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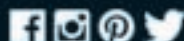
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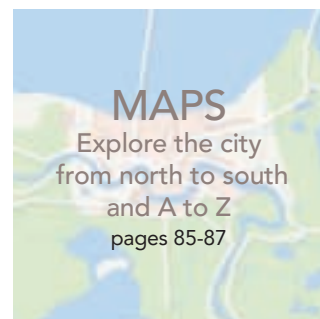
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Ask the Expert

➔ YOUR CONCIERGE



Rudy Rasmussen

Concierge at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Q: This month brings the Prospect.3 contemporary art exhibit. Name three cool contemporary galleries.

A: Arthur Roger (p. 51) is a beautiful gallery with international and local artists. I also love the Cole Pratt Gallery (p. 54), which focuses on Southern artists, and Søren Christensen Gallery (p. 52).

Q: Where would you send visitors in search of the contemporary side of the city?

A: The Bywater is a hip spot where all the new blood is moving. Booty's (p. 35) and Maurepas Foods (p. 36) are both great restaurants there.

Q: This month also signals the opening of the city's cultural season. Where would you guide guests for post-theater drinks?

A: For Saenger shows, the Davenport Lounge at the Ritz-Carlton (p. 71), of course. If you're at the Civic Theater, the Victory lounge (p. 69).

Q: What restaurant would you suggest for a show-stopping dish?

A: Arnaud's (p. 27), for café brûlot. It's not really a dish, but an orange-infused coffee that's served after dinner. They peel the orange, pour Curaçao on the peel and then set it afire. It's really beautiful and dramatic.

Q: Krewe of Boo or Jim Monaghan's Halloween Parade?

A: Monaghan's; it's tradition for me.

Q: Are there any costume shops you would recommend?

A: I like to build my own costumes at the last minute. New Orleans Party and Costume (705 Camp St., 504.525.4744) is always a great resource.

Q: What one local item would you like to find in your trick-or-treat bag?

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Jackson Square may be home to one of the oldest active art colonies in the nation, but it isn't New Orleans' only arty enclave. From its many museums to its museum-quality cuisine, the Crescent City continues to rule as the culture capital of the South.

For my full New Orleans itinerary, and to create your own, go to wheretraveler.com.

TRIP PLANNER

>> MORNING

Pick up a pour-over at **Spitfire** (p. 33) before roaming gallery-packed Royal Street. Amble toward the Arts District and nose around the **Ogden Museum** (p. 67) and **Avery Fine Pottery** (p. 51), a chic "smell gallery." Art glass fan? Nearby **New Orleans School of Glassworks** (p. 51) conducts free daily demos.

>> AFTERNOON

Head for the **New Orleans Museum of Art**, where **Café NOMA** (p. 36) provides the perfect lunch spot. Afterward explore the bevy of boutiques lining Magazine Street, such as **Art & Eyes** (p. 49).

>> EVENING

The art is edible at **Square Root** (p. 35) and **Lilette** (p. 38). Toast the day in their respective bars or at **Kingfish** (p. 30), where mixologist Chris McMillian is a master of the craft.

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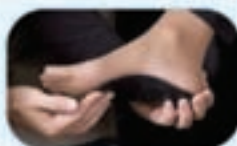
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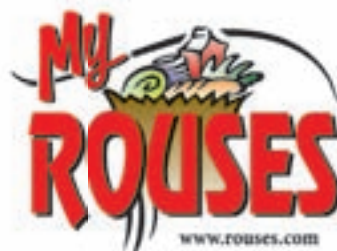


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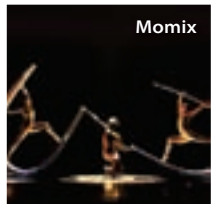
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- 03 The Ultimate Lindy Hop Showdown at the French Market
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- 10 Louisiana Seafood Festival
- 10 "Carmen" at the Mahalia Jackson Theater
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"Art is everywhere you look for it," said El Greco, the Spanish Renaissance painter. If you are in New Orleans during **Prospect 3: Notes for Now**, the third international contemporary art biennial organized by Prospect New Orleans, you won't have to look too hard. From October 25 to January 15, 2015, more than 15 venues across the city will mount exhibits that both incorporate and re-imagine the Crescent City's rich history and culture. And in keeping with Prospect New Orleans' founding principle—that access to art can strengthen communities—all of Prospect.3's exhibits are free to the public. Here's just a taste of what you can expect:

For a traditional museum experience, check out P.3 at the **Ogden Museum of Southern Art** (p. 67), home of the world's largest collection of Southern art. In addition to local photographers Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick's docu-installation chronicling life at Angola Prison and works by folk artist Herbert Singleton, who spent 14 years incarcerated there, the Ogden plays host to "Basquiat on the Bayou," which spotlights a selection of the popular neo-expressionist's work focusing on the Mississippi and its delta. Heading out to City Park? Take a walk along Bayou St. John before visiting the **New Orleans Museum of Art** (p. 66), which offers works by post-impressionist great Paul Gauguin, Brazilian modernist Tarsila do Amaral and local abstract expressionist Ed Clark.

A more intimate venue? Hop the St. Charles streetcar to the Lower Garden District and visit the **George and Leah McKenna Museum of African-American Art** (p. 66). You'll be almost



"African Mask," by Lonnie Holley

as impressed by the painstakingly restored building, originally constructed in the mid 1800s by a Natchez steamboat captain, as by the works of celebrated artist Carrie Mae Weems. Photophiles will swoon over her "Louisiana Project," which depicts the hidden histories of Carnival seasons. Love oral histories or documentaries? Weems' video installation, "Lincoln, Lonnie and Me" presents a cast of hologram characters whose stories are set to a jazz score.



Want to explore sides of the city tourists rarely see? The **May Gallery & Residency** (2839 North Robertson St., Suite 105), located in St. Roch, a formerly industrial neighborhood that now attracts hip creative types, hosts New Orleans-based multimedia maven Tameka Norris. Norris, who toured with Coolio as a teen, brings her hip-hop sensibilities and establishment education (she received a MFA from Yale) to her "Meka Jean" project, a short film that will be screened over the course of P.3.

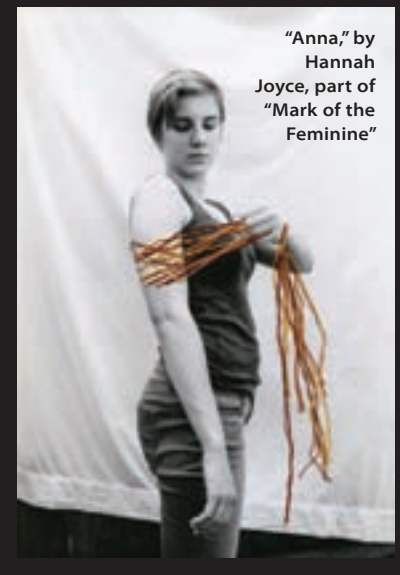
If navigating so many venues and neighborhoods seems daunting, don't worry. Bicycle-tour pros **Confederacy of Cruisers** (p. 62) to the rescue! Confederacy's P.3 rides lead art adventurers on guided, two-wheel tours of the city (including venues like the Ogden and Tulane University's Newcomb Art Gallery) or outlying neighborhoods (stopping by the New Orleans Museum of Art and Musée de Free People of Color along the way). Rather pedal at your own pace? The company provides bike rentals as well.

However you choose to view Prospect.3, you're sure to have a uniquely NOLA adventure. For a full lineup up of artists, exhibits and venues, visit prospectneworleans.org.



ART ON THE TOWN

Arrive in the city before Prospect.3 does? You'll still discover great art on exhibit from uptown to down. Galleries citywide mount new works Oct. 4 for the annual Art for Arts' Sake celebration. Created in 1980 by the Contemporary Art Center (p. 66) in an effort to lure culture vultures downtown, the event now stretches from Magazine to Royal Street, with dozens of amazing exhibits that remain on view throughout the month. Julia Street remains the arty epicenter, with more than 20 galleries and museums participating in the stroll. Check out the "Mark of the Feminine" exhibit at the CAC, which also hosts a free after-party—with complimentary cocktail and cuisine tastings—from 6 to 9 pm. For details, visit cacno.org.



"Anna," by Hannah Joyce, part of "Mark of the Feminine"

OUT+ABOUT



Gallier House

OPEN HOUSES

Want to sneak a peek into the city's historic homes? A number welcome guests with open doors, including the 1860s **Gallier House** (p. 66) and circa-1831 **Hermann-Grima House** (p. 66), both of which are featured in award-winning photographer Kerri McCaffety's new book, "Luxury, Inequity & Yellow Fever." The lushly illustrated tome chronicles life in 19th-century New Orleans through the two architectural landmarks: Gallier claims one of the city's first indoor toilets, while Hermann-Grima is home to the French Quarter's last remaining working outdoor kitchen. Visitors to the latter will find gilt mirrors draped in black crepe and Mrs. Albert Grima laid out in the front parlor just as she was in October 1850, as part of the home's annual Mourning Tour, which explores Victorian funeral customs. Mourning tours are also offered Oct. 3 at the **Pitot House** (p. 67) and throughout the month at **St. Joseph Plantation** (p. 83). Something more lively? Sign up for the Patio Planters' annual **Secrets Gardens of the Vieux Carré** walking tour Oct. 18-19 (patioplanters.org).

That Voodoo That We Do So Well



Voodoo is more than just a music fest, especially in New Orleans, which has long been associated with the Haitian religion. Just outside of the French Quarter in St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 is the tomb of Marie Laveau, the legendary queen of voodoo, where visitors (and locals) leave offerings year-round in hope of gaining her favor. Those looking for a more tactile experience can browse the herbs, candles and books at present-day voodoo practitioner **Sallie Ann Glassman's** Island of Salvation Botanica in the New

Orleans Healing Center (2372 St. Claude Ave., 504.948.9961). Similar to summer's voodoo blessing along Bayou St. John, on Oct. 19 the center hosts the annual Anba Dlo Festival in celebration of an element the Crescent City has a love/hate relationship with: water. The event kicks off with a parade at 6 pm, followed by costume contests, live entertainment and a midnight voodoo ceremony presided over by Glassman, who also presents "Vodou, Marie Laveau & Me" Oct. 23, as part of a free lecture series at the New Orleans Athletic Club (222 N. Rampart St., 504.525.2375).

A Month of Music

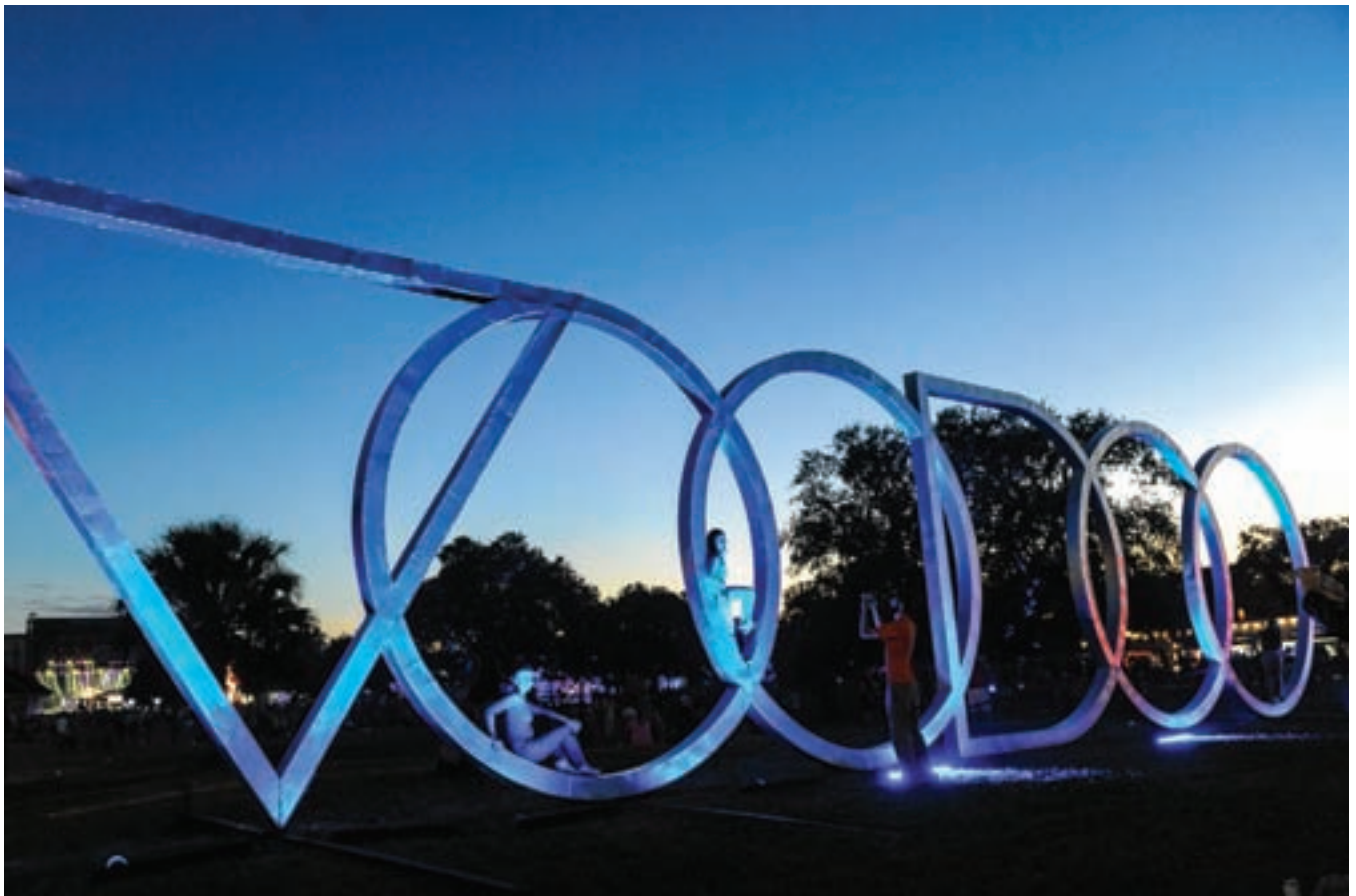
The Voodoo Experience isn't October's only musical must-catch. Other top touring acts hitting local stages this month:

- OCT. 1: The Head and the Heart** 504.272.0865, civiconola.com
Civic Theater, 510 O'Keefe Ave., 504.272.0865, civiconola.com
- OCT. 5: Beck** House of Blues, 225 Decatur St., 504.529.2583, houseofblues.com
- OCT. 7: Interpol** House of Blues, 225 Decatur St., 504.529.2583, houseofblues.com
- OCT. 8: Katy Perry** Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Dr., 800.745.3000, smoothiekingcenter.com
- OCT. 9: St. Vincent** House of Blues, 225 Decatur St., 504.529.2583, houseofblues.com
- OCT. 10: The Gaslight Anthem** Civic Theater, 510 O'Keefe Ave., 504.272.0865, civiconola.com
- OCT. 10: Meshell Ndegeocello** Contemporary Arts Center, 900 Camp St., 504.528.3800, cacno.org
- OCT. 11: Paul McCartney** Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Dr., 800.745.3000, smoothiekingcenter.com
- OCT. 17: Erasure** House of Blues, 225 Decatur St., 504.529.2583, houseofblues.com
- OCT. 22: Macy Gray** Tipitina's, 501 Napoleon Ave., 504.895.8477, tipitinas.com
- OCT. 27: Ray LaMontagne** Saenger Theatre, 1111 Canal St., 504.287.0351, saenger-nola.com



St. Vincent

(TOP) ©KERRI MCCAFFETY/VISSI D'ARTE BOOKS; (BOTTOM LEFT) ©SHAWN FINK; (BOTTOM RIGHT) ©REPUBLIC RECORDS.



EVENTS

October Fests

As the weather cools, the New Orleans festival season heats up. Looking for something fun to do? You'll find plenty.

- Lace up your dancing shoes Oct. 2-6 for the **New Orleans Swing Dance Festival**, which takes place at the French Market (p. 56), Old U.S. Mint and other locations. lindyshowdown.net
- Jump across the river for the **Gretna Heritage Festival** Oct. 3-5. Musical headliners include Joan Jett, Gregg Allman, Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Guess Who. gretnafest.com
- Shrimp, crab, oysters, catfish—get a taste of it all Oct. 10-12 during the **Louisiana Seafood Festival** at City Park's Festival Grounds (p. 56). Local chefs serve up creative dishes to the beat of local bands. louisianaseafoodfestival.com
- Float across Lake Pontchartrain Oct. 11-12 for the **Wooden Boat Festival** in Madisonville. Vessels from steamboats to pirogues are celebrated. woodenboatfest.org
- The New Orleans Museum of Art (p. 66) takes on an Asian accent Oct. 11 during its annual **Japan Fest**. Takio drumming, flower arranging and martial art demos are highlighted, along with NOMA's Asian art collection. noma.org
- Hollywood South is in the spotlight during the 25th annual **New Orleans Film Festival** Oct. 16-23. Kevin Costner's locally shot "Black and White" screens opening night at the Civic Theatre. neworleansfilmsociety.org
- Combining two Southern staples in one event, the **Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival** takes over Lafayette Square (Lafayette Street and St. Charles Avenue) Oct. 17-19. Grab some ribs and relax to Los Lobos, Denise LaSalle, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Valerie June, Luke Winslow King and more. jazzandheritage.org
- Mirliton, chayote, christophene: Whatever you call it, the homegrown gourd is the star attraction of the 25th annual **Mirliton Festival** Oct. 25. Bands perform throughout the day in Mickey Markey Park (Piety and Royal streets), while Bywater neighborhood restaurants create mirliton-based dishes. bywater-mirlitonfestival.com
- San Francisco Plantation (p. 83) shows off its recent \$1-million makeover during its new **Fall Fest** Oct. 25-26. More than 100 artists and crafters will be on hand exhibiting works. sanfranciscoplantation.org
- This month's biggest festival is so massive it spills over into next. The 15th annual **Voodoo Music + Arts Experience**, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, offers more than 75 acts on four stages set amid City Park's Festival Grounds (p. 56). The Foo Fighters, Outkast, Arctic Monkeys, Skrillex, Lauryn Hill, Gogol Bordello, Manchester Orchestra, 30 Seconds to Mars, Galantis, Trombone Shorty, Big Freedia; for a full lineup of performers, visit worshipthemusic.com.

