

Parade Tracker App

If you plan to arrive in New Orleans early to partake in the Mardi Gras festivities, please be sure to download the Parade Tracker App from the local news station. The app offers expanded schedules, maps of parades, traffic updates, news, and videos. Information about the app and where you can download it can be found here:

<http://www.wdsu.com/article/download-wdsu-parade-tracker-for-iphone-android-and-track-parades-this-carnival-season/3374845>

Street Cars

Info on using the street cars can be found here:

<http://exploreneworleans.info/html/streetcars.php>

Choice Eats

Classic New Orleans

Antoine's Restaurant – Oldest family-operated restaurant in America (over 175 years old).

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

713 Saint Louis St

Galatoires – Quintessential New Orleans tradition for over 100+ years.

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

209 Bourbon St

Commander's Palace – Outside of the quarter on an old oak-lined street in the Garden District, another 'classic' New Orleans mecca. Launched the careers of Emeril Lagasse and Paul Prudhomme.

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

1403 Washington Ave

Dooky Chase's Restaurant – Former presidents have made a point to stop here; you should definitely take a ride over and see why.

<http://dookychaserestaurant.com/>

301 Orleans Ave

Arnaud's Restaurant – Also see the French 75 Bar, both are excellent choices in quintessential New Orleans.

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

813 Bienville St

Parkway Bakery / Tavern – One of the leading places to get a po-boy in the entire state.

<http://parkwaypoorboys.com/>

538 Hagan Ave

K-Paul's – Paul Prodhomme's signature restaurant.

<https://chefpaul.com/site.php>

416 Chartres St

Good Eats Nearby

Killer Poboy's - Killer Poboy's is a sandwich shop located in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter. We specialize in internationally inspired, chef crafted, New Orleans style sandwiches.

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

219 Dauphine Street OR 811 Conti Street (inside the Erin Rose Bar)

Coop's Place – Jambalaya, gumbo, burgers, oysters, fried chicken, and more.

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

1109 Decatur Street

Palace Café – Serves traditional New Orleans fare.

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

605 Canal Street

Domenica – Pizza and Italian with a stellar happy hour (half priced pizza and drinks).

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

123 Baronne Street

Meril – Emeril Lagasse's newest restaurant, named after his daughter.

<http://emerilsrestaurants.com/meril>

424 Girod St.

Comperé Lapin – Caribbean influenced food with hints of French and Italian cuisine.

<http://comperelapin.com/>

535 Tchoupitoulas

Local Favorites

Jacques-imo's – This gem sits right next to the famous Maple Leaf Bar in the Riverbend neighborhood of New Orleans. Serves creole-inspired "Real N'awlins" food.

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

8324 Oak Street

Restaurant R'evolution - Swanky hotel restaurant with an extensive menu of Creole fare, plus a 10,000-bottle wine cellar.

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

777 Bienville Street

Pho Tau Bay – This is one of the best places to get traditional Pho and other Vietnamese dishes.

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

1565 Tulane Ave.

Sylvain – Elegant gastropub with cocktails & American fare in a former carriage house with courtyard seats.

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

625 Chartres Street

Vegan / Vegetarian Options

Green Goddess Restaurant – Eclectic French Quarter Dining

<http://greengoddessrestaurant.com/>

307 Exchange Place

Tals' Hummus – A quick service restaurant serving delicious food such as falafel, hummus, pita sandwiches, platters, kebabs, salads, and much more.

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

4800 Magazine St.

Shaya Modern Israeli Cuisine

<http://www.shayarestaurant.com/#tradition>

4213 Magazine St.

Drinks

Nola Brewing Company – 32 taps of high quality local craft beers (with McClure's BBQ pop-up inside its tap room).

<http://nolabrewing.com/>
3001 Tchoupitoulas Street

Urban South Brewing – One of the newest local breweries and worth a stop.
<http://urbansouthbrewery.com/>
1645 Tchoupitoulas St

The Courtyard Brewery – Specialize in IPAs and sessions, and have a decent selection of other breweries' craft beers on site.
<http://www.courtyardbrewing.com/>
1020 Erato Street

The Avenue Pub – “Old world pub” well known for its broad selection of beers and good pub food. Also, a decent whiskey selection. Sits on St. Charles Avenue with a balcony.
<http://theavenuepub.com/>
1732 St Charles Avenue

Cooter Browns – Craft beer bar in the back, excellent pub food, and oysters.
<http://www.cooterbrowns.com/>
509 S. Carrollton Ave.

Barrel Proof – 288 whiskeys.
<http://www.barrelproofnola.com/>
1201 Magazine Street

Cure -- dubbed one of the 50 best cocktail bars in the world
<http://curenola.com/>
4905 Freret St.

Cane & Table – Lots of rum drinks and drinks served in pineapples. Great courtyard seating.
<http://caneandtablenola.com/>
1113 Decatur St.

Nearby Attractions and ‘Must-dos’ for Visitors

Café du Monde – Making beignets and café au lait since 1862.
<http://www.cafedumonde.com/>
800 Decatur St

Preservation Hall - Historic, all-ages place for jazz in a no-frills space with wooden floors & no air-conditioning.

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

726 St Peters Street

Carousel Piano Bar & Lounge – Classic New Orleans bar that features a rotating carousel. Inside of the historic Hotel Monteleone.

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

214 Royal Street

Sazerac Bar – Inside of the Roosevelt New Orleans, landmark New Orleans bar.

