

Things to Do In and Around New Orleans

Attractions

American Italian Cultural Center

www.americanitalianculturalcenter.com

Preserves and celebrates the American Italian history and culture in Louisiana. The AICC is home to the American Italian Museum and American Italian Sports Hall of Fame.

Audubon Aquarium of the Americas

www.auduboninstitute.org

One of the top-five aquariums in the country featuring the largest collection of sharks and jellyfish. Don't miss our rare white gator, penguins, otters and a changing exhibits gallery. Steps away from the French Quarter and area hotels.

Audubon Butterfly Garden & Insectarium

www.AudubonInstitute.org

The Audubon Institute's newest attraction, is dedicated to the largest group of animals on the planet - insects! Experience insect encounters, fun bug animation and surprises at our immersion theater, a serene Japanese butterfly garden and much more!

Audubon Zoo

www.auduboninstitute.org

One of the top five zoos in the country. More than 2,000 animals in their natural habitats settings, including our white alligator in the Louisiana Swamp exhibit.

Basin St. Station

www.basinstation.com

Southern Railway Building c1905 offers free admission daily 9am-5pm, Travel Counseling, Local Maps, Driving Directions, Exhibits, Art, Music, New Orleans Film, Gift Shop, Refreshments. On the edge of the French Quarter, adjoining the historic St. Louis Cemetery.

Beauregard-Keyes House

www.bkhouse.org

This stately 1826 mansion in the French Quarter contains collections from the Beauregard family and from noted author Frances Parkinson Keyes. Guided tours on the hour 10a-3p, Mon-Sat. Also available for private functions.

BookKoo Bounce LLC

www.bookoobounce.com

New Orleans' only indoor inflatable playground and party place. Perfect for private parties, special events and entertainment for children. Features 8,000-plus square feet of fun with nine huge inflatable bouncers, slides, and obstacle courses with two spacious party rooms.

Confederate Memorial Hall Museum

www.confederatemuseum.com

Oldest museum in Louisiana, second largest Confederate collection in the nation. Civil War memorabilia on exhibit includes flags, uniforms, weapons, medical instruments and personal effects of President Jefferson Davis, Generals Beauregard, Lee, Bragg and other Southern leaders.

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Contemporary Arts Center

www.cacno.org

The CAC is the home of modern multidisciplinary arts programming in the South. From bold experiments in visual arts, photography and sculpture to cutting-edge theatre, music and dance, the CAC celebrates the art of now.

Dat NOLA Race

www.datnolarace.com

Think and walk, run or crawl through an exciting and competitive way to tour and experience the beautiful city of New Orleans. Dat NOLA Race is part adventure race, part scavenger hunt, and all fun!

Destrehan Plantation

www.DestrehanPlantation.org

Closest Plantation from N.O. Costumed tour guides, exhibits include an original document signed by Thomas Jefferson and Folk Art depicting the 1811 Slave Revolt. Period craft demonstrations daily.

Edgar Degas House Historic Home, Courtyard and Inn

www.degashouse.com

Degas created 18 paintings and five letters here, circa 1872. Celebrate your classic New Orleans event here. Featuring a French courtyard, museum, guided tours, bus parking.

Entergy Giant Screen Theatre

www.auduboninstitute.org

Featuring 354 front-row seats, a 12,000-watt digital IMAX sound system, and a 5 1/2-stories-tall screen, IMAX will immerse you in a big screen 2D or 3D-adventure. Steps away from the French Quarter. Next door to the Aquarium.

French Market

www.frenchmarket.org

Located on the riverfront, the French Market District stretches five blocks from Café Du Monde to the famous Flea Market, including restaurants, retail, and a renovated Farmers Market.

George & Leah McKenna Museum of African-American Art

www.themckennamuseum.com

Featuring the private collection of Dr. Dwight McKenna, the George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art is an institution that collects, exhibits, and preserves the visual aesthetic of people of the African Diaspora.

Hermann-Grima/Gallier Historic Houses

www.hgghh.org

Built in 1831, Herman Grima House (820 St.Louis) and Gallier House, built in 1857, (1132 Royal) offer tours interpreting the Creole lifestyles of New Orleanians in the 19th century.

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Historic New Orleans Collection, The

www.hnoc.org

A museum, research center and publisher dedicated to the history and culture of New Orleans. For more information on permanent tours, rotating exhibitions and current programming, check out their website.

Houmas House Plantation & Gardens

www.houmashouse.com

A unique antebellum experience. The crown jewel of Louisiana's River Road features antiques and Louisiana artwork, plus gardens, ponds and oaks. Daily tours, 9a-7p. Available for events.

Insta-Gator Alligator Ranch & Hatchery

www.insta-gatorranch.com

See a Virtual Tour Movie @ www.Insta-GatorRanch.com. Alligators by the thousands. Open year round. Hold 'em Feed 'em Hatch'em. See an alligator nest, eggs, an ultralight airplane and action film of harvesting eggs from momma gator. An Educational Adventure.