DINING

Insta Gratification

There is no denying the impact social media has on business. Instagram is the app of the moment for its ease of use, integration with Facebook and because it offers users the opportunity to flex their photography muscles. For restaurants the image-heavy site is a great way to showcase food as art and, of course, a genius marketing tool. For food geeks the addiction to these restaurant/chef feeds comes easy. Who doesn't want to scroll through images of tempting food porn? It's hunger-inducing art—and calorie-free.



If there is one local restaurant that set the bar as an “early adopter” of Instagram it would be **Maurepas Foods** (@MaurepasFoods; p. 36). With a strong artistic lens focused on food, cocktails, architecture and cityscapes, Maurepas' feeds are almost always accompanied by smart words.

Meauxbar (p. 31) chef Kristen Essig is an Instagram master with two accounts (@Chefkessig and @Meauxbar). Her heavy use of Hipstamatic filters to bend color and form is fun, and she goes out of her way to feature food, coworkers and, most enjoyably, her own kitchen foibles (like crying over spilt milk for panna cotta).

Snarky, funny and fabulous **Stein's Deli** (@SteinsDeli; p. 35) has a voracious following. Fair warning: Their feed, while delicious with images of fat sandwiches and other deli treats, is also peppered with “R”-rated words.

Ethnic eateries pay close atten-

tion to detail with drool-worthy images and words that demystify unfamiliar dishes. There's fine eye-feasting to be done for Filipino fare at **Milkfish** (@MilkfishNola), the Latin fusion food of **Baru Bistro & Tapas** (@Barutapas; p. 37) and Vietnamese cuisine at **Tan Dinh** (@TanDinhNola).

Modern meal-art photography is often the bastion of fine dining restaurants like **Emeril's** (@Emerils; p. 25), **Commander's Palace** (@CommandersPalace; p. 34), **Root** (@RootNola; p. 27) and **Square Root** (@SquareRootNola; p. 35). These restaurants also use their Insta-channel in an approachable, everyone-has-a-chair-at-the-table way. Some of the best food voyeurism comes from short videos of kitchen craft and technique.

It is said “we first eat with our eyes” with reason. There is an art to the madness of this modern medium. Scroll through, savor ... then get out and dine. —Lorin Gaudin

Hot Dish

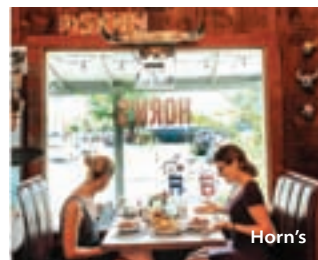
What's new and noshable.

ARAÑA

Chef Richard “Spider” Papier has filled the menu at this former Mediterranean space with gently Americanized Mexican fare. Standouts include the well-spiced chorizo tacos and a fiery *torta ahogada*—slow-roasted pork on *bolillo* bread with black-bean puree, avocado crema, cotija, pickled onion and spicy salsa. Need we mention the margs, tequila and smoky Mezcal? OK, done. 3242 Magazine St., 504.894.1233

MR. ED'S OYSTER BAR & FISH HOUSE

A local classic that has at long last come to the Quarter, Mr. Ed's is known for its cheesy crawfish bread and crunchy, golden fried seafood. Creamy soups, beautiful salads and the oysters ... oh, the oysters! Raw are naturally cold and delicious, but the charbroiled with Parmesan and garlic are surpassed only by the Southwest charbroiled spiked with jalapeños. 512 Bienville St., 504.309.4848



LA CASITA

Tacos, margaritas and guacamole are top picks at this intimate Arts District eatery. Happy Hour happens with a great selection of food and drink for \$5 and under. At lunch everyone raves about the crunch of the crisp Chipotle Caesar with spiced, broiled shrimp. 634 Julia St., 504.218.8043

HORN'S

Kappa Horn, owner Slim Goodies, has taken over, gussied up and renamed this long-popular Marigny spot. Try the Doc Horn at breakfast, and the Wedge salad or Creole Cuban for lunch. Chef Greg Fonseca's beef daube is a classic done well, while his vegetable plate comforts with stone-ground grits topped by seasonal veg. 1940 Dauphine St., 504.459.4676 —LG

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

New Orleans has long had a thirst for sodas. Dr. Nut, Nectar, Big Chief, and although Barq's wasn't actually born in the Crescent City (it hails from Mississippi), the brand rose to popularity here and is iconic. The latest market entry: **Fest Cola**, “a distinctive line of premium, original sodas naturally flavored and sweetened with real Louisiana cane sugar.”

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soda and pecan-root beer. You'll find these delectable drinks on the menu at Apolline, Cochon (p. 24), New Orleans Cake Café and other area restaurants, as well as on the shelves at Rouses (p. 46). —LG



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Dining

Movable Feasts

New Orleans' food truck scene has grown dramatically—and deliciously—over the past few years. We've mapped four meals on wheels worth seeking out; check their Twitter feeds for current locations.

- **Fat Falafel** Crispy on the outside and soft in the center, falafels are plated, pita'd or sandwiched. Fries with garlic aioli sauce are the perfect one-two punch. @FatFalafel
- **Food Drunk NOLA** Three words: King cake burger. While it's not always on the menu, other "chef inspired, alcohol influenced" hits—such as steak fries steeped in duck fat and sea salt—are. @fooddrunknola
- **Frencheeze** "Cheese, butter and bread" is served up here, with anything from pulled pork to goat cheese tucked between the slices. Go for the deep-fried mac-and-cheese balls. @frencheezetruck
- **St. Clair Pizza** The repurposed school bus' claim to fame is its rolling wood-fired oven. Spice up your pizza with roasted red peppers, Creole tomato-basil sauce or prosciutto. @StClairPizza

Central Business/ Warehouse District

THE AMERICAN SECTOR—American. A nostalgic homage to homespun wartime classics with gourmet twists, the inventive menu at this National World War II Museum eatery features such kicked-up throwbacks as Sloppy Joes and house-made sodas. \$ L, D (daily). www.nationalww2museum.org/american-sector. 945 Magazine St., 504.528.1940. **Map 3, B6**

BETWEEN THE BREAD—Deli. This deli offers fresh-brewed coffees and teas, along with soups, salads and made-to-order sandwiches — including one of the best chicken salads in town. \$ B, L (M-F). www.betweenthebreadnola.com. 625 St. Charles St., 504.324.5304. **Map 3, C5**

BORGNE—Seafood. At this seafood-centric John Besh restaurant (helmed by mega-talented chef Brian Landry), fantastic apps (such as duck-and-jalapeno poppers) partner swimmingly with easy-going sandwiches, fish cooked "in a bag" and more. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.borgnerestaurant.com.

com. 601 Loyola Ave. (in the Hyatt Regency Hotel), 504.613.3860. **Map 3, C3**

CAFÉ ADELAIDE—Louisiana. Chef Carl Schaubhut helms this bistro spinoff of Commander's Palace in the Loews Hotel. Schaubhut serves up playful takes on Creole cuisine, like smashed crawfish po' boys. B (daily), L (M-F), D (M-Su). www.cafeadelaide.com. 300 Poydras St., 504.595.3305. **Map 3, D6**

CAFÉ AT THE SQUARE—American. Comfort food with a twist. Andouille sausage Benedict, fried green tomato BLTs, ahi tuna burgers, fries with chipotle aioli — you're there, right? \$ B, L, D (daily).



ACME OYSTER HOUSE, which shucks more than 6 million bivalves annually, has joined with other local restaurants to provide recycled shells for coastal restoration projects.

Guidelines

This directory, grouped by category, is a compendium of establishments recommended by the editors of Where magazine and includes regular advertisers. Information was accurate as of press time, but is subject to change. Call to verify hours, accessibility, etc.

MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the references at the end of each listing (**Map 3, F4**, etc.) apply to the coordinates on the street maps on pages 85-87.

RESTAURANT HOURS, ETC.

Accessibility: ♿ denotes an establishment's claim of wheelchair accessibility, including restrooms.

Hours: Call for exact hours of operation. General meal information is indicated by **B** (breakfast), **L** (lunch), and **D** (dinner). Restaurants that never close are labeled 24h.

Price ranges: Price ranges in each listing are based on the cost of a typical dinner entrée without appetizer. Lunches are generally less expensive:

\$ = Inexpensive (under \$15)

\$\$ = Moderate (\$15-\$25)

\$\$\$ = Expensive (over \$25)

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www.cafeatthesquare.com. 500 St. Charles Ave., 504.304.7831. **Map 3, C5**

CAFÉ CARMO—International. This island-inspired space pops out some wild — and wildly delicious — dishes, such as the zany Rico sandwich (a grilled plantain patty topped with pulled pork) and shrimp-filled black-eyed pea fritters. Veggie and vegan options are also featured. \$ L (M-Sa), D (Tu-Sa). www.cafecarmo.com. 527 Julia St., 504.875.4132. **Map 3, C6**

CAPDEVILLE—American. Named for early 1900s New Orleans mayor Paul Capdeville, this hip and sharply designed space turns out big, juicy burgers, hand-cut fries with delectable toppings (such as chorizo sausage and Manchego cheese) and other fresh spins on classic bar food. \$ L (M-F), D (M-Sa). www.capdevillenola.com. 520 Capdeville St., 504.371.5161. **Map 3, C6**

CHOPHOUSE NEW ORLEANS—Steaks. Forget the standard sauces and heavy sides; the focus at this upscale-casual steakhouse is on its top-quality, USDA prime-only meats. An uncomplicated menu and easygoing atmosphere make this new spot a cut above. \$\$\$ D (nightly). www.chophouseenola.com. 322 Magazine St., 504.522.7902. **Map 3, D5**

CLEO'S—Mediterranean. Egyptian transplant Tarek Madkour brings a taste of the Middle East to the CBD. Open 24/7, his café/convenience store offers an extensive selection of kabab sandwiches and plates, along with shwarma, fried kibby, stuffed grape leaves, falafel, salads and more. \$ B, L, D (daily). 165 University Pl., 504.522.4504. **Map 3, D3**

COCHON—Louisiana. Many restaurants profess to be "better than your mama's," but chefs Donald Link and Stephen Stryjewski's lives up to the claim with haute twists on simple standards, such as deep-



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CRAZY LOBSTER—Seafood. Huge buckets of steamed seafood is the draw at this riverfront restaurant, where the lobster never runs out, the rest of the crowd can dig into some spicy Cajun fare and you can all while away an afternoon watching the ships sail by. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.thecrazylobster.com. Spanish Plaza (Poydras St. at the river, across from Harrah's), 504.569.3380. **Map 3, E7**

DOMENICA—Italian. Inspired by traditional Sunday Italian family feasts, this hot spot is counted among chef John Besh's growing family of restaurants. Dive into handmade pastas, authentic pizzas and Old World classics such as grilled pompano with fennel. \$\$ L, D (daily); brunch (Sa-Su). www.domenicarestaurant.com. 123 Baronne St. (in the Roosevelt Hotel), 504.648.6020. **Map 3, E3**

EMERIL'S—Louisiana. Emeril Lagasse's flagship sets the course for the Lagasse empire. Opened in 1990, this is where the celebrated chef created many of his classic dishes, including barbecued shrimp, andouille-crusted drum, banana cream pie and more. \$\$\$ L (M-F), D (daily). www.emerils.com. 800 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.528.9393. **Map 3, C6**

GRAND ISLE—Seafood. This comfy seafood house boasts such standouts as stuffed oysters Fourchon, chili-butter Gulf shrimp and duck "debris" po' boys, along with shrimp and grits, roasted chicken and other Southern favorites. Grab a seat at the oyster bar for shrimp by the pound and cold beer served from taps encased in ice. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.grandislerestaurant.com. 575 Convention Center Blvd., 504.520.8530. **Map 3, D6**

GRILL ROOM—Contemporary. The Mobile four-star fine dining room at the Windsor Court Hotel is a favorite of both locals and visitors. Refined yet relaxed, the Grill Room features innovative American cuisine that's strong on Southern influences and local ingredients. Excellent wine program. \$\$\$ B, L, D (daily); brunch (Su). www.windsorcourthotel.com. 300 Gravier St., 504.522.1994. **Map 3, D6**

HERBSAINT—French. James Beard Award-winning chef Donald Link's entrées range from confit of Muscovy duck leg with dirty rice and citrus *gastrique* to chili-glazed pork belly with Beluga lentils and mint. \$ L (M-F), D (M-Sa). www.herbsaint.com. 701 St. Charles Ave., 504.524.4114. **Map 3, C5**

LE FORET—French. The ambitious menu changes often at this elegant restaurant, with fresh twists on classic dishes such as lobster salad with Louisiana citrus, bowfin caviar and plantain chips, and Peking duck with andouille-truffle hash. \$\$\$ L (Th-F), D (M-Sa). www.leforetneworleans.com. 129 Camp St., 504.553.6738. **Map 3, D5**

LITTLE GEM SALOON—Southern. Located in a historic jazz landmark, this supper club features live music, great cocktails and seasonal fare by chef Miles Prescott. The menu oozes Southern flavor with such signatures as tasso-crusted mac-and-cheese balls, chicken-and-bread pudding and crawfish cakes with fried green tomatoes. \$ L (Tu-F), D (Tu-Sa); Su jazz brunch. www.littlegemsaloon.com. 445 S. Rampart St., 504.267.4863. **Map 3, C3**

LUCKY ROOSTER—Asian. Pan-Asian "street food" is the order here. Big-flavored small plates — banh mi (Vietnamese po' boys), Korean fried chicken

with kimchi slaw, hand-pulled noodle salads — are coupled with an impressive wine list. Cool, casual; no reservations. \$\$ L, D (M-Sa). www.luckyrooster-nola.com. 515 Baronne St., 504.529.5825. **Map 3, C4**

LUCY'S RETIRED SURFERS BAR & RESTAURANT—**Eclectic.** Its name and laid-back vibe hint at the Cali-Mex offerings on the menu at this fun CBD spot. Serious salads, juicy burgers and a variety of tacos pair perfectly with Big Kahuna cocktails and top-shelf margaritas. \$\$ L, D (daily); Sa-Su brunch. www.lucysretiredsurfers.com. 701 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.523.8995. **Map 3, C6**

LÜKE—**International.** A throwback to Old World New Orleans brasseries. German specialties, such as house-made sausage, meld with classic French bistro fare and fresh Louisiana seafood. Extensive wine and beer selections. \$\$ B, L, D (daily). www.lukeneworleans.com. 333 St. Charles Ave. (in the Hilton St. Charles hotel), 504.378.2840. **Map 3, D4**

MANNING'S—**Southern.** The fun, casual menu at former New Orleans Saints quarterback Archie Manning's sports-themed restaurant puts fresh spins on tailgating classics. Chicken wings with Crystal beurre blanc, cochon du lait frites, shrimp-topped mac 'n' cheese — one of everything, please. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.harrahsneworleans.com. 519 Fulton St., 504.593.8118. **Map 3, D6**

MULATE'S—**Cajun.** A family friendly restaurant where the Cajun food (dark-roux gumbos, fried alligator, catfish smothered in crawfish etouffée) is only one of the highlights. Two-step to live music nightly. Also available for private functions. \$ L, D (daily). www.mulates.com. 201 Julia St., 504.522.1492. **Map 3, C7**

PÊCHE—**Seafood.** Chefs Donald Link and Stephen Stryjewski (the award-winning team behind pork-centric Cochon) have another winner on their hands. The focus here is on chef Ryan Prewitt's simple seafood grilled over hardwood coals...and it couldn't be better. From the raw bar to the whole grilled fish, you can't go wrong. \$\$ L, D (M-Sa). www.pecherestaurant.com. 800 Magazine St., 504.522.1744. **Map 3, C6**

POPPY'S TIME OUT SPORTS BAR & GRILL—**American.** Sports fans will score here. Along with gourmet burgers, personalized pizzas and a variety of wings, this riverside restaurant and bar features 22 beers on tap (including a full line of locally made Abita brews), live music and big-screen TVs. \$\$ B, L, D (daily). www.thecrazylobster.com. Spanish Plaza (Poydras St. at the Mississippi River across from Harrah's Casino), 504.247.9265. **Map 3, E7**

