses
- Blue Nile (a classic)
- The Maison
- Snug Harbor (can also eat here)

If you want to see specific music (Bounce, Zydeco, etc. I would suggest just googling shows for the night/day you're interested!) The above are pretty reliable for always having something going on at night, though :)

If you get a chance to attend a zydeco/brass band/bounce show at **Tipitina's** you should go because it's classic and fun. My great-aunt and grandfather used to go back in high school in the '50's!

Also, there's a second line (parade) every Sunday SOMEWHERE in the city. I would suggest being in/around the Quarter if you wanna catch that.

HISTORIC STUFF

I know this sounds way creepy but graveyards in New Orleans are really cool and spooky. I suggest St. Louis Cemetery #1

WWII Museum-I haven't been here but it's supposed to be REALLY great if you like history.

LaLaurie Mansion--this is the house where Madame LaLaurie kept slaves chained up in the kitchen and attic and tortured them--this wasn't discovered until a house fire that killed them. I don't know whether you can go inside but it's right on Royal street (which is downtown near Bourbon Street) and it's creepy to just walk by and look up!! If you don't know the history of the house, read up on it first for the full effect!! The story is tragic so I don't mean to sound insensitive or make light of the situation. So if your group would be disturbed by that story, then skip this one.

Um...any old building you go into is probably haunted.

Downtown river boat--I've never done this but there are River Boat cruises you can take. it's a historic river boat that used to go up and down the mississippi.