Jackson Brewery Millhouse

www.jaxnola.com/

Drop into the monumental Jackson Brewery for a taste of New Orleans history and shopping. Located on the Mississippi River. Four full floors of shops, restaurants, and a food court.

Laura: A Creole Plantation

www.lauraplantation.com

Daily tours based on Laura's memoirs of detailed life on the 1805 Creole plantation. Learn about the real-life accounts of generations of owners, women, slaves, and children who called this typical Creole sugarcane plantation farm their home. 50 minutes from New Orleans.

Le Musee de f.p.c.

www.lemuseedefpc.com

An historic house museum dedicated to the legacy and contributions of New Orleans' free people of color. This repository of documents, paintings and decorative arts strives to present, interpret and preserve the history and culture of this group of people.

Longue Vue House and Gardens

www.longuevue.com

Former estate of Edgar and Edith Stern. Now a National Historic Landmark. Classic Revival mansion with original antiques, creamware and art surrounded by eight acres of gardens and fountains. Meeting facilities, children's garden and museum shop.

Louisiana Children's Museum

www.lcm.org

Discover the energetic learning and electrifying fun. More than 45,000 square feet of dynamic hands-on exhibitry...we're not your ordinary playhouse.

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Louisiana State Museum

www.louisianastatemuseum.org/

Showcasing the unique history and traditions of New Orleans, the Louisiana State Museum includes landmark properties the Cabildo, Presbytere, Old U.S. Mint, Madame John's Legacy and 1850 house. Venues also available for special events.

LPBF New Canal Lighthouse

www.saveourlake.org

Louisiana's only working lighthouse on Lake Pontchartrain housing a museum. Climb to the first balcony, hear the history, successes and strategies for the lake and coast. Guided tours, gift shop and wedding venue.

Mardi Gras World, LLC

www.mardigrasworld.com

Come see where Mardi Gras is MADE! See Mardi Gras magic created right before your eyes in this maze of amazing carnival creations. Guided tours, video, royalty costumes, gift shop. Also perfect location for private events.

McIlhenny Company TABASCO Brand Products

www.tabasco.com

For over 140 years, TABASCO Sauce has been made the same way, and is still produced on Avery Island, Louisiana. In fact, about half of the company's employees actually live on Avery Island, and have for 5 generations now. Tours of the island/factory/gardens are available – check out their website for more information.

Mid City Lanes Rock 'n Bowl

www.rocknbowl.com

Local New Orleans landmark. Louisiana's best local acts play here; Zydeco, Blues, Cajun and variety dance bands. Combined with bowling and food - a fun atmosphere for all. Must see to believe! Favorite place for visitors to watch the locals play.

National WWII Museum, The

www.nationalww2museum.org

Understand the "War that Changed the World" as never before with exhibits featuring moving personal stories, rare artifacts, and interactive displays. Visit the Victory Theater for the 4-D cinematic experience that spans the war in its entirety, "Beyond All Boundaries", and the new USS Tang Submarine interactive experience.

Need a Ride

www.needaridenola.com/

Our three-wheeled pedicabs and trained drivers provide a fun, practical and stylish way of getting around downtown. We offer "transportainment" to sporting events, hotels, restaurants and bars, weddings, conventions, and even scenic rides.

New Orleans Artworks at the New Orleans Glassworks & Printmaking Studio

www.neworleansartworks.com

Breathtaking demonstrations. Twice featured on NBC's Today Show. Visitors invited to participate, design glassware, printmaking, and sugar blowing. Spacious open studio. Glass print metal amphitheater. Ideal for hands-on tours/receptions.

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New Orleans Botanical Garden

www.neworleanscitypark.com/garden

Louisiana's only Botanical Garden has roots in WPA/Art Deco period. Explore 12 acre garden featuring over 2,000 plant varieties, tropical conservatory, theme gardens such as Butterfly Walk, Rose, Tropical, Japanese and Train Garden.

New Orleans City Park

www.neworleanscitypark.com

City Park's 1,300 acres offer a wide variety of attractions including the Botanical Garden, Amusement Park, golf, tennis, and the world's largest collection of mature oak trees. Featuring the new City Putt miniature golf course. Visit www.neworleanscitypark.com for a complete list of attractions, operating hours.

New Orleans Museum of Art

www.noma.org

The Gulf South's leading art museum is home to more than 30,000 objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. The adjacent five-acre Besthoff Sculpture Garden showcases work by several of the 20th century's master sculptors.