RED GRAVY—**Italian.** In New Orleans "red gravy" refers to marinara sauce, and at this cozy restaurant, you'll find rustic Italian specialties such as handmade pasta and homemade meatballs. A farm-to-table restaurant, Red Gravy supports local farmers, fishers and bakers. Come for the Sicilian egg pie at brunch or hand-filled ravioli at dinner. \$\$ Brunch (daily); D (Th-Sa). www.redgravycafe.com. 125 Camp St., 504.561.8844. **Map 3, E5**

RESTAURANT AUGUST—**French.** In New Orleans, chefs are as famous as rock stars, and John Besh is the city's culinary Sting. He knows the classics, he's bold in his experimentation and he's got a vision. The dining rooms are elegant, and the food is spectacular, as Besh combines European style with Gulf Coast ingredients for dishes such as gnocchi with crab and truffles. \$\$\$ L (M-F), D (nightly). www.restaurantaugust.com. 301 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.299.9777. **Map 3, E5**



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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE—Steaks. Founded in 1965, this Crescent City classic, famed for its superb, sizzling steaks and seafood, now has locations around the world. Continental breakfast served weekdays. \$\$\$ B, L (M-F), D (nightly); brunch (Sa-Su). www.ruthschris.com. 525 Fulton St., 504.587.7099. **Map 3, D6**

French Quarter

ACME OYSTER HOUSE—Seafood. For locals, the name Acme is synonymous with raw oysters. Since 1910, Acme's signature marble-topped bar has served up countless bivalves on the half shell. Other regional specialties include fried oyster po' boys, gumbo Poopa and jambalaya. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.acmeoyster.com. 724 Iberville St., 504.522.5973. **Map 3, E4**; 3000 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.309.4056. **Map 1, C2**; 8 Canal St. (inside Harrah's Casino), 504.708.2409. **Map 3, E6**

ANTOINE'S—Creole. Established in 1840, Antoine's is New Orleans' oldest restaurant and a living treasure. The great-great-great-grandchildren of founder Antoine Alciatore run the place as he wanted, which means rich French-Creole food, courtly waiters and an atmosphere of hospitality and tradition. \$\$\$ L, D (M-Sa); Su jazz brunch. Antoine's Annex (513 Royal St.) serves ice cream, pastries and light fare daily. www.antoines.com. 713 St. Louis St., 504.581.4422. **Map 3, F4**

ARNAUD'S—Creole. In this magic castle of dining rooms, Arnaud's continues a tradition begun in 1918. The restaurant was assembled piecemeal over the decades, which is part of its charm. Shrimp Arnaud, oysters Bienville and *café brûlot* are three of the many famous dishes. \$\$\$ D (daily); Su jazz brunch. www.arnauds.com. 813 Bienville St., 504.523.5433. **Map 3, F4**

BACKSPACE BAR & KITCHEN—American. Typewriters and books line the walls of this comfy spot, which pays homage to the French Quarter's rich literary legacy. The bar serves drinks fashioned after famed authors' faves, while the kitchen offers gumbo and sandwiches. Try the "Whitman," roast beef with fried oysters and Swiss on ciabatta. Open 11 am-9 am. \$ L, D (daily). www.backspacenola.com. 139 Chartres St., 504.322.2245. **Map 3, F4**

BAYONA—American. Nestled in a 200-year-old Creole cottage, Bayona continues its reign as one of the city's best restaurants. Chef Susan Spicer's menu continually surprises with fresh specials, but still includes her signatures: grilled shrimp with black-bean cakes and coriander sauce, and that nonpareil garlic soup. \$\$ L (W-Sa), D (M-Sa). www.bayona.com. 430 Dauphine St., 504.525.4455. **Map 3, F3**

BAYOU BURGER AND SPORTS COMPANY—American. Beef up before (or after) the big game with piled-high burgers and stacked hot dogs at this casual Bourbon Street spot. A large selection of local brews is also featured, along with a projection-screen TV and a balcony for viewing the street action below. www.bayouburgerco.com. 503 Bourbon St., 504.529.4256. **Map 3, F4**

BOURBON HOUSE—Seafood. A standout addition to Dickie Brennan's restaurant empire. Stylish seafood dishes are complemented with outstanding filets and sides — don't miss the redfish on the half shell with jumbo lump crab or the bourbon-glazed shrimp, a unique twist on the classic barbecued version. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.bourbonhouse.com. 144 Bourbon St., 504.522.0111. **Map 3, E4**

BROUSSARD'S—Creole. Recently renovated, Broussard's, established in 1920, remains one of the city's premier fine dining spots, with one of the most elegant courtyards in the Quarter. French-born chef Guy Reinbolt serves up classic cuisine to match the Old World ambiance. Corn-and-crab bisque, slow-roasted pheasant, oven-baked Dover sole served table-side. Tradition never tasted so good. \$\$\$ D (nightly); Su jazz brunch. www.broussards.com. 819 Conti St., 504.581.3866. **Map 3, F4**

CAFÉ AMELIE—Louisiana. Located in a gorgeous French Quarter courtyard and carriage house that was once home to Alice Heine, America's first Princess of Monaco, this is the perfect spot for a leisurely outdoor lunch or romantic dinner. Try the crab cakes with citrus drizzle, satsuma-pepper glazed shrimp or a seasonal cocktail. \$\$ L (W-Sa), D (W-Su); Su brunch. A quick-service offshoot, Petite Amelie, offers takeout just next door (900 Royal St., 412-8065). www.cafeamelie.com. 912 Royal St., 504.412.8965. **Map 3, H4**

CAFÉ BEIGNET—Coffee. Light fare, café drinks, and delicious beignets are the draw at these comfy

French Quarter coffeehouses. Traditional jazz performances at the Bourbon Street location daily, beginning at 10 am. www.cafebeignet.com. \$ B, L, D (daily). 311 Bourbon St., 504.525.2611. **Map 3, F4; B, L (daily)** 334-B Royal St., 504.524.5530. **Map 3, F4**

CAFÉ CONTI—French. Crepes, both savory (crab and brie) and sweet (banana and Nutella), set the tone at this casual café, where omelets and eggs en cocotte share menu space with heartier fare, such as grilled-steak sandwiches and Niçoise salad. \$ B, L (daily). 830 Conti St., 504.636.1060. **Map 3, F4**

CAFÉ DU MONDE—Coffee. No visit to the Crescent City is complete without a stop at Café Du Monde, in operation since 1862. On the menu: *café au lait* and beignets, the unofficial doughnuts of New Orleans. \$ 24h (daily). www.cafedumonde.com. 800 Decatur St., 504.525.4544. **Map 3, G5**

CAFÉ MASPERO—Seafood. An old-fashioned French Quarter café from the neighborhood's days as a working-class enclave where plentiful, inexpensive food was the criterion for success. Maspero's kitchen has frying down to an art, turning out crisp, tasty shrimp, oysters and catfish. \$ L, D (daily). 601 Decatur St., 504.523.6250. **Map 3, G5**

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CANE & TABLE—Cuban. This rum-centric restaurant provides a taste of the city's Caribbean connection. Classic cocktails are given contemporary twists, while island flavors inform the "seasonal smart" menu in dishes such as jerk chicken, plantain dumplings and deep-fried ribs with papaya chutney. \$\$ L (Sa-Su), D (nightly). www.caneandtable-nola.com. 1113 Decatur St., 504.581.1112. **Map 3, I5**

CENTRAL GROCERY—Deli. This Italian deli-grocery is a shrine to old New Orleans, and is the place to acquaint yourself with the classic muffledetta sandwich: layers of provolone cheese, olive salad, pickled vegetables, mortadella, salami and ham. \$ L (Tu-Sa). 923 Decatur St., 504.523.1620. **Map 3, H5**

CHARTRES HOUSE CAFÉ—Louisiana. The always-open French doors will draw you in here, but it's the above-standard New Orleans fare that will make you linger. Belly up to the bar for quick bites like duck quesadillas and Tabasco wings or grab a seat in the courtyard and dig into one of many great po' boys or sampler platters. \$ L, D (daily). www.chartreshousecafe.com. 601 Chartres St., 504.586.8383. **Map 3, G5**

COURT OF TWO SISTERS—Creole. No French Quarter visit would be complete without a meal at this romantic restaurant, which features a daily jazz brunch and a nightly a la carte menu. Creole and Cajun cuisine, combined with southern hospitality and a magical patio setting, make for a memorable dining experience. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.courtoftwo-sisters.com. 613 Royal St., 504.522.7261. **Map 3, G4**

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CRIOILLO—Louisiana. Spanish for "Creole," Criollo's menu is globally inspired with locally sourced ingredients, reflecting the blending of cultures that form the foundation of Crescent City dining. The evidence is found in such dishes as crawfish flatbread with eggplant caviar and sugarcane-marinated pork tenderloin with sweet potato-chorizo hash. \$\$\$ B, L, D (daily). www.criollonola.com. 214 Royal St. (in the Hotel Monteleone), 504.681.4444. **Map 1, E4**

CROISSANT D'OR PATISSERIE—Bakery. Abandon all hope of counting calories, ye who enter here. This venerable pastry shop produces a stunning array of buttery croissants, fresh fruit danishes and any number of dreamy creations devised from storehouses of chocolate, cream and magic. \$ B, L (W-M). 617 Ursuline Ave., 504.524.4663. **Map 3, H4**

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DORIS METROPOLITAN—Steaks. A stunning steakhouse and butcher shop featuring superior quality dry-aged meats. A full remodel of the historic space is alone worth a visit, though the hunger-inducing menu also impresses with an eclectic collection of specialty cuts and an extensive wine list. \$\$\$ D (nightly). www.dorismetropolitan.com. 620 Chartres St., 504.267.3500. **Map 3, G4**

EAT—American. Giving stylish meaning to the neighborhood corner restaurant, retro-chic Eat covers its oversize windows in sailcloth and its tables in linen and crisp white paper. But it may be the layered

blue cheese-fig torte that captures your heart. Ideal for a Sunday brunch, sunset supper or working lunch. \$\$ B (Sa-Su); L, D (Tu-Sa). www.eatnola.com. 900 Dumaine St., 504.522.7222. **Map 3, H3**

GALATOIRE'S—Creole. Since 1905, Galatoire's has been a gravity center of New Orleans, where political careers are made, engagements pledged, rumors spread and business deals won and lost. Happily, the food is as good as the party atmosphere, with traditional Creole dishes presented by some of the city's best waitstaff. \$\$ L, D (Tu-Su). www.galatoires.com. 209 Bourbon St., 504.525.2021. **Map 3, E4**

GALATOIRE'S 33 BAR & STEAK—Steaks. This modern-day steakhouse adds a new chapter to Galatoire's century-old story. Craft cocktails and USDA prime cuts are the focus, along with beef Wellington, lobster Thermidor and classic sides. The handsome space also features an elegantly appointed bar and private dining rooms. \$\$ L (F), D (nightly). www.galatoires33barandsteak.com. 215 Bourbon St., 504.525.2021. **Map 3, E4**

GREEN GODDESS—Eclectic. Chef Paul Artigues creates big-flavored, adventurous dishes in the tiny kitchen of this intimate Exchange Alley gem. Quite possibly the only place in town you'll find savory lentil pancakes with curried shrimp and coconut slaw on the same menu with decadent desserts, such as bacon sundaes. \$ L (W-M). www.greengoddessnola.com. 307 Exchange Pl., 504.301.3347. **Map 3, E4**

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GW FINS—Seafood. At this hot restaurant, owners Gary Wollerman and chef Tenney Flynn have taken the local obsession with seafood to global heights: fresh fish is flown in daily from around the world. Irish salmon and New Zealand lobster rub shoulders with Gulf shrimp and Louisiana duck on the menu, all exquisitely prepared. \$\$ D (nightly). www.gwfins.com. 808 Bienville St., 504.581.3467. **Map 3, F4**

HARD ROCK CAFÉ—American. This popular chain, filled with music memorabilia, serves regional and American fare, including steaks, burgers, sandwiches and wings. Among the 100-plus items on display are Louis Armstrong's trumpet, Fats Domino's autographed piano top and Madonna's G-string. Live music four nights a week. \$ L, D (daily). www.hardrockcafe.com. 125 Bourbon St., 504.529.5617. **Map 3, F4**

IRENE'S CUISINE—Italian. Irene's is all about garlic and olive oil, the importance of consistency, and the best rosemary chicken in town. Everything is outstanding, from the bruschetta to the stuffed veal chop to the perfect *tiramisu*. Think of the tight quarters as "cozy" and the long wait (no reservations) as part of the charm. \$\$ D (M-Sa). 539 St. Philip St., 504.529.8811. **Map 3, H5**

ITALIAN BARREL—Italian. The focus here is on fine, Northern Italian cuisine. Fresh ravioli flown in from Italy complements such authentic fare as veal with porcini mushrooms and truffle oil, osso buco-topped polenta and top-notch *tiramisu*. A full-bodied Italian wine selection is also offered. \$\$\$ L, D (daily). www.italianbarrel.com. 430 Barracks St., 504.569.0198. **Map 3, I5**

K-PAUL'S LOUISIANA KITCHEN—Louisiana. Chef-personality Paul Prudhomme was one of the first to introduce Cajun cuisine to a global audience. His Chartres Street restaurant is an ideal spot to sample some K-Paul classics, including okra gumbo, jambalaya, bronzed swordfish and blackened beef tenders. \$ Deli L (Tu-Sa), \$\$\$ D (M-Sa). www.kpauls.com. 416 Chartres St., 504.596.2530. **Map 3, F4**

KILLER PO'BOYS—Contemporary. Tucked in the back of the Erin Rose bar, this tiny hole-in-the-wall has garnered big buzz with its "internationally inspired, chef-crafted" takes on the standard po'boy. The Dark & Stormy (rum-braised pork belly with lime-infused slaw) alone is worth a visit. \$ L, D (W-M). 811 Conti St., 504.252.6745. **Map 3, F4**

KINGFISH—Louisiana. Chef Greg Sonnier, who apprenticed just a block away at K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen during the 1980s, returns to Chartres Street with a place all his own. "New Louisiana" is the concept, with creative spins on local standards such as fried deviled duck eggs on arugula with candy-pecan vinaigrette and cochon de lait with cracklin-crust boudin cake. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.kingfishneworleans.com. 337 Chartres St., 504.598.5005. **Map 3, F4**

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LOUISIANA PIZZA KITCHEN—Italian. This cozy neighborhood café overlooks the French Market. Rest up from shopping while partaking of earthy pizzas, excellent pasta dishes, oversized salads and sandwiches. Extensive beer and wine selection. \$ L, D (daily). www.lpkfrenchquarter.com. 95 French Market Pl., 504.522.9500. **Map 3, I5**

MARTI'S—French. This locally beloved restaurant, which was shuttered in 1988, has been recently revamped, reinvented and reopened. The massive mural of City Park's Peristyle remains and serves as the perfect backdrop for chef Calvin Davis' seasonal bistro menu. \$\$\$ D (nightly). martisnola.com. 1041 Dumaine St., 504.522.5478. **Map 3, H3**

MEALS FROM THE HEART CAFÉ—Louisiana. Chef Marilyn Doucette serves up full-flavored fare, but without the high sodium or fat content. Try her crab cakes with lemon remoulade sauce, fish tacos and vegetable omelets. Dine in or take out. \$ B, L,

D (daily). www.mealsfromtheheartllc.com. French Market, Bay #13, 504.525.1953. **Map 3, I5**

MEAUXBAR—French. Chef Kristin Essig tweaks French bistro standards with a thoughtful modern hand. Her saffron-laced mussels are nestled in a flavor-packed broth and crowned with crisp hand-cut fries. If there's a *dacquoise* on the dessert menu, get it. \$\$ D (nightly). www.meauxbar.com. 942 N. Rampart St., 504.569.9979. **Map 3, H3**

MORTON'S—Steaks. Located just steps from the French Quarter, this renowned steakhouse holds as much character as the world-famous destination itself. With its USDA prime-aged beef, succulent seafood and infinite wine selection, Morton's is the perfect destination for an unparalleled dining experience. \$\$\$ D (nightly). www.mortons.com. 365 Canal St. (in the Shops at Canal Place), 504.566.0221. **Map 3, E5**

MR. B'S BISTRO—Louisiana. Bustling Mr. B's is another outstanding Brennan family restaurant, famed for its deceptively casual power-lunch scene. Must-tries include the barbecued shrimp, bread pudding in Irish whiskey sauce and the white chocolate brownie. \$\$ L (M-Sa), D (nightly); Su jazz brunch. www.mrbsbistro.com. 201 Royal St., 504.523.2078. **Map 3, E4**

MR. ED'S OYSTER BAR & FISH HOUSE—Seafood. This lively, family friendly eatery faithfully recreates the menu of a classic New Orleans joint. Fresh-shucked oysters and fried seafood platters vie for attention with overstuffed po' boys and other local favorites.