<http://therooseveltneworleans.com/dining/the-sazerac-bar.html>

130 Roosevelt Way

Hot Tin – Steps away from the St Charles streetcar line, the Hot Tin Roof Bar at the Pontchartrain Hotel features one of the best views of the city sky line.

<http://hottinbar.com/>

2031 St Charles Avenue

Music

Davenport Lounge – Famous and intimate jazz lounge at the heart of Bourbon Street (inside of the Ritz-Carlton).

921 Canal Street

Irwin Mayfield Jazz Playhouse – Another classic and intimate venue, inside of the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

300 Bourbon Street

<https://www.sonesta.com/us/louisiana/new-orleans/royal-sonesta-new-orleans/jazzplayhouse>

Frenchmen Street – Take a ride down to the Marigny neighborhood for this dense 3-block stretch of music, food, and fun. Features:

DBA – <http://www.dbaneworleans.com/>

The Spotted Cat - <https://www.spottedcatmusicclub.com/>

Snug Harbor - <http://www.snugjazz.com/>

3 Muses - <http://www.3musesnola.com/>

Café Negril - <http://www.cafenegrilonfrenchmen.com/>

BMC - <http://www.balconymusicclub.com/>

Maple Street Bar – Live music every night around 10p-ish.

<http://mapleleafbar.com>

8316 Oak Street

One Eyed Jacks – Concerts, burlesque & comedy shows in a hipster-friendly venue & bar with a bordello-chic ambiance – and one heck of an 80s night.

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

615 Toulouse Street

Check out WWOZ's Live Wire for *all* live music happening in the city:

<https://www.wwoz.org/calendar/livewire-music>

Museums

National World War II Museum – Ranked by TripAdvisor as the #1 Attraction in New Orleans, named by USA Today as the #1 Best Place to Learn U.S. Military History, and designated by Congress as America's official museum about World War II, The National WWII Museum features a rich collection of artifacts that bring history to life.

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org>

945 Magazine Street

New Orleans Museum of Art – Off the streetcar line in New Orleans City Park, NOMA is noted for its extraordinary strengths in French and American art, photography, glass, and African and Japanese works, continues to expand and grow, making NOMA one of the top art museums in the south. NOMA also features nearby Sydney and Walda Bestoff Sculpture Garden and City Park's Botanical Gardens.

Ogden Museum of Southern Art – The collection is the largest and most comprehensive collection of Southern art in the world and embodies the visual heritage and history of the American South from 1733 to the present.

<http://ogdenmuseum.org/>

925 Camp Street

New Orleans Pharmacy Museum – Exhibits include: bloodletting, surgical instruments and questionable medical practices are featured on the ground floor of this mid-19th Century apothecary. Hand-blown apothecary bottles filled with crude drugs, medicinal herbs, "gris-gris" potions used by Voodoo practitioners and rare patent medicines. Much more.

<http://www.pharmacymuseum.org/>

514 Chartres Street

The Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes & Culture – Curated by Director Helen del Guidice, the Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes and Culture features an amazing array of Carnival costumes from New Orleans entertainment producer and costume impresario Carl Mack's private collection, showcasing the rich history of costuming in New Orleans and the variety of ways in which revelers participate in the celebration of Mardi Gras and the Carnival season.

<http://www.themardigrasmuseum.com/>
1010 Conti Street

Tours

Haunted History Tours – One of the city’s oldest tour groups featuring ‘haunted’ and ghost tours.

<https://www.hauntedhistorytours.com/>
723 St Peter Street

Steamboat Natchez Harbor Cruise – Cruise the Mississippi River in a steamboat; features jazz cruise.

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

Save our Cemeteries – Offers tours of the famous St. Louis Cemeteries, Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, and more.

<http://www.saveourcemeteries.org/cemetery-tours/>

Landmarks

Jackson Square and St. Louis Cathedral - Jackson Square is a historic park in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Louisiana. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1960, for its central role in the city's history, and as the site where in 1803 Louisiana was made United States territory pursuant to the Louisiana Purchase. In 2012 the American Planning Association designated Jackson Square as one of America’s Great Public Spaces.

Aquarium of the Americas – Part of the Audubon Nature Institute, features an Amazon Exhibit, Gulf of Mexico Exhibit, Mississippi River Gallery, and Caribbean Reef Exhibit (over 400,000 gallon tank).

<https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/aquarium>

Audubon Zoo

72 Hour Itinerary in New Orleans

The Google 72-Hour Itinerary for New Orleans offers one of the best guides for navigating the city’s gems in a limited time – particularly Day 1. This list has been vetted by locals and stands up as a solid resource to those visiting the city:

Day 1: 1) Woldenberg Park - Riverfront park with 16 acres of green space, jogging paths & Mississippi river views

- 2) Jackson Square - Artists & performers ply their trades in a park built in 1721 & lined with historic buildings.
- 3) St. Louis Cathedral - Grand, spired circa-1700s church with stained glass, a painted ceiling & an active congregation.
- 4) The Cabildo - The Louisiana Purchase was signed in this 1790s landmark now housing a New Orleans history museum.
- 5) The Presbytere - State museum with Hurricane Katrina & Mardi Gras exhibits in a former courthouse built in 1813.
- 6) New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum - Two snug rooms packed with voodoo artifacts, plus a gift shop, both run by voodoo practitioners.
- 7) Gallier House - Built in 1857, this opulent, furnished house provides a glimpse into the life of an affluent family.
- 8) LeCarpentier-Beauregard-Keys House - Landmark home of prominent 19th-century figures featuring tours, a garden & antique doll collection.
- 9) Old Ursuline Convent - This ex-convent is the city's oldest building & features French colonial architecture.