New Orleans School of Cooking

www.nosoc.com

The original Creole/Cajun cooking of New Orleans. Located in the heart of the French Quarter, we offer entertaining cooking demonstrations (twice daily) and intimate hands-on classes. Private events are available for breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

Newcomb Art Museum

www.newcombartmuseum.tulane.edu

Nestled among the live oaks of Tulane's uptown campus, a small gem of a museum that presents diverse exhibitions and programs focused on contemporary and historical art forms including Newcomb pottery and related crafts.

NOLA Motorsports Park

www.nolamotor.com

A club-style motorsports facility located 14 miles from the French Quarter. The park features driving experiences ranging from production cars to race cars, rental geaux karts, motorcycles, and spectator attractions.

NOLA Pedicabs

www.nolapedicabs.com

We provide pedalled cab service within the French Quarter, Central Business District, Warehouse District, and Convention Center areas to include the Garden District.

Nottoway Plantation

www.nottoway.com

Experience antebellum grandeur in a riveting tour of the South's Largest Plantation Home. Featuring newly-renovated guest rooms, fine cuisine in The Mansion Restaurant, and beautiful gardens. Perfect for weddings and special events.

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Oak Alley Plantation, Restaurant & Inn

www.oakalleyplantation.com

National Historic Landmark, famous for alley of 300-year old live oak trees, offers daily tours, Cajun/Creole Restaurant, Bed & Breakfast Cottages and facilities for weddings, social and corporate functions. One hour from New Orleans.

Ogden Museum of Southern Art/University of New Orleans

www.ogdenmuseum.org

Dedicated to telling the story of art in the American South through visual art from the Colonial period to the present. Hours: Mon – Wed, Fri - Sun 10am - 5pm; Thurs 10am - 8pm for Ogden After Hours (live music).

Paddlewheeler Creole Queen

www.creolequeen.com

Cruise the mighty Mississippi aboard our award-winning, authentic paddlewheeler. Enjoy our leisurely dinner cruise with classic Creole cuisine or embark on a day trip to historic Chalmette Battlefield in Jean Lafitte National Park.

Painting With A Twist

www.paintingwithatwist.com/uptown

Art as entertainment. Join us for a public session or book a private party. Our artists walk you step-by-step through the painting. A little bit of paint, a little bit of wine, and a whole lot of fun.

Pitot House

www.pitohouse.org/visit-pitot-house

Located on historic Bayou St. John, the Pitot House is the only Creole colonial country house that is open to the public in New Orleans. It tells the story of life along the bayou since the earliest days of settlement. The Pitot House is a National Trust for Historic Preservation Partner Place.

Preservation Hall

www.preservationhall.com

Enjoy the sweet sounds of traditional New Orleans jazz nightly. Reservations are not accepted. Children of all ages welcome. Preservation Hall is available for private concerts, receptions, catered events, and musical workshops.

Royal Carriages

www.neworleanscarriages.com

America's oldest carriage company celebrates 75 years of mule-drawn memories. Let our licensed tour guides show you 300 years of fun-filled history aboard our carriages. Purchase tickets online.

St. Joseph Plantation

www.stjosephplantation.com

Authentic tour of a working sugar cane plantation, family-owned since 1877. Birthplace of acclaimed architect H. H. Richardson. Explore original slave cabins. Exhibits of early life on the St. Joe. Annual "Mourning Tour" runs October 1- November 6 depicting 19th Creole mourning customs.

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San Francisco Plantation

www.sanfranciscoplantation.org

Circa 1856, San Francisco Plantation is a national landmark and the only authentically restored plantation in Louisiana. Open 360 days a year with period-dressed historic interpreters for daily tours, groups, events and educational programs.

Southern Food & Beverage Museum

www.southernfood.org

A celebration of the foodways and culture of the American South. History, tastings, demonstrations and preservation of tradition while embracing the future. A view of the world through the lens of food!

Steamboat Natchez

www.SteamboatNatchez.com

Last authentic Steamboat cruising the Mississippi River. Daily two-hour narrated Harbor Day Cruises. Dinner Jazz Cruises with live Band (Seasonal Cruise Schedule) French Quarter Departure. Engine Room visitation. Daily steam caillepe concerts.

VooDoo Spiritual Temple

www.voodoospiritualtemple.org

Established in 1990 by Priestess Miriam. Only voodoo spiritual temple in the South. Featured on TV and in movies nationally and internationally. The teachings touch the souls of all.

Wheel Fun Rentals – New Orleans

www.wheelfunrentals.com/locations/new-orleans-2

Offers big fun in the Big Easy. Explore the beauty of one of the largest urban parks in the country on our unique fleet of cycles. Or discover the water on a kayak or paddleboard.

Whitney Plantation

www.whitneyplantation.com

Less than an hour from New Orleans. The only plantation museum in Louisiana with a focus on slavery. Historic buildings, museum exhibits, modern memorials and first person slave narratives give a voice to slaves who worked and lived in Louisiana.