\$\$ L, D (daily). www.mredsoysterbar.com. 512 Bienville St., 504.309.4848. **Map 3, F5; 1001 Live Oak St., Metairie, 504.838.0022. Map 1, C2**

MURIEL'S JACKSON SQUARE—Creole. Overlooking Jackson Square, Muriel's features several dining rooms and a cozy bar. Enjoy chef Gus Martin's contemporary Creole dishes such as crawfish-and-goat cheese crepes, pecan-crusting puppy drum and *pain perdu* bread pudding. \$\$ L (M-Sa), D (nightly); Su jazz brunch. www.muriels.com. 801 Chartres St., 504.568.1885. **Map 3, G4**

NAPOLEON HOUSE—Louisiana. Napoleon never slept here, but this historic café and bar, with its peeling walls and worn charm, has its share of French ambiance. The café serves soups, seafood gumbo, salads, sandwiches and warm muffuletta; the bar serves its famous Pimm's Cups. \$ L, D (Tu-Sa). www.napoleonhouse.com. 500 Chartres St., 504.524.9752. **Map 3, F4**

NOLA—American. Emeril Lagasse's French Quarter bistro is a perennial hot spot. The menu is filled with Emeril creations such as Louisiana crab cakes with Creole tartar sauce, pork cheek boudin balls with tomato-bacon jam and a grilled double-cut pork chop with pecan-glazed sweet potatoes. Don't leave without tasting the banana pudding layer cake. \$\$ L (Th-M), D (nightly). www.emerils.com. 534 St. Louis St., 504.522.6652. **Map 3, F5**

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PALACE CAFÉ—Creole. Part of the Brennan restaurant empire, the Palace offers a sweeping view of Canal Street. Standouts include the savory crabmeat cheesecake, andouille-crusted Gulf fish and white chocolate bread pudding. \$\$ L (M-Sa), D (nightly); Su jazz brunch. www.palacecafe.com. 605 Canal St., 504.523.1661. **Map 3, E4**

PELICAN CLUB—Louisiana. A well-kept secret of savvy gourmets. Chef-owner Richard Hughes blends indigenous ingredients with international flavors. The seared tuna with Gulf shrimp is excellent, as are the roasted baby lamb rack, filet of tenderloin with wild mushroom sauce. Try the seafood martini appetizer. \$\$ D (daily). www.pelicanclub.com. 312 Exchange Alley, 504.523.1504. **Map 3, E4**

PIER 424—Seafood. Seafood is the catch here — oysters, crawfish, crab, shrimp, redfish, snapper, scallops and more. Dive into a platter for a taste of it all. Sandwiches, gumbos and salads are also offered. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.pier424seafoodmarket.com. 424 Bourbon St., 504.309.1574. **Map 3, F4**

PORT OF CALL—American. Some say this bustling neighborhood joint has the best hamburger in the city; others go strictly for the oversize, overstuffed baked potatoes...and the signature cocktail, the Neptune's Monsoon. \$ L, D (daily). www.portofcallneworleans.com. 838 Esplanade Ave., 504.523.0120. **Map 3, I3**

RED FISH GRILL—Seafood. Grilled fish too plain? Not here. The hickory-grilled redfish topped with crab or crawfish is a modern classic, and the other specialties (barbecued oysters, double-chocolate bread pudding) are all exceptional. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.redfishgrill.com. 115 Bourbon St., 504.598.1200. **Map 3, E4**

REMOULADE—Louisiana. Arnaud's operates this *très* casual bistro spin-off of its adjacent restaurant, serving favorites such as po' boys, spicy boiled seafood and jambalaya. The young waiters may wear T-shirts, but much of the food is surprisingly sophisticated; try the turtle soup, shrimp remoulade or oysters from the raw bar. \$ L, D (daily). www.remoulade.com. 309 Bourbon St., 504.523.0377. **Map 3, F4**

RESTAURANT R'EVOLUTION—Louisiana. Famed chefs John Folse and Rick Tramonto are the tour de force behind this elegant-yet-relaxed fine dining venue. The rooms are gorgeously appointed and finely detailed (Limoges china, purse stools), while the menu is made up of modern reinterpretations of classic Cajun and Creole cuisine. Swamp chic, city sleek. \$\$\$ L (M-F), D (nightly); Su brunch. www.revolutionnola.com. 777 Bienville St. (inside the Royal Sonesta Hotel), 504.553.2277. **Map 3, E4**

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SAINTS & SINNERS—Louisiana. Actor Channing Tatum's bordello-themed restaurant and bar plays on Bourbon Street's naughty-but-nice legacy with a menu of Creole and Cajun standards (crawfish etouffée, jambalaya, shrimp and grits) named after legendary madams and burlesque performers. \$\$ D (nightly). www.saintsandsinnersnola.com. 627 Bourbon St., 504.528.9307. **Map 3, G4**

SOBOU—Contemporary. The focus at this "south of Bourbon" hot spot is on mixologist Abigail Gullo's creative cocktail menu (try the triple-rum Jean Lafitte) and chef Juan Carlos Gonzalez's amazing selection of small plates (order the shrimp-and-tasso pinchos with grilled pineapple). \$\$ B, L, D (daily). www.sobounola.com. 310 Chartres St. (in the "W" French Quarter), 504.552.4095. **Map 3, E4**

SPITFIRE COFFEE—Coffee. Short on space but big on flavor, this third-wave coffee shop, just off Jackson Square, is heating things up with hand-pulled espressos and custom-crafted brews. \$ Open daily. 627 St. Peter St., 225.384.0655. **Map 3, F4**

STANLEY—Eclectic. Retro soda fountain ambience meets a modern menu at this upscale diner. The adventuresome can try the Korean beef po' boy or the eggs Benedict po' boy, while Reuben sandwiches, corned beef hash and ice cream sundaes fulfill more conventional cravings. \$\$ B, L, D (daily). www.stanleyrestaurant.com. 547 St. Ann St., 504.587.0093. **Map 3, H4**

SYLVAIN—Contemporary. Elegant chandeliers dangle overhead at this sophisticated gastro pub just off Jackson Square, as diners sip on hand-crafted cocktails and nibble refined comfort classics, such as pan-roasted scallops and pasta Bolognese. \$\$ L (F-Sa), D (nightly); Su brunch. www.sylvainnola.com. 625 Chartres St., 504.265.8123. **Map 3, G4**

TABLEAU—Creole. Housed in historic Le Petit Theatre, Dickie Brennan's Jackson Square bistro offers two bars, balcony and courtyard dining and applause-worthy French-Creole dishes by chef Ben Thibodeaux. \$\$ L (daily), D (nightly); brunch (Sa-Su). www.tableaufrenchquarter.com. 616 St. Peter St., 504.934.3463. **Map 3, G4**

TUJAGUE'S—Creole. Open since 1856, Tujague's ("two-jacks") ranks as one of the city's oldest eateries. The restaurant serves a traditional Creole *prix fixe* menu (shrimp remoulade and beef brisket to start, followed by a choice of entrée and pecan pie), along with contemporary a la carte offerings. \$\$ L, D (daily); Sa-Su brunch. www.tujaguesrestaurant.com. 823 Decatur St., 504.525.8676. **Map 3, H5**

V SUSHI & MARTINI—Asian. Don't let the neon and nightclub vibe fool you; in addition to a hopping late-night scene, this glitzy space serves up serious sushi until 3 am. Try the foie gras maki, one of many specialty rolls sharing menu space with a variety of noodle dishes and Asian-accented entrees. Daily happy hour specials (4-7 pm). \$\$ D (nightly). www.vsushimartini.com. 821 Iberville St., 504.609.2290. **Map 3, E4**

VACHERIE—Louisiana. Creative comfort food with a Cajun twist is the draw here. Crawfish frittata, pimento cheese-grit cakes over collard greens, boudin-stuffed deep-fried hen and rabbit cas-soulet complement great daily specials. \$\$ B (M-F),

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L (daily), D (M-Sa); brunch (Sa-Su). www.vacherierestaurant.com. 827 Toulouse St. (in the Hotel St. Marie), 504.207.4532. **Map 3, G4**

WINK'S BUTTERMILK DROP BAKERY & BISTRO—

Southern. Baker-turned-actor Dwight Henry ("Beasts of the Southern Wild") serves up homey breakfast platters, along with his signature crumbly crusted, tender-inside buttermilk drops. At lunch the daily specials (butter beans and cornbread, fried catfish) are soul spectacular. \$ B, L (daily). 1218 Decatur St., 504.309.2481. **Map 1, D2**

Garden District/ Lower Garden District

ATCHAFALAYA—Creole. Chef Chris Lynch's culinary roots (Emeril's, Restaurant August) are showing at this upscale neighborhood eatery. Look for the giant cast-iron skillet outside and standouts such as free-form crab ravioli and sautéed redfish with crawfish, fennel and blood orange beurre blanc on the menu. \$\$\$ D (nightly); brunch (Th-M). www.atchafalayarestaurant.com. 901 Louisiana Ave., 504.891.9626. **Map 1, D4**

COMMANDER'S PALACE—Creole. This beloved turquoise palace is a shrine for food worshippers. Chef Tory McPhail carries on the Brennan family tradition of adventurous food based on Creole principles, served in a courtly atmosphere. \$\$\$ L (M-F), D (nightly); jazz brunch (Sa-Su). www.commanderspalace.com. 1403 Washington Ave., 504.899.8221. **Map 1, D4**

COQUETTE—French. What do you get when you mix traditional Louisiana cooking with spicy Italian and refined French? Coquette, where chef Michael Stoltzfus' menu changes daily but is always stellar with standouts like the must-have crab cakes and decadent chocolate beignets making repeat appearances. \$\$\$ L (W-Sa), D (M-Sa); Su brunch. www.coquette-nola.com. 2800 Magazine St., 504.265.0421. **Map 1, D4**

THE DELACHAISE WINE BAR—Eclectic. Home to one of the city's more lively wine scenes with numerous vintages offered by the glass, along with artisan beers and fine liquors. Hungry? Check out the adventurous menu: remoulade-glazed frog legs, *pommes frites* fried in goose fat, Mofongo (fried plantains stuffed with stewed chicken). Eat — and drink — up. \$ L (F-Su), D (nightly). www.thedelachaise.com. 3442 St. Charles Ave., 504.895.0858. **Map 1, D4**

EMERIL'S DELMONICO—Creole. Located on the St. Charles streetcar line, this elegant circa-1895 restaurant now serves chef Emeril Lagasse's modern takes on Creole classics. Start with the house-made charcuterie, before moving on to dry-aged steaks, shrimp Bordelaise or reinvented drum meunière. \$\$\$ L (F), D (nightly). www.emerils.com. 1300 St. Charles Ave., 504.525.4937. **Map 1, D3**

GG'S DINE-O-RAMA—Contemporary. At this relaxed neighborhood spot chef David Gotter serves up fresh fare with "casual gourmet" flourishes. Prosciutto-and-asparagus salads with a white truffle oil drizzle; slow-braised pulled pork wraps with ancho-honey slaw; crab-and-brie omelets. Try the Chicago-style hot dogs. \$\$ L (Tu-Sa), D (Tu-F); Sa-Su brunch. www.ggsneworleans.com. 3100 Magazine St., 504.373.6579. **Map 1, D4**

HOSHUN—Asian. Known for its generous portions, this Asian-fusion eatery offers a wide-ranging menu, great happy-hour specials and the perfect

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MIYAKO SUSHI BAR & HIBACHI—Japanese. Hibachis are the draw here, but sushi lovers will be just as happy. Dexterous hibachi chefs wow guests, preparing lobster, prime rib, scallops and more. Sushi, sashimi and tempura are also on the menu. \$\$ L (Su-F), D (nightly). www.miyakonola.com. 1403 St. Charles Ave., 504.410.9997. **Map 1, D3**

REGINELLI'S—Italian. This hip pizzeria has locations — and fans — all over town. Its hand-tossed pies feature a wide variety of fresh ingredients; try one of the specialty pizzas or customize your own. Baked pasta dishes, calzones, sandwiches and salads are also offered. \$ L, D (daily). www.reginellis.com. 3244 Magazine St., 504.895.7272. **Map 1, D4**; 5961 Magazine St., 504.899.1414. **Map 1, C4**; 874 Harrison Ave., 504.488.0133. **Map 1, D2**; 817 W. Esplanade Ave., Kenner, 504.712.6868. **Map 1, A1**; 930 Poydras St., 504.586.0068. **Map 3, C4**

SQUARE ROOT—Contemporary. Sister to Root in the Warehouse District, this sleek space centers around 16 seats flanking an open kitchen and chef Phillip Lopez's multi-course tasting menu. Reservations online only. Upstairs the no-res-required lounge rocks cocktails and contemporary small plates. \$\$\$ D (Tu-Sa). www.squareootnola.com. 1800 Magazine St., 504.309.7800. **Map 1, D4**

STEIN'S MARKET & DELI—Deli. A real-deal Jewish deli in New Orleans? Finally! Philadelphia native Dan Stein brings a taste of the Northeast to the Deep South with authentic Reubens on rye, knishes, matzo ball soup and crusty Davidovich bagels. \$ B, L, D (Tu-Su). www.steinsdeli.net. 2207 Magazine St., 504.527.0771. **Map 1, D3**

SUCRÉ—Dessert. This chic spot is worth a visit for the décor alone. But while you're there, might as well try some of the elegant chocolates, house-made gelato and must-have macaroons. \$ Open daily. www.shopsucre.com. 3025 Magazine St., 504.520.8311. **Map 1, D4**; Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.834.2299. **Map 1, C2**

Marigny/Bywater

BACCHANAL—Eclectic. A Sunday-only treasure no more. This combo wine retail shop/bar/live music venue is now a full-blown restaurant. Gourmet deli sandwiches are served during the day, while chef Joaquin Rodas works his "international bistro" magic at night. \$\$ L, D (daily). www.bacchanalwine.com. 600 Poland Ave., 504.948.9111. **Map 1, E3**

BOOTY'S—International. Chef Greg Fonseca spans the globe with a dynamic menu of dishes meant for sharing. Food inspirations change on the chef's whim, but the plates that have foodies talking are yucca mofongo (a shredded pork-stuffed "timbale") and rice noodles with pork belly and a poached egg. www.bootysnola.com. 800 Louisa St., 504.266.2887. **Map 1, E3**

THE JOINT—Barbecue. This funky Bywater fave is slim on frills but big on slow-cooked barbecue (pulled pork, beef brisket, juicy ribs) and generous sides. Featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. \$ L, D (M-Sa). www.alwaysmokin.com. 701 Mazant St., 504.949.3232. **Map 1, E3**



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MAUREPAS FOODS—Eclectic. Chef Michael Doyle's hip, rustic eatery in the hip Bywater neighborhood boosts being a "purveyor of robust cuisine." Best example? Sweet potato croquettes with homemade boiled peanuts, salted plum jam and a shitake-Amaro glaze. Lively bar scene. \$\$ D (Th-Tu); brunch (Sa-Su). www.maurepasfoods.com. 3200 Burgundy St., 504.267.0072. **Map 1, E3**

OXALIS—Contemporary. While the bar at this cool, rambling space focuses heavily on whiskey, the kitchen is "bar forward," turning out small plates of house-made charcuterie, Korean-style chicken wings and a variety of veggie options. Even better, nothing on the menu tops \$20. \$ D (nightly). www.oxalisbywater.com. 3162 Dauphine St., 504.267.4776. **Map 1, E3**

PIZZA DELICIOUS—Italian. This pop-up pizzeria grew so popular that it now has its own bricks-and-mortar space. New York-style pies with an ever-changing array of market-fresh toppings are offered whole or by the slice. \$\$ L, D (Tu-Su). www.pizzadelicious.com. 617 Piety St., 504.676.8482. **Map 1, E3**

PRALINE CONNECTION—Creole. Soul food at its best, including the Connection platter (fried pickles, okra, and chicken liver), red beans 'n' rice, pork chops, seafood platters and three kinds of greens. \$ L, D (daily). www.pralineconnection.com. 542 Frenchmen St., 504.943.3934. **Map 3, J5**

SATSUMA CAFÉ—Eclectic. At this hipster hang-out vegan and veg-friendly dishes, such as chilled corn-and-lime soup and goat cheese-stuffed French toast, are the draw, along with stunning fresh-pressed vegetable and fruit juices. Weekends bring a big brunch crowd. \$ B, L (daily). www.satsumacafe.com. 3218 Dauphine St., 504.304.5962. **Map 1, E3**; 7901 Maple St., 504.309.5557. **Map 1, D3**

THREE MUSES—Eclectic. This Frenchmen Street hot spot offers a clubby vibe, live music, smart cocktails and amazing eats. Raves are drawn for the menu's variety and chef Daniel Esses' stellar preparations of small plate-portioned lamb sliders, seasonal eggrolls, feta fries and a stunning rendition of braised pork belly atop a crisp scallion pancake. \$ L (F-Su); D (W-Su). www.threemuses.com. 536 Frenchmen St., 504.298.8746. **Map 3, J5**

Mid-City

CAFÉ DEGAS—French. Artist Edgar Degas briefly lived and painted just a few blocks from this French café bearing his name. An all-weather patio provides the perfect setting for such signature French fare as *escargots*, lamb, roasted duck and an array of daily specials. \$ L, D (W-Su); Su brunch. www.cafedegas.com. 3127 Esplanade Ave., 504.945.5635. **Map 1, D2**

CAFÉ NOMA—Contemporary. Located within the New Orleans Museum of Art, Ralph Brennan's contemporary bistro offers an artful mix of small plates, soups, salads and sandwiches. \$ L (Tu-Su), D (F). www.cafenoma.com. 1 Collins C. Diboll Circle (City Park), 504.482.1264. **Map 3, D2**

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MOPHO—Vietnamese. Chef Mike Gulotta rocks modern Vietnamese-inspired dishes at his naughty-named restaurant near the Canal streetcar line. The sweet-and-spicy chicken wings and pepper jelly-glazed clams are must-haves. \$\$ L, D (W-M). www.mophonola.com. 514 City Park Ave., 504.482.6845. **Map 1, D2**

PARKWAY BAKERY & TAVERN—Louisiana. The menu here is long but simple: po' boys and more po' boys. They come as "large" (translation: gargantuan) or "small" (large). Your choices for stuffings: roast beef, oyster, shrimp, ham, turkey, catfish, meatballs and, of course, alligator sausage — and that's just the top of the list. \$ L, D (W-M). www.parkwaybakeryandtaVERNola.com. 538 Hagan Ave., 504.482.3047. **Map 1, D2**

RALPH'S ON THE PARK—Louisiana. Veteran restaurateur Ralph Brennan serves up globally inspired local cuisine in this beautifully restored historic building overlooking scenic City Park. One of the loveliest (and most romantic) locations in town. \$\$ L (W-F), D (nightly); Su brunch. www.ralphsonthepark.com. 900 City Park Ave., 504.488.1000. **Map 1, D2**

TOUPS' MEATERY—Louisiana. Chef Isaac Toups (Emeril's Delmonico, Cuvee) is known for his masterful charcuterie. Start with the "Meatery Board," a selection of house-cured meats and condiments, before moving on to the lamb neck with fennel and black-eyed pea salad. \$\$ L, D (Tu-Sa). www.toupsmeatery.com. 845 N. Carrollton Ave., 504.252.4999. **Map 1, D3**

Uptown

BARU BISTRO & TAPAS—Spanish. Offbeat dishes from Colombia's Caribbean coast make intriguing dining at this casual, colorful Uptown hotspot. Ceviche, roasted corn casseroles, plantains, grilled steaks with *chimichurri* and whole fish are highlights. \$\$ L, D (Tu-Sa). 3700 Magazine St., 504.895.2225. **Map 1, D4**

BOULIGNY TAVERN—Contemporary. This hip, edgy space offers sleek decor, beautifully crafted cocktails, a smart wine list and thoughtfully paired food. Sexy, stylish small plates hold Gouda beignets, Kobe pigs-in-a-blanket and fluffy spinach gnudi perfect for nibbling. \$ D (M-Sa). www.boulignytaVERN.com. 3641 Magazine St., 504.891.1810. **Map 1, D4**

BRIGTSEN'S—Creole. Secluded in the Riverbend neighborhood, Brigtsen's has a lower profile than many other first-rank local restaurants. A protegee of Paul Prudhomme, chef Frank Brigtsen's food is rooted in Louisiana tradition, but moves into a sphere of its own with his genius for combining tastes and ingredients. \$\$\$ D (Tu-Sa). www.brigtsens.com. 723 Dante St., 504.861.7610. **Map 1, C3**

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CARROLLTON MARKET—Louisiana. Chef Jason Goodenough's Riverbend restaurant is light and

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airy. His market-driven menu spins both modern and traditional, with dishes such as crispy pork “tail tots” and New Orleans-style cassoulet. No one can get enough of oysters Goodenough — flash-fired oysters with smoky bacon, creamed leeks and béarnaise. \$\$ D (Tu-Sa). www.carrolltonmarket.com. 8132 Hampston St., 504.252.9928. **Map 3, C3**

CHIBA—Japanese. The sushi bar gets a stylish update at this hip Riverbend restaurant, where hot apps and hot sake share menu space with a wide selection of sashimi and ramped-up rolls with a NOLA twist (such as the Crescent City — crispy Gulf oysters, lettuce, tomato, Japanese pickles and wasabi aioli). \$\$ L (W-Sa), D (M-Sa). www.chiba-nola.com. 8312 Oak St., 504.826.9119. **Map 1, C3**

COWBELL—American. Chef Brack May’s happy dining space turns out fresh, simple fare that makes dining decisions tough. Hand-ground burgers with cool toppings, fresh-cut fries shrouded in cheese and organic beef chili and grilled Gulf fish tacos — yum. \$\$ L, D (M-Sa); Sa brunch. www.cowbell-nola.com. 8801 Oak St., 504.298.8689. **Map 1, C3**

DEL FUEGO—Mexican. Chef David Wright and bar gal Shannon Solomon’s ramped-up taqueria is based on recipes gathered during their travels to Mexico. House-made tortillas wrap around duck enchiladas with Oaxacan mole, while tostadas are topped with smoked Gulf fish. \$\$ L, D (M-Sa). www.delfuegotaqueria.com. 4518 Magazine St., 504.309.5797. **Map 1, D4**

DOMINIQUE’S ON MAGAZINE—Contemporary. Chef Dominique Macquet’s stunning new space offers contemporary French cuisine, an aeroponic herb garden and craft cocktails. Try the grilled scallops with house-made pasta and local butter beans. \$\$ D (Tu-Sa). www.dominiquesonmag.com. 4213 Magazine St., 504.891.9282. **Map 1, D4**

GAUTREAU’S—Contemporary. You can’t go wrong with anything created by James Beard award-winning chef Sue Zemanick. *Foie gras torchon* with blood-orange confiture, duck confit-and-green apple salad, gnocchi with truffled Parmesan cream, braised lamb shank — see what we mean? \$\$ D (M-Sa). www.gautreausrestaurant.com. 1728 Soniat St., 504.899.7397. **Map 1, D4**

LA PETITE GROCERY—French. What once was a corner grocery has been exquisitely transformed into an intimate French bistro with gas lighting and pressed-tin ceilings, where local specialties share menu space with French favorites. Try the blue crab beignets, shrimp and grits or a Gruyère cheeseburger with onion marmalade. \$\$\$ L (Tu-Sa), D (nightly); Su brunch. www.lapetitegrocery.com. 4238 Magazine St., 504.891.3377. **Map 1, D4**

LILETTE—French. Chef John Harris’ bistro looks and feels French, but makes a mean Italian eggplant Parmigiano as well. Traditional appetizers are accented with imaginative sauces, such as the *escargots* with Calvados cream. \$\$\$ L (Tu-Sa), D (M-Sa). www.lilletterestaurant.com. 3637 Magazine St., 504.895.1636. **Map 1, D4**

MELLOW MUSHROOM—Italian. It’s hard to top the long list of toppings and specialty pies at this popular pizza chain. Gluten-free crusts are also offered, along with a variety of calzones, hoagies and salads. \$ L, D (daily). www.mellowmushroom.com. 8227 Oak St., 504.345.8229. **Map 1, C3**

NOODLE & PIE—Asian. That’s right, here it’s all about noodles for the mains and pies for dessert. Chef Brian Armour’s brothy, flavorful house-made

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PASCAL'S MANALE—American. A New Orleans landmark since 1913, Pascal's is famous for inventing barbecued shrimp (a must-get) and eternally popular for its traditional Italian food. Pascal's has an army of regulars who devour the gumbo, steaks and those succulent barbecued shrimp. \$\$ L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 1838 Napoleon Ave., 504.895.4877. **Map 1, D4**

PATOIS—Louisiana. Aaron Burgau has earned all of the praise heaped on him in recent years as a chef "to watch." Patois is one of the city's hottest venues, combining Burgau's inventive French cooking with a cool neighborhood bar scene. \$\$\$ L (F), D (W-Sa); Su brunch. www.patoisnola.com. 6078 Laurel St., 504.895.9441. **Map 1, D4**

PIZZA DOMENICA—Italian. Chefs John Besh and Alon Shaya's upscale pizza place has a sleek bar and open view of the wood-fire oven. Whole heads of roasted cauliflower compete for table space with char-crusted pizzas and cast-iron skillet of grilled octopus. \$ L, D (daily). www.pizzadomenica.com. 4933 Magazine St., 504.301.4978. **Map 1, D4**

THE SAMMICH—Deli. Chef Michael Brewer's popular "sammich" spot turns white-tablecloth dishes into brilliance on bread. Duck confit, foie gras, fried lobster and Korean barbecue chicken are just a taste of the temptations. \$ L, D (daily). www.thesammich.com. 7708 Maple St., 504.813.5259. **Map 1, C3**

SLICE—Italian. As its name suggests, this popular pizzeria turns out New York-style pies by the slice, as well as whole. Along with a large selection of top-notch toppings, pasta dishes, calzones and subs are offered, in addition to soups, salads, beer and wine. \$ L, D (daily). www.slicepizzeria.com. 5538 Magazine St., 504.897.4800. **Map 1, D4**; 1513 St. Charles Ave., 504.525.7437. **Map 1, D3**

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DONG PHUONG—Vietnamese. The menu at this "Little Vietnam" restaurant is crammed with pho, noodle dishes and a variety of rice plates. But it's the adjacent bakery that draws foodies from far and wide for what the New York Times has called the most authentic banh mi bread in the U.S. \$ Open 9 am-4 pm (W-M). www.dpbanhmi.com. 14207 Chef Menteur Hwy., 504.254.0214. **Map 1, G1**

MA MOMMA'S HOUSE—Southern. "Cooked to order" is the key phrase at this New Orleans East eatery. The fresh fried chicken, pork chop sandwiches and "secret weapon" cornbread make it well worth the drive. Breakfast served all day. B, L (M, Th-Su); D (Th-Sa). www.mamommashouse.com. 5741 Crowder Blvd., 504.244.0021. **Map 1, F1**

MELBA'S—Southern. Fast, friendly service, overstuffed po'boys and crispy fried chicken drive locals (and in-the-know visitors) to this off-the-beaten-path spot just minutes from the French Quarter. \$ B, L, D (daily). www.eatatmelbas.com. 1525 Elysian Fields Ave., 504.267.7765. **Map 1, D3**

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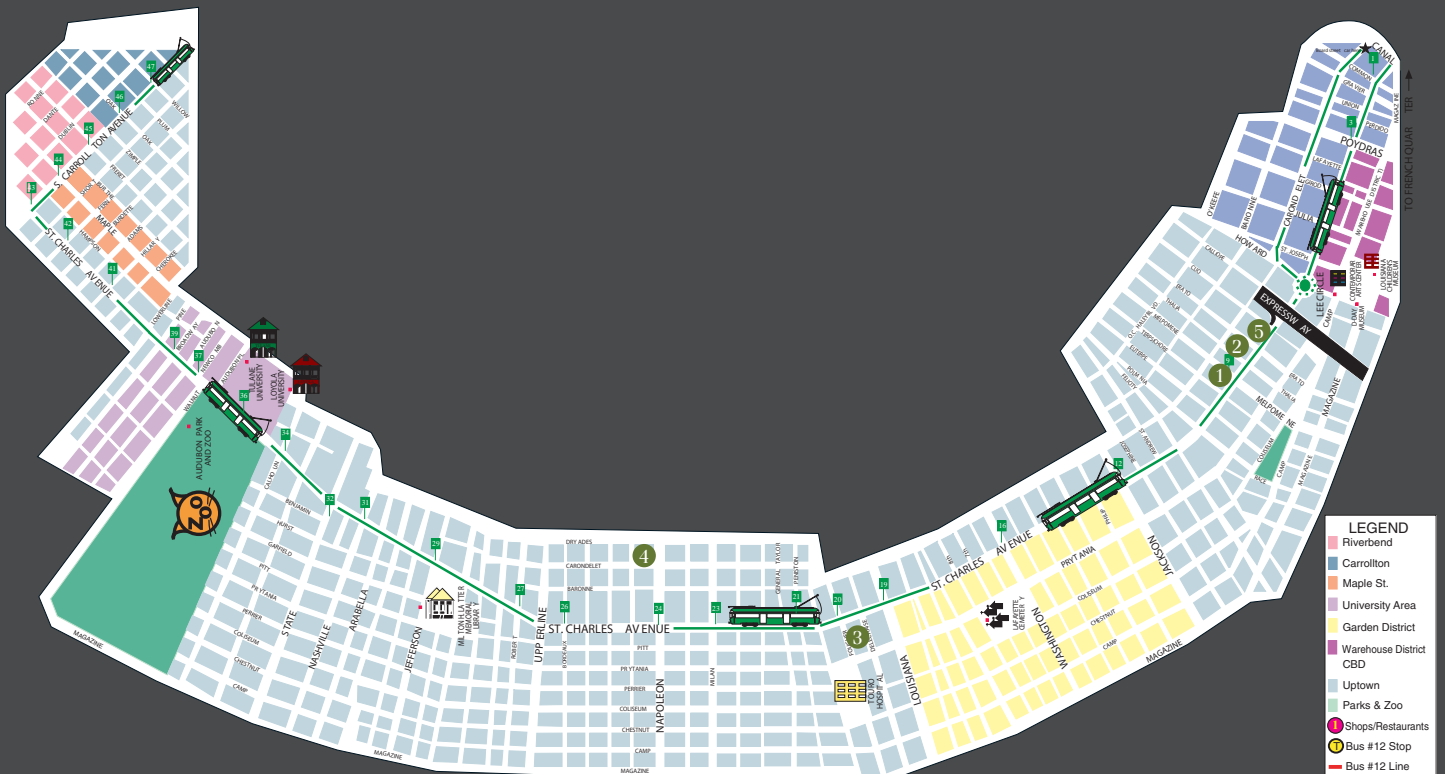
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Street Scene

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Books & Music

BECKHAM'S BOOKSHOP—Thousands of rare, antique and secondhand books line the shelves at this sprawling emporium. An essential stop for collectors. 228 Decatur St., 504.522.9875. **Map 3, E5**

FAULKNER HOUSE BOOKS—For six months in 1925, William Faulkner lived at this address, and it was here he penned his novel *Soldiers' Pay*. First editions of his works are sold, as well as contemporary fiction. www.faulknerhouse.net. 624 Pirate's Alley (behind St. Louis Cathedral), 504.524.2940 **Map 3, G4**

GARDEN DISTRICT BOOK SHOP—This well-stocked shop offers hundreds of current titles, along with a large selection of New Orleans-related books. Frequent author appearances. www.gardendistrictbookshop.com. 2727 Prytania St., 504.895.2266. **Map 1, D4**

KITCHEN WITCH—New, used and vintage cookbooks are on the menu at this French Quarter shop geared to foodies. Special emphasis is

placed on hard-to-find Southern titles and rare volumes devoted to Creole and Cajun cuisine. www.kwcookbooks.com. 631 Toulouse St., 504.528.8382. **Map 3, G4**

LOUISIANA MUSIC FACTORY—There's no better place in town to stock up on new or used CDs by local artists. Select posters, books and videos also offered. Live performances on Saturdays. www.louisianamusicfactory.com. 421 Frenchmen St., 504.586.1094. **Map 3, J5**

SKULLY'Z RECORDZ—This small music shop is big on new and used CDs, DVDs and vinyl recordings. Imports, obscure albums and works by independent local artists are also offered. 907 Bourbon St., 504.592.4666. **Map 3, H4**

Clothing

AMERICAN APPAREL—Everyone needs those wardrobe staples—basic Ts and tanks, jeans and sweats—and that's exactly what you'll find (in just about any color you can imagine) at the local branch

of this international chain. www.americanapparel.net. 3310 Magazine St., 504.895.4970. **Map 1, D4**

BILLY REID—Award-winning designer Reed's chic boutiques are found all over the country—and now in his home state as well. Women's and men's fashions are featured, along with shoes, bags and accessories. www.billyreid.com. 3927 Magazine St., 504.208.1200. **Map 1, D4**

BUFFALO EXCHANGE—Unhappy with the clothes you packed? Trade 'em for a new look at this award-winning resale shop. An ever-changing inventory keeps the fashions fresh and affordable. Used clothing may be exchanged for any item in the store. www.buffaloexchange.com. 3312 Magazine St., 504.891.7443. **Map 1, D4**

DIRTY COAST—Just when you thought New Orleans couldn't possibly fit another T-shirt shop, along comes Dirty Coast. But you won't find your standard Bourbon Street garb here. Catering to locals and in-the-know visitors, the shop's slick designs feature funky graphics with cool Crescent

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City-inspired slogans. www.dirtycoast.com. 5631 Magazine St., 504.324.3745. **Map 1, D4**; 329 Julia St., 504.324.6459. **Map 3, C6**

FLEURTY GIRL—When Lauren Thom began printing T-shirts in her kitchen in 2009 little did she know just how big the small venture would quickly become. Today her popular designs celebrating local culture are found citywide. www.fleurdygirl.net. 3117 Magazine St., 504.301.2557. **Map 1, D4**; 632 St. Peter St., 504.304.5529. **Map 3, G4**; 1720 St. Charles Ave., 504.309.3944. **Map 1, D3**

FUNKY MONKEY—Come Halloween and Carnival season the line to get in this vintage clothing shop can stretch clear down the block. Once inside you'll understand why: This place is packed with kitschy castoffs that make for great costumes. 3127 Magazine St., 504.899.5587. **Map 1, D4**

H&M—This Swedish-based retail chain is known around the globe for its fab fashions and hard-to-resist prices. Women's, men's and children's clothing is featured, along with hip home accents. www.hm.com. 418 N. Peters St., 855.466.7467. **Map 3, F5**

HEMLINE—Fashion-forward clothing, shoes, accessories and such sought-after lines as BCBG, Laundry and Diesel are found here. www.shophemline.com. 609 Chartres St., 504.592.0242. **Map 3, G4**; 3308 Magazine St., 504.269.4005. **Map 1, D4**

ITALY DIRECT—This boutique offers men's and women's clothing and accessories with a distinct Italian accent. The nation's only retailer to feature the Stop Staring! line worn by numerous celebs. Now carrying swimwear. www.italydirectclothing.com. 709 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.566.4933. **Map 3, C6**; 631 Royal St., 504.522.2231. **Map 3, G4**

LOST AND FOUND—What you'll find at this fun French Quarter shop is a constantly changing inventory of women's clothing and accessories mixed with offbeat gift items. www.lostandfoundnola.com. 323 Chartres St., 504.595.6745. **Map 3, F4**

MIGNON FOR CHILDREN—Located a block from the St. Charles streetcar, this shop features quality kids'

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clothing, along with books, toys and New Orleans-themed items. A new tween section caters to the 9-to-12 crowd. www.mignonforchildren.com. 2727 Prytania St., 504.891.2374. **Map 1, D4**

MUSE—Contemporary clothing for both women and men, with an emphasis on European designs. Featured lines include Casch Copenhagen, Nougat London and Johnny Was, among others. www.museinspiredfashion.com. 532 St. Peter St., 504.522.8738. **Map 3, G4**

OH! FINE LINGERIE AND VINTAGE COUTURE—Sheer elegance is this shop's signature. Dior, Prada, Vera Wang and Vivian Westwood are just a few of the designer names you'll find among the racks. Shoes, jewelry and luxurious lingerie are also featured. www.ohfinelingerie.com. 829 Royal St. 504.524.8807. **Map 3, H4**

PERLIS—Mudbug season lasts year-round at Perlis, purveyor of its famous crawfish-logo line of clothing. In addition, Perlis carries such specialty items as Mardi Gras-hued rugby shirts. *The place for classic seersucker suits.* www.perlis.com. 6070 Magazine St., 504.895.8661. **Map 1, D4**

PIPPEN LANE—Go ahead and spoil the child at this upscale boutique, which features fine designer kids' clothing for both boys and girls, stylish European shoes, custom furniture and embroidered linens. www.pippenlane.com. 2930 Magazine St., 504.269.0106. **Map 1, D4**

PRIMA DONNA'S CLOSET—This upscale consignment shop is a favorite among locals in search of great bargains. The focus is on gently worn fashions for both women and men — from casual to evening wear — featuring such celebrated designer lines as Armani, Chanel, Gucci and Prada, among others. www.primadonnascloset.com. 1206 St. Charles Ave., 504.522.3327. **Map 3, A5**; 927 Royal St., 504.875.4437. **Map 3, H4**; 701 Metairie Rd., Metairie, 504.835.1120. **Map 1, C2**

RAB-DAB CLOTHING & GIFTS—One of the French Quarter's few men's stores, featuring casual, contemporary clothing as well as trendy swim-, gym- and club wear. 918 Royal St., 504.525.6662. **Map 3, H4**

RUBENSTEINS—The Rubenstein family has been outfitting locals since 1924. But the fashions here are anything but dated: Zegna, Canali and Paul Smith are just a sampling of the designers in stock. www.rubensteinsneworleans.com. 102 St. Charles Ave., 504.581.6666. **Map 3, E4**

TOTAL WOMAN—This boutique offers such designers as Diane von Furstenberg, Trina Turk, Vince and Shin Choi, in addition to shoes and accessories by Tracy Reese, Robert Rodriguez and Gucci. www.totalwomanola.com. 3964 Magazine St., 504.891.3964. **Map 1, D4**

TRASHY DIVA—Featured in such publications as *Elle* and *Lucky*, Candice Gwinn's NOLA-based clothing company features original and vintage-inspired designs with a modern sensibility. The stylish shop offers women's clothing, shoes, lingerie, jewelry and accessories, along with numerous locations. www.trashydiva.com. 537 Royal St., 504.522.4233. **Map 3, G4**; 829 Chartres St., 504.581.4555. **Map 3, H4**; 831 Chartres St., 504.522.8861. **Map 3, H4**; 2044 Magazine St., 504.522.5686. **Map 1, D4**; 2048 Magazine St., 504.299.8777. **Map 1, D4**; 2050 Magazine St., 504.265.0973. **Map 1, D4**

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URBAN OUTFITTERS—The local branch of this national chain has infused the French Quarter with a big dose of youthful trendiness. Fun casual wear for both sexes is featured, along with cool accessories. www.urbanoutfitters.com. 400 N. Peters St., 504.558.9459. **Map 3, F5**

Gifts & Collectibles

BUNGALOWS—This shop mixes jewelry (including designs by Pandora and other popular lines) and women's accessories (such as Vera Bradley handbags) with cool home accents and great gift items. 719 Royal St., 504.522.9222. **Map 3, G4**

CENTER FOR SOUTHERN CRAFT AND DESIGN—The Ogden Museum of Southern Art gift shop showcases one-of-a-kind glass, metal, wood, ceramic and fabric items, along with jewelry designed and crafted by Southern artists. Books, CDs and T-shirts celebrating Southern culture are also

offered. www.ogdenmuseum.org. 925 Camp St., 504.539.9650. **Map 3, B6**

THE CRABNET—Hunting for duck decoys? You'll bag them here, along with sea-themed and wild-life-related art, apparel and jewelry. www.thecrabnet.com. 528 Royal St., 504.522.3478. **Map 3, G4**

DERBY POTTERY & TILE—Mark Derby's elegant hand-pressed Victorian reproduction tile, featuring historically authentic patterns and finishes, can be found in showrooms nationwide. But you'll see it being made here, along with Derby's decorative pottery. www.derbypottery.com. 2029 Magazine St., 504.586.9003. **Map 1, D4**

ERZULIE'S AUTHENTIC VOODOU—Experience the power of authentic voodoo at this shop which offers hand-crafted spell kits, magical gris-gris bags, voodoo psychic oils, love potions, dolls and more. www.erzulies.com. 807 Royal St., 504.525.2055. **Map 3, G4**

FOREVER NEW ORLEANS—At this shop, you'll find fleur-de-lis everything—from pillows to pottery—along with other Crescent City-themed keepsakes and gift items. 301 Royal St., 504.581.3871. **Map 3, F4**; 622 Royal St., 504.522.0950. **Map 3, G4**; 700 Royal St., 504.586.3536. **Map 3, G4**

GEM DE FRANCE—Where do French Quarter Francophiles go for authentic French Country table linens, shea-butter soaps and *trés* chic home accents? To Gem de France, naturally, where you'll find plenty

of Parisian imports to ooh-la-la over. www.gemdefrance.com. 729 Royal St., 504.571.6304. **Map 3, G4**

HUSTLER HOLLYWOOD—This erotica emporium offers two floors of adult gifts and novelty items, along with books, magazines, DVDs, lingerie and select clothing. www.hustlerhollywood.com. 111 Bourbon St., 504.561.9969. **Map 3, E4**

I.J. REILLY'S KNICK-KNACKS AND CURIOSITIES—Cool, locally made crafts and gift items are the draw this shop, which doubles as the headquarters for A Bicycle Named Desire. NOLA-themed art, apparel, jewelry, books and music are among the offerings. www.ijreillys.com. 632 Elysian Fields Ave., 504.565.8497. **Map 3, J5**

IDEA FACTORY—This eclectic gift shop features everything from toys and kitchen accessories to sculpture and custom-made signs. Unique examples of woodworking from around the U.S. are also available. www.ideafactoryneworleans.com. 924 Royal St., 504.524.5195. **Map 3, H4**

JUDY AT THE RINK—Unsure just what you're in the market for? Between the decorative glass, serving-ware, lamps, mirrors, jewelry and local art offered at this home décor and gift shop, you are bound to find that perfect something. 2727 Prytania St., 504.891.7018. **Map 1, D4**

LITTLE TOY SHOP—You'll find plenty to keep small hands and minds busy here, from entertaining games to historical action figures. New Orleans-themed toys and books are also offered. 513 St.

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MOONSHINE NETTIE & RAGIN' DAISY—Kicked-up kitsch is the trademark of this fun women's boutique. Vintage clothing, funky jewelry, glitter makeup, tutus, tiaras—if it's fun and fab, you'll find it here. The shop shares space with the equally offbeat La Madama Bazarre art gallery. 910 Royal St., 504.523.7625. **Map 3, H4**

NOLA KIDS—This French Quarter children's boutique offers select apparel for both girls and boys, from infant to youth. Locally made Kalencom diaper bags and accessories are also featured, along with great gift items. 333 Chartres St., 504.566.1340. **Map 3, F4**

PAPIER PLUME—It's only fitting that the French Quarter, with its rich literary history, would be home to a store devoted to fine writing instruments. Imported stationery, Florentine journals, Parisian quills hand-poured French inks, Roman monogram seals and other desk accessories are featured. www.papier-plume.com. 842 Royal St., 504.988.7265. **Map 3, H4**

PLUM—This hip home and gift shop is devoted to "cool stuff for stylish living," much of which is created by local crafters. Handmade housewares, artful accents, jazzy jewelry: If it's both fun and functional, you'll likely find it here. www.plumnorleans.com. 5430 Magazine St., 504.897.3388. **Map 1, D4**

RAZZLE DAZZLE—Tired of staring at the same four walls? Get a new outlook on life at this home decor boutique, which offers everything from fine furnishings and upscale accessories to select jewelry and great gift items. www.razzledazzle.com. 524 Royal St., 504.568.0001. **Map 3, F4**

SANTA'S QUARTERS—Get your Christmas fix at this holiday-themed shop—the South's largest—selling nativity sets, specialty lights and locally crafted ornaments year-round. www.santasquartersno.com. 1027 Decatur St., 504.581.5820. **Map 3, H5**

SCRIPTURA—A wordsmith's dream, selling formal and unusual paper products, including New Orleans-themed stationery, pens, journals, note cards, custom wax seals, travel diaries, and photo albums. www.scriptura.com. 5423 Magazine St., 504.897.1555. **Map 1, D4**; Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.219.1113. **Map 1, C2**

VIEUX CARRÉ HAIR STORE—"We have warts!" is the Saussaye family's motto, and they've been passing them on to locals since 1877, along with custom-made prosthesis, theatrical makeup, wigs and latex likenesses of ghastly ghouls and political figures. A must for costume enthusiasts. www.vieuxcarrehairshop.com. 8224 Maple St., 504.862.6936. **Map 1, C3**

Gourmet Food & Spirits

BLUE FROG CHOCOLATES—Chocolate gets elevated to an art form at this oh-so-sweet shop, which features delectable imported and domestic chocolates, truffles, Italian candy flowers, pralines and other New Orleans specialties. www.bluefrogchocolates.com. 5707 Magazine St., 504.269.5707. **Map 1, D4**

KEIFE & CO.—A charming, beautifully curated wine and spirits shop in the Warehouse District. There's a hushed library feel to the place, with floor-to-ceiling shelving stocked deep with wines, booze, liqueurs and unique quaffs. Gourmet food items are also offered. www.keifeandco.com. 801 Howard Ave., 504.523.7272. **Map 3, B5**

LAURA'S CANDIES—Laura's confectionery dates to 1913, making it the oldest candy store in the city. Among the treats are Creole pralines and decadent "Mississippi Mud." www.laurascandies.com. 331 Chartres St., 504.525.3880. **Map 3, F4**

MARTIN WINE CELLAR—*Wine Spectator* has recognized Martin Wine as one of the country's premier emporiums of fine vintages and gourmet food items. www.martinwine.com. 3500 Magazine St., 504.894.7420. **Map 1, D4**; 714 Elmeur Ave., Metairie, 504.896.7300. **Map 1, C2**

ROUSES—This regional supermarket chain, with 35 locations in Louisiana and Mississippi, has built its reputation on buying from local suppliers, farmers and fishermen. www.rouses.com. 701 Royal St., 504.523.1353. **Map 3, G4**; 701 Baronne St., 504.227.3838. **Map 3, C4**

THE SWEET PALATE—This high-end sweets shop showcases the opulent chocolates of internationally lauded chef Oriol Balaguer. Dandoy biscuits, Taste Gelato Artigianale and all-butter croissants are also offered. www.thesweetpalate.com. 519 St. Louis St., 504.522.5150. **Map 3, F5**

VIEUX CARRÉ WINE & SPIRITS—The French Quarter's most popular spot for fine wines, top-shelf liquors and imported and domestic beer. Free delivery is available throughout the Quarter and nearby neighborhoods. 422 Chartres St., 504.568. WINE. **Map 3, F4**

WHOLE FOODS—The organic grocery offers a wealth of all-natural goods, along with an excellent selection of prepared food items and three locations. www.wholefoodsmarket.com. 5600 Magazine St., 504.899.9119. **Map 1, D4**; 300 N. Broad St., 504.434.3364. **Map 1, D2**; 3420 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.888.8225. **Map 1, C2**

WINE INSTITUTE NEW ORLEANS—In addition to recreational wine classes, professional certification courses and private tasting sessions, this shop/school offers fine vintages for sale, along with a tasting room featuring 120 wines for sampling. www.winoschool.com. 610 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.324.8000. **Map 3, D6**

Hats & Accessories

COACH—This respected chain offers two Crescent City locations for fans of its luxurious leather goods. Quality purses, briefcases, bags and accessories are featured. www.coach.com. The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 1st fl., 504.299.8979. **Map 3, E5**; Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.833.0774. **Map 1, C2**

FLEUR DE PARIS—You're guaranteed to turn heads when sporting one of this shop's handcrafted hats. Choose from over 800 original designs accented with European ribbons and veiling. Couture gowns are also featured. www.fleurdeparis.net. 523 Royal St., 504.525.1899. **Map 3, G4**

GOORIN BROS. HATS—The city's newest hat shops date to 1895, when master milliner Cassel Goorin first began plying his wares from Pittsburgh street carts. Today Goorin's chic chapeaux and stylish stores are found nationwide. www.goorin.com. 709 Royal St., 504.523.4287. **Map 3, G4**; 2123 Magazine St., 504.522.1890. **Map 1, D3**

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QUEORK—Cork is the draw at this sleek shop, where the resilient material is fashioned into chic handbags, totes, belts, phone cases, pet collars and more. www.queork.com. 838 Chartres St., 504.899.9299. **Map 3, H4**

WEHMEIER'S—This emporium stocks a wide variety of super-premium items in exotic leathers, including alligator, ostrich and lizard belts, bags and accessories. Fine leather boots for both men and women, from Lucchese, Old Gringo and Lane, are featured. www.wehmeiers.com. The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 2nd fl., 504.681.2082. **Map 3, E5**

Health & Beauty/Spas

AIDAN GILL FOR MEN—A fab store, filled with antique barbershop memorabilia, upscale accessories and top-of-the-line grooming products for men. The shop specializes in hot-towel shaves and great gifts for that hard-to-surprise guy in your life. www.aidangillformen.com. 2026 Magazine St., 504.587.9090. **Map 1, D4; 550 Fulton St., 504.566.4903. Map 3, D6**

THE ART OF SHAVING—Male grooming is elevated from necessity to indulgence in this two-tiered space, which offers retail below and a luxe barber spa above. www.theartofshaving.com. 624 Canal St., 504.208.1515. **Map 3, E4**

AVERY FINE PERFUMERY—This artisanal fragrance “smell gallery” is one of only three in the world and the Italian-based InterTrade Europe group’s sole stateside location. Hard-to-find niche brands such as Blood Concept and Nez à Nez are featured. www.averyfineperfumeries.com. 527 St. Joseph St., 504.522.7102. **Map 3, B6**

BOBBY BLUE—Open daily, this contemporary barber and beauty salon’s services include cuts, coloring, highlights, relaxers and extensions, in addition to wedding and special event styling. Makeup, eyebrow/facial waxing and spray tanning is also offered. 906 Bourbon St., 504.527.5100. **Map 3, H4**

HOVÉ—Hové is a European-style *parfumeur* that has been in business for 80 years. Among the fragrant perfumes, colognes and soaps are one-of-a-kind New Orleans-inspired scents. www.hoveparfumeur.com. 434 Chartres St., 504.525.7827. **Map 3, F5**

LUSH—Its organic products and “fresh market” décor have made the Lush chain an international success. Its French Quarter location lives up to the standard with hard-to-resist bath bombs, soaps and body bars. www.lush.com. 407 Decatur St., 504.525.0730. **Map 3, F5**

THE SPA AT THE RITZ-CARLTON—This luxurious, award-winning spa features 22 treatment rooms, two couples suites, a separate esthetician wing, sauna and steam rooms and a health-conscious café. Named the best hotel spa in the nation by Travel + Leisure. www.ritzcarlton.com. 921 Canal St., 504.670.2929. **Map 3, E3**

STUDIO-E—With its convenient Canal Street location and Kérastase hair-care products, this salon draws visitors and locals alike. Cut, style and color services are offered, along with nourishing and volumizing treatments, extensions, makeup and

airbrushing. www.studio-e-salon.com. 819 Canal St., 504.525.3096. **Map 3, E4**

TAO SPA—Have a half hour to spare? Step into these centrally located relaxation stations, which specializes in reflexology treatments, and walk out a brand new you. 807 Canal St., 210.843.8276. **Map 3, E4; 212 Chartres St. Map 3, E4; Riverwalk Marketplace, 500 Port of New Orleans Pl., level A. Map 3, D7**

THE WALDORF ASTORIA SPA—This luxe spa offers 10 private treatment rooms and a full menu of body treatments and services, including indulgent therapies that incorporate diamond and 24-carat gold products. Located on the first floor of the Roosevelt Hotel. www.rooseveltneworleans.com. 123 Baronne St., 504.335.3190. **Map 3, E3**

THE WOODHOUSE DAY SPA—The Mid-City branch of this nationwide franchise offers a variety of relaxing body treatments—reflexology, volcanic stone massages, seaweed wraps, expresso-mud scrubs—along with rejuvenating facials, manicures, pedicures and more. www.neworleans.woodhousespas.com. 4030 Canal St., 504.482.6652. **Map 1, D3**

Home & Garden

DESIGN WITHIN REACH—Eames, Gehry, Jacobsen, Nelson, Rashid and Stark merely hint at the cutting-edge designer names featured at the local branch of this national contemporary home-design chain. www.dwr.com. 3138 Magazine St., 504.891.6520. **Map 1, D4**

ECLECTIC HOME—“Good design knows no period” is the motto at the chic home boutique, where rustic chandeliers pair with luxe leather sofas, and burlap-upholstered chairs complement spun-aluminum tables. www.eclectichome.net. 8211 Oak St., 504.866.6654. **Map 1, C3**

HAZELNUT—Crescent City native and Broadway vet Bryan Batt has received much well-deserved applause for his show-stopping décor shop. Unusual home accents, such as New Orleans-themed toile, are featured. www.hazelnutneworleans.com. 5515 Magazine St., 504.891.2424. **Map 1, D4**

JEANNE BAROUSSE HOME—Along with consulting services, interior designer Barousse offers chic home accents at her Garden District décor shop. www.jeannebarousedesigns.com. 2727 Prytania St., Suite 17, 504.897.5428. **Map 1, D4**

LOISEL VINTAGE MODERN—Retro rules at this hip home décor shop, where the fabulous '50s, far-out '60s and groovy '70s live on in high style. Mod accent pieces and cool period clothing are also featured. 2855 Magazine St., 504.899.2444. **Map 1, D4**

LOOMED NOLA—Hand-woven cotton, linen and silk in a range of colors forms the basis of the organic Turkish textiles found here. Scarves, robes, towels and bedcovers are among the offerings. www.loomednola.com. 2727 Prytania St., Suite 13, 504.304.2047. **Map 1, D4**


NADINE BLAKE—Interiors maven Blake, a former consultant for Manhattan’s Mark Hampton Designs, is redefining the idea of French Quarter chic at her sleek décor boutique. Home furnishings and accessories with a contemporary twist are featured, along with creative gift items. 1036 Royal St., 504.529.4913. **Map 3, H4**

ROUX ROYALE—This shop caters to foodies with select serving ware and kitchen-related accessories, many featuring a Crescent City flavor. Cookbooks

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THE SHOPS AT 2011—This interiors marketplace features more than 20 vendors. Custom-made home furnishings, select antiques, art, jewelry and gift items are among the many offerings. www.theshopsat2011.com. 2011 Magazine St., 504.407.0499. **Map 1, D4**

TARA SHAW—Interior designer and *Veranda* magazine contributing editor Shaw knows a thing or two about fine antiques—and how costly they can be. Hence her new, reasonably priced Maison line of hard-to-tell reproductions. www.tarashaw.com. 1240 Camp St., 504.525.1131. **Map 1, D4**

Jewelry

ADLER'S—Since 1898, Adler's has been New Orleans' most respected repository for fine jewelry, watches, china and silver. www.adlersjewelry.com. 722 Canal St., 504.523.5292. **Map 3, E4**; Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.523.1952. **Map 1, C2**

ART & EYES—The eyes have it at this hip eyewear boutique, which specializes in hand-picked frames, both new and vintage, to fit just about any face or budget. Wearable art by designer Starr Hagenbring and jewelry is also featured. artandeyesnola.com. 3708 Magazine St., 504.891.4494. **Map 1, D4**

BIJOU NOLA—A small shop big on handcrafted designs by local and international artists. Designs accented with gemstones in 14-kt. gold, sterling silver, stainless steel and titanium are featured. www.bijounola.com. 635 St. Peter St., 504.529.3001. **Map 3, G4**

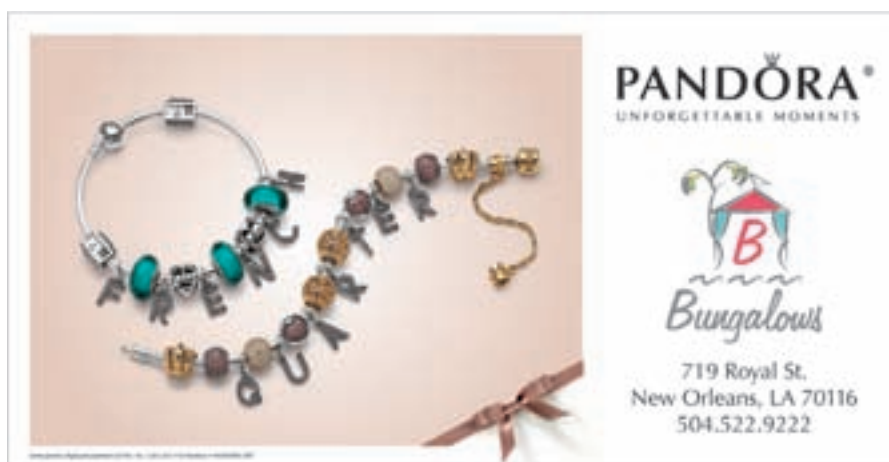
FLEUR D'ORLEANS—French Quarter cast iron, St. Louis Cathedral's cross and ornamental Uptown cornices are among the architectural elements incorporated in the jewelry at this shop. As its name suggests, fleurs de lis are prominent, with more than 75 different designs featured. www.fleurdorleans.com. 818 Chartres St., 504.475.5254. **Map 3, H4** 3701A Magazine St., 504.899.5585. **Map 1, D4**

JOSE BALLI—Mardi Gras mask rings, Dixie beer-cap pendants, beignet earrings, shotgun house cufflinks: local treasures are the trademark of jeweler Balli. www.joseballi.com. 621 Chartres St., 504.522.1770. **Map 3, G4**

MAISON ROYALE—European craftsmanship, 18-kt. gold and exceptional diamonds and gemstones are the hallmarks of the exquisite couture jewelry found at this elegant shop. www.maisonroyale.com. 501 Royal St., 504.524.5045. **Map 3, F4**

MARION CAGE—"Jewelry is a form of architecture, and the body is its landscape" is the mantra of Marion Cage McCollam, whose elegant, minimalist creations reflect her industrial-design training. www.marioncage.com. 3719 Magazine St., 504.891.8848. **Map 1, D4**

MIGNON FAGET—Beloved local designer Mignon Faget has created extraordinary jewelry, using semiprecious stones and precious metals, for more than four decades. New Orleans icons and images figure prominently in her work. www.mignonfaget.com. 3801 Magazine St., 504.891.7545. **Map 1, D4**; Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.835.2244. **Map 1, C2**; The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 1st fl., 504.524.2973. **Map 3, E5**



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Shopping

TIFFANY & CO.—Founded in 1837 as “a stationery and fancy goods emporium,” Tiffany’s has since become synonymous with top-of-the-line luxury jewelry, and famed worldwide for its signature blue boxes. www.tiffany.com. The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 1st fl., 800.843.3269. **Map 3, E5**

WELLINGTON & COMPANY—This shop is largely devoted to antique and estate jewelry, with an emphasis on Victorian, Edwardian and Art Deco designs. A large selection of diamond engagement rings is also featured, along with new designer lines such as Thistle & Bee. www.wcjewelry.com. 505 Royal St., 504.525.4855. **Map 3, F4**

Malls/Major Retailers

JAX BREWERY—This 1891 brewhouse is now a riverfront marketplace with three levels of shops and restaurants. www.jacksonbrewery.com. 600 Decatur St., 504.566.7245. **Map 3, G5**

LAKESIDE SHOPPING CENTER—A favorite shopping stop of New Orleanians for more than 30 years, Lakeside houses 135 shops, including A/X Armani Exchange, Coach, J. Crew, the Disney Store, Macy’s and Sephora. www.lakesideshopping.com. 3301 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, 504.835.8000. **Map 1, C2**

THE OUTLET COLLECTION AT RIVERWALK—Located along the Mississippi River at the foot of Canal Street, the Outlet Collection at Riverwalk offers the nation’s first urban outlet center and more than 70 shops, including Neiman Marcus Last Call Studio. Adjacent to the Convention Center, Riverwalk is within walking distance of the CBD and French Quarter. www.riverwalkmarketplace.com. 500 Port of New Orleans Pl., 504.522.1555. **Map 3, D7**

THE SHOPS AT CANAL PLACE—Canal Place features some of the world’s finest retailers in an elegant setting. Stores include Tiffany & Co., Saks Fifth Avenue, Michael Kors, Armani Collezioni, Coach and Brooks Brothers as well as local retailers. www.theshopsatcanalplace.com. 333 Canal St., 504.522.9200. **Map 3, E5**

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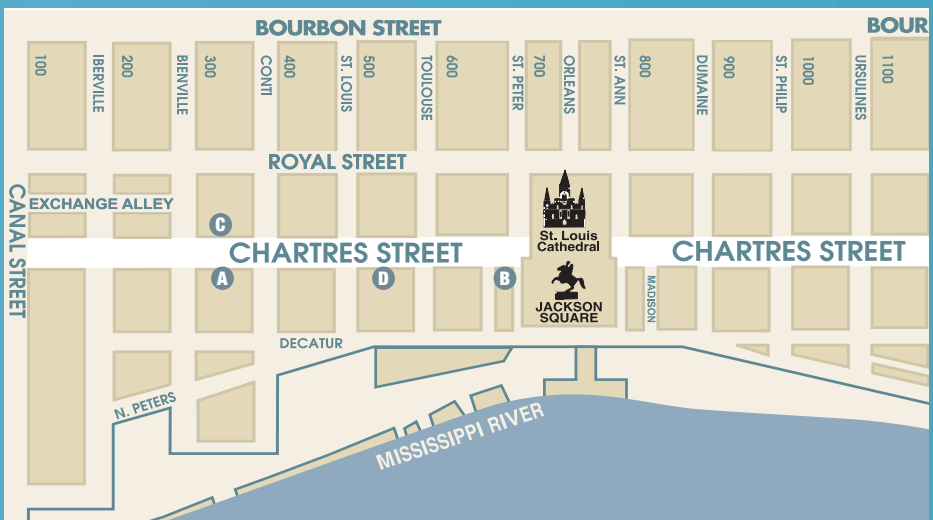
FEET FIRST—More than 50 lines of women’s brand-name shoes, handbags, jewelry and accessories are offered here, along with items by local designers. www.feetfirststores.com. 526 Royal St. 504.569.0005. **Map 3, G4**; 4122 Magazine St., 504.899.6800. **Map 1, D4**

GOOD FEET—Foot pain? Step into this shop for professionally fit arch supports designed to fit everything from sneakers and sandals to dress shoes and high heels. More than 25 styles are available, along with shoes, cushions and accessories. www.goodfeet.com. 539 Bienville St., 504.875.2929. **Map 3, F5**; 3000 Severn Ave., 504.888.7080. **Map 1, C2**

SAINT GERMAIN—This Canal Place retailer features shoes from designer Donald J. Pliner, along with the French-made Arche line. The shop also offers a selection of Pliner leatherwear, bags, jewelry and accessories. www.saintgermainneworleans.com. The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 2nd fl., 504.522.1720. **Map 3, E5**

SHOE BE DO—“NOLA’s newest addiction” offers high-fashion women’s shoes without the high prices that usually accompany them. Get a step ahead with a large selection of cutting-edge footwear from up-and-coming international designers. 324 Chartres St., 504.523.SHOE. **Map 3, F4**

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Old Glory

For more than a century Royal Street has been known around the globe as an antiquing epicenter. Still reigning on Royal after 100 years:

- **Waldhorn & Adler** (p. 54), the granddaddy of all Crescent City antiques dealers, founded by Moise Waldhorn in 1881 in a building originally constructed for artist Edgar Degas' great-grandfather.
- **James H. Cohen & Sons** (p. 53), a fifth-generation, family-run business founded in 1898 by William Feldman, specializing in rare coins and weaponry.
- **Keil's Antiques** (p. 53), established by Hermina Keil, the French Quarter's first "lady dealer," in 1899.
- **M.S. Rau** (p. 54), opened in 1912 by Max Rau, whose grandson Bill now watches over the 30,000 sq.-ft. showroom packed with 19th-century antiquities.

Central Business/ Warehouse District

ARTHUR ROGER GALLERY—One of New Orleans' leading modern art galleries, featuring an extensive collection of paintings, sculpture, photographs and works on paper. www.arthurogerrgallery.com. 432-434 Julia St., 504.522.1999. **Map 3, C5**

AVERY FINE PERFUMERY—It's location in a small industrial space near the Contemporary Arts Center provides the first whiff of evidence that Avery isn't your average scents shop. At this "smell gallery"—one of only three worldwide—perfume is elevated to an art form. www.averyfineperfumeries.com. 527 St. Joseph St., 504.522.7102. **Map 3, B6**

BOYD SATELLITE GALLERY—Local multimedia artist Blake Boyd finally has a room of his own—and a place for his friends to hang as well. Regional and international artists are featured, along with Boyd's own offbeat works. www.boydsatellitegallery.com. 440 Julia St., 504.581.2440. **Map 3, C6**

CALLAN CONTEMPORARY—This chic gallery offers contemporary works by American and international artists with an emphasis on abstract and figurative

paintings and sculpture. www.callancontemporary.com. 518 Julia St., 504.525.0518. **Map 3, C6**

D.O.C.S.—Warehouse Arts District dynamo Richard Nesbitt is the driving force behind this gallery, which showcases a wide range of works by regional up-and-comers. www.docsgallery.com. 709 Camp St., 504.524.3936. **Map 3, C5**

GEORGE SCHMIDT GALLERY—New Orleans history and culture (Mardi Gras, jazz, Storyville) is the primary focus of local artist Schmidt's richly painted classical works, which are held in numerous public and private collections around the world. www.georgeschmidt.com. 626 Julia St., 504.592.0206. **Map 3, C5**

JEAN BRAGG GALLERY OF SOUTHERN ART—Specializing in Louisiana paintings from the late-19th and early 20th century, this gallery also features Newcomb College pottery and crafts and rotating exhibits of contemporary artists. www.jeanbragg.com. 600 Julia St., 504.895.7375. **Map 3, C5**

JONATHAN FERRARA GALLERY—This gallery is home to the cutting-edge work of proprietor Jonathan Ferrara and other local and national artists. Sculpture, glass, metal and installation art are featured.

www.jonathanferraragallery.com. 400A Julia St., 504.522.5471. **Map 3, C6**

LEMIEUX GALLERIES—Contemporary paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and glassware are among the media exhibited here. www.lemieuxgalleries.com. 332 Julia St., 504.522.5988. **Map 3, C6**

MARTINE CHAISSON GALLERY—Contemporary is the key word here, from the sleek space itself to the cutting-edge creations on its walls. Rotating exhibits by mid-career and emerging artists working in a wide range of media are featured. www.martinechaissongallery.com. 727 Camp St., 504.302.7942. **Map 3, C5**

NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF GLASSWORKS AND PRINTMAKING STUDIO—This working artists' studio features free demonstrations by local master crafters in blown glass, printmaking and fine silver. Designs made in the studio are on display—and for sale—in the front showroom. How-to classes are also offered. www.neworleansglassworks.com. 727 Magazine St., 504.529.7277. **Map 3, C6**

OCTAVIA ART GALLERY—This contemporary space spotlights local and international artists working in a wide range of media, including paintings by James Henderson, sculpture by Wayne

→ **GEORGE OHR**—"the mad potter of Biloxi"—got his start in New Orleans, where he first exhibited his "mud babies" during the 1884 World Cotton Centennial.

Amedee and photography by Joe Zammit-Lucia. www.octaviaartgallery.com. 454 Julia St., 504.309.4249. **Map 3, C6**

SOREN CHRISTENSEN GALLERY—Paintings, sculpture and photography by nationally recognized as well as emerging contemporary artists is the focus here. www.sorengallery.com. 400 Julia St., 504.569.9501. **Map 3, C6**

STELLA JONES GALLERY—New Orleans' preeminent exhibition space for African-American artists, featuring works by Elizabeth Catlett, Richmond Barthé, Georgette Baker, Charly Palmer and Samella Lewis, among others. www.stellajonesgallery.com. 201 St. Charles Ave., #132, 504.568.9050. **Map 3, D4**

French Quarter

A GALLERY FOR FINE PHOTOGRAPHY—The city's most extensive collection of fine photographs for sale. Artists represented here include Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Herman Leonard and Yousuf Karsh, among others. www.agallery.com. 241 Chartres St., 504.568.1313. **Map 3, F4**

AFA—Fine art meets pop culture at this quirky gallery, which spotlights works by contemporary illustrators and animators, including Joe Sorren, Nicolette Ceccoli, Lin Esser and others. Original and limited-edition paintings and sculptures are offered. www.afanyc.com. 809 Royal St., 504.558.9296. **Map 3, H4**

ALEX BEARD STUDIO—This gallery features the works of resident artist Alex Beard, whose intricate drawings and paintings have been acquired by such collectors as Mick Jagger and England's late Princess Margaret. Originals are offered, along with limited-edition silk screens and giclée prints. www.alexbeardstudio.com. 712 Royal St., 504.309.0394. **Map 3, G4**

ANGELA KING GALLERY—One of the French Quarter's leading contemporary art galleries. Sculptors and painters represented include Peter Max, Raymond Douillet, Frederick Hart, LeRoy Neiman, Mark T. Smith, Steve Taylor, Charles Thysell and Patterson & Barnes. www.angelakinggallery.com. 241 Royal St., 504.524.8211. **Map 3, F4**

ANIMAL ART ANTIQUES—Animal magnetism will draw you into this charming shop, where dogs, cats, cows, owls and bears all happily coexist under one roof. Devoted to wildlife in various forms of media (carvings, ceramics, furniture, tapestries, etc.), the gallery specializes in items from the Victorian period. www.animalartantiques.com. 824 Chartres St., 504.525.8005. **Map 3, H5**

ANTIEAU GALLERY—Folk artist Chris Roberts-Antieau's offbeat textile appliqué works are found in the American Visionary Art Museum and at her Royal Street gallery. Each of her one-of-a-kind "fabric pictures" feature individually crafted, hand-painted frames. www.antieaugallery.com. 927 Royal St., 504.304.0849. **Map 3, H4**

ANTIQUES DE PROVENCE—A bit of southern France on Royal Street, featuring 17th- and 18th-century antiques, including armoires, chandeliers, limestone fountains and a huge selection of olive jars. www.antiquesdeprovencellc.com. 623 Royal St., 504.529.4342. **Map 3, G4**; 611 & 619 Royal St. **Map 3, G4**

THE ARTIST'S STUDIO—Home to artist Harriette Prevatte's detailed depictions of second-line parades and local street musicians. 604 Chartres St., 504.267.1962. **Map 3, G4**

ARTISTS' MARKET & BEAD SHOP—Looking for undiscovered talent? You'll likely find it at this gallery, which features works (oil paintings, photography, pottery, blown glass, masks) by dozens of regional artists. Handmade jewelry and beads are also offered. www.artistsmarketnola.com. 85 French Market Pl., 504.561.0046. **Map 3, I5**

BEE GALLERIES—This contemporary space is home to local artist Martin LaBorde's beloved "Bodo" paintings, Diego Lukezić's "Tango Dog" sculpture and Ray Cole's hand-painted silk wall hangings. www.beegalleries.com. 319 Chartres St., 504.587.7117. **Map 3, F4**

BEVOLO GAS & ELECTRIC LIGHTS—The vast majority of copper and brass gas lanterns adorning French Quarter shops, restaurants and homes are made at Bevolo. Choose from a selection of available styles, or have fixtures custom-built on site. www.bevolo.com. 521 Conti St., 504.522.9485. **Map 3, F5**; 318 Royal St., 504.552.4311. **Map 3, F4**

BRAD THOMPSON GALLERY—Artist Brad Thompson's New Orleans upbringing is reflected in his colorful works of French Quarter courtyards, plantation country homes and local wildlife. Framing available. www.bradthompsonsgalleries.com. 600 Decatur St. (inside Jax Brewery), 504.522.4225. **Map 3, G5**

BRASS MONKEY—This tiny storefront offers one of the largest selections of Limoges boxes in the Quarter, as well as antique walking sticks and other collectible curios. 407 Royal St., 504.561.0688. **Map 3, F4**

CALICHE & PAO GALLERY—Caliche and Pao's studio and showroom is home to the husband-and-wife team's vivid, thickly textured oil paintings of local architecture. 312 Royal St., 504.588.2846. **Map 3, F4**

CALLAN FINE ART—Specializing in fine European paintings from 1830 to 1950, this prestigious gallery features museum-quality examples from the Academic, Barbizon, Impressionistic and Post-Impressionist movements as well as select contemporary works. A must-see for fine art lovers. www.callanfineart.com. 240 Chartres St., 504.524.0025. **Map 3, F4**

CRAIG TRACY GALLERY—The bulk of artist Craig Tracy's body of work is devoted to the human form, which the award-winning bodypainter enhances with intricate imagery then captures on film. Limited-edition photographs and giclée prints are offered. www.craigtracy.com. 827 Royal St., 504.592.9886. **Map 3, H4**

CREASON'S FINE ART GALLERY—Here, artist-owner Greg Creason's vibrant "modern art with a traditional flair" shares wall space with with contemporary works by Matthew Peck, Tracy Jarmon, Jeffrey St. Romaine and others. www.creasonsfineart.com. 532 Royal St., 504.304.4392. **Map 3, G4**

DOUGLAS MICHAEL GALLERY—Abstract, mixed-media and pop-influenced paintings by national and international artists meld with works by Louisiana talents here. www.douglasmichaelgallery.com. 841 Royal St., 504.708.1510. **Map 3, H4**

ELLIOTT GALLERY—Fine contemporary and modern art from world-renowned artists is the standard here. Artists represented include Theo Tobiasse, James Coignard, Max Papart, Nissan Engel, Garrick Yrondi, David Schueuer, Petra Seipel, Picasso, Miró and Chagall. www.elliottgallery.com. 540 Royal St., 504.523.3554. **Map 3, G4**

FISCHER-GAMBINO—An eclectic shop specializing in fine lighting fixtures, as well as works by artists including Doug Anderson and Laney Oxman (whose work has been displayed at the White House). www.lightingneworleans.com; www.fischergambinoneworleans.com. 637 Royal St., 504.524.9067. **Map 3, G4**; 602 Metairie Rd., Metairie, 504.833.7757. **Map 1, C2**

FOUNDATION GALLERY—This gallery is as innovative as the Louisiana artists it spotlights. A portion of proceeds from the gallery's monthly rotating exhibits benefits New Orleans nonprofits. www.foundationgallerynola.com. 1109 Royal St., 504.568.0955. **Map 3, H4**

FRENCH ANTIQUE SHOP—Founded in Paris, this shop relocated to New Orleans in 1939. Today it carries French antique furniture from the 18th and 19th centuries and Oriental accents, including vases with bronze mountings. www.gofrenchantiques.com. 225 Royal St., 504.524.9861. **Map 3, E4**

GALLERY ORANGE—Modern-minded collectors will be drawn in by the fresh contemporary works at this super-hip gallery. A vibrant mix of local and international artists, both emerging and established, is featured. www.gallery-orange.com. 819 Royal St., 504.875.4006. **Map 3, H4**

GALLERY RINARD—This contemporary gallery features colorful originals and limited-edition serigraphs by artist-owner Matt Rinard, as well as Robert Guthrie's watercolors and whimsical pet portraiture by Georg Williams. www.galleryrinard.com. 611 Royal St., 504.522.6536. **Map 3, H4**

GREEN EYED GATOR—Offbeat art by offbeat local artists is the focus of Shannon Kelley's fun and funky gallery. Works range from paintings and glassware to jewelry and fine-art dolls. www.greeneyedgator.com. 901 Chartres St., 504.524.2850. **Map 3, H4**

HALL-BARNETT GALLERY—During the 1980s, Howard Barnett shook things up with one of the first contemporary galleries in the Quarter. Today daughter Holly continues her father's legacy with an eclectic mix of emerging and established artists. www.hallbarnett.com. 237 Chartres St., 504.522.5657. **Map 3, F4**

HAROUNI GALLERY—David Harouni has an eye for heads, as evidenced by the paintings that populate his gallery. Harouni's expressionistic oilworks and sculptures have been exhibited worldwide, but you'll find them—along with the artist—at his French Quarter studio. www.harouni.com. 933 Royal St., 504.299.4393. **Map 3, H4**

HARRIS ANTIQUES—One of the finest antiquaries in the Quarter, carrying an extensive array of French and English antiques, paintings, Oriental rugs and statuary. www.harrisantiques.com. 233 Royal St., 504.523.1605. **D4**

HEMMERLING GALLERY OF SOUTHERN ART—Largely devoted to the "Sweet Olive" creations of the late Louisiana artist William Hemmerling, this gallery also features paintings by his apprentice, Kallen Siekkinen. www.hemmerlingart.com. 733 Royal St., 504.524.0909. **Map 3, G4**

IDA MANHEIM ANTIQUES—This impressive showroom features 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century French, English, Dutch and Continental furniture. You'll also discover a selection of fine paintings and European porcelain, in addition to marble and bronze statuary. www.idamanheimantiques.com. 409 Royal St., 504.620.4114. **Map 3, F4**



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JACK SUTTON ANTIQUES—The Sutton family has been one of Royal Street’s most prominent since 1915. This emporium is an elegantly decorated living room filled with 19th- and 20th-century decorative antiques, vintage watches, fine jewelry, dinnerware and paintings. 315 Royal St., 504.522.0555. **Map 3, F4**

JAMES H. COHEN & SONS—This fifth-generation, family-run business, founded in 1898, specializes in pre-19th-century weaponry, coins dating from 450 B.C. and Civil War-related items. www.cohenantiques.com. 437 Royal St., 504.524.0802. **Map 3, F4**

JAMIE HAYES GALLERY—The colorful works of artist and children’s book author Hayes have been said to capture “the true spirit of New Orleans,” and acquired by such famous collectors as Robin Williams, k.d. lang and Muhammad Ali. Original paintings, prints and fun gift items are featured. www.jamiehayes.com. 617 & 621 Chartres St., 504.592.4080; 504.596.2344. **Map 3, G4**

KAKO GALLERY—Original Louisiana art is this offbeat gallery’s draw. Paintings, photos, prints, woodturnings, jazz-themed pottery, bottle-cap-covered crosses—you’ll find it all and then some. www.kakogallery.com. 536 Royal St., 504.565.5445. **Map 3, G4**

KEIL’S ANTIQUES—Founded in 1899, Keil’s established its reputation with rare 18th- and 19th-century French and English furniture. The shop also specializes in chandeliers, mantels, mirrors and fine jewelry. www.keilsantiques.com. 325 Royal St., 504.522.4552. **Map 3, F4**

KURT E. SCHON LTD.—This fine art gallery deals in international oil paintings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries for collectors, museums and investors. www.kurteschonltd.com. 510 St. Louis St., 504.524.5462. **Map 3, F5**

LA BELLE GALERIE—Celebrating the African-American experience, this gallery features paintings by William Tolliver, photography by Gus Bennett, textiles by Jacquelyn Hughes Mooney and more. 309 Chartres St., 504.529.3080. **Map 3, F4**

LUCULLUS—An antique shop specializing in objects for almost every culinary passion. Fine dining tables, porcelain and silver, 19th-century glassware, rustic farmhouse implements and bistro equipment are among the offerings. www.lucullusantiques.com. 610 Chartres St., 504.528.9620. **Map 3, G4**

M. R. FINE ART ANTIQUES—This elegant French Quarter shop specializes in fine jade carvings and Asian art. French furniture, porcelain and accents are also featured. 705 St. Louis St., 504.524.5014. **Map 3, F4**

M.S. RAU INC.—This third-generation family business is one of the country's oldest dealing in 19th-century antiques. M.S. Rau is known for its American, French and English furniture, fine silver, glass, porcelain, clocks, watches and quality jewelry. www.rauantiques.com. 630 Royal St., 504.523.5660. **Map 3, G4**

MAISON ROYALE—Original impressionistic and post-impressionistic oilworks are the focus here. Featured artists include Camille Pissarro, Maurice Utrillo and Raoul Dufy, among others. www.maisonroyale.com. 501 Royal St., 504.524.5045. **Map 3, F4**

MANN GALLERY—Specializing in French impressionist and post-impressionist paintings, this gallery features such 19th-, 20th- and 21st-century artists as Luc Didier, Edmond Petitjean, Jac Martin-Ferrieres and Pierre Gaston Rigaud. www.vincentmann-gallery.com. 305 Royal St., 504.523.2342. **Map 3, F4**

MARTIN LAWRENCE GALLERY—This branch of the nationwide Martin Lawrence galleries features contemporary paintings, sculpture and limited-edition graphics by such renowned artists as Picasso, Chagall, Dali, Miró, Warhol, Haring and Erté, among others. www.martinlawrence.com. 433 Royal St., 504.299.9055. **Map 3, F4**

MICHALOPOULOS—The off-kilter architectural renderings of James Michalopoulos are instantly recognizable. You'll find them here, along with his figurative paintings, still lifes and landscapes. www.michalopoulos.com. 617 Bienville St., 504.558.0505. **Map 3, E4**

MOSS ANTIQUES—Fine art objects fill this gallery, which offers jewelry, porcelain, humidors and cigar accessories. Merchandise here comes primarily from England and France. www.mossantiques.com. 411 Royal St., 504.522.3981. **Map 3, F4**

NEW ORLEANS SILVERSMITHS—Since 1938, this Chartres Street boutique has specialized in antique and modern gold, platinum and sterling silver jewelry, in addition to a wide range of antique and new silver and silverplate. A large selection of estate jewelry is also offered. www.neworleanssilversmiths.com. 600 Chartres St., 504.522.8333. **Map 3, G4**

PHOTO WORKS—This gallery showcases the work of photographer Louis Sahuc, known for his dramatic shots of the city, which have been called "the quintessential images of New Orleans." Sahuc specializes in black-and-white, but also creates vivid color prints. www.photoworksneworleans.com. 521 St. Ann St., 504.593.9090. **Map 3, G5**

RED TRUCK GALLERY—"Beautiful, unexpected art" by contemporary up-and-comers will make you want to park here for a while. www.redtruckgallery.com. 938 Royal St., 504.231.6760. **Map 3, H4**

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VINTAGE 329—A mecca for history, sports and Hollywood buffs, this hip shop is filled with maps, signed collectibles and one-of-a-kind jewelry. Marilyn Monroe glamour pics, Drew Brees' jersey and assorted music memorabilia are among the many offerings. www.vintage329.com. 329 Royal St., 504.525.2262. **Map 3, F4**

WALDHORN & ADLER—Waldhorn & Adler is the oldest antiques gallery in the city, featuring a large selection of French and English furniture, as well as antique and estate jewelry. Authorized dealer of Rolex, Patek Philippe and Cartier wristwatches. www.waldhornadlers.com. 343 Royal St., 504.581.6379. **Map 3, F4**

WINDSOR FINE ART—This gallery features fine works in a variety of media by the great masters, from Durer to Rembrandt, as well as modern masters such as Picasso, Chagall, Matisse, Miro and Dali, along with original works by Toulouse-Lautrec. Contemporary Spanish impressionist Royo and Chilean minimalist Jose Basso complement the collection, along with sculpture by Richard McDonald, Martin Eichinger and Paige Bradley. www.windsorfineart.com. 221 Royal St., 504.586.0202. **Map 3, F4**

Magazine Street & Uptown


AS YOU LIKE IT SILVER SHOP—This shop stocks silver flatware in hundreds of active and inactive patterns to complete an existing set or begin a new one. Browse among tea services, goblets and more. www.asyoulikeitsilvershop.com. 3033 Magazine St., 504.897.6915. **Map 1, D4**

BUSH ANTIQUES—For nearly three decades Bush Antiques has specialized in beautiful and unusual furniture. Offerings include exquisite beds, rare architectural, religious artifacts and one-of-a-kind finds. www.bushantiques.com. 2109 Magazine St., 504.581.3518. **Map 1, D4**

CAROL ROBINSON GALLERY—Specializing in local and national artists such as Jere Allen, Karen Jacobs and Elliot Snellings, this gallery showcases paintings, sculpture and ceramics. www.carolrobinsongallery.com. 840 Napoleon Ave., 504.895.6130. **Map 1, D4**

COLE PRATT GALLERY—One of Magazine Street's leading contemporary galleries, exhibiting works by emerging local and national artists, from post-impressionists to abstract expressionists. www.coleprattgallery.com. 3800 Magazine St., 504.891.6789. **Map 1, D4**

FRENCHY GALLERY—Art of the moment takes on new meaning in the hands of Randy Leo Frechette, who captures moments on canvas as they unfold. From music fests to sporting events to Carnival parades, you'll find the real-time artist fast at work among the crowds—and his work available at two separate galleries. www.frenchylive.com. 8319 Oak St., 504.861.7595. **Map 1, C3; 610 Toulouse St., 504.581.3522. Map 3, G4**



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PASSAGES ANTIQUES—Among this shop's highlights is its vast selection of oyster plates, Palissyware and other majolica pieces, showcased amid French and Continental furnishings. www.passages-antiques.com. 3939 Magazine St., 504.899.3883. **Map 1, D4**

THE SPIELMAN COMPANY—Photographer David Spielman is known for his black-and-white takes of famous Southern scribes, and for chronicling the city in the days after Katrina. His works are found at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art...and at his Garden District gallery. www.davidspielman.com. 2727 Prytania St., 504.899.7670. **Map 1, D4**

THOMAS MANN GALLERY I/O—This innovative design gallery is the showplace of "techno-romantic" designer Thomas Mann. In addition to works by Mann and other contemporary metalsmiths, you'll find lamps and fine furnishings by a variety of designers. www.thomasmann.com. 1812 Magazine St., 504.581.2113. **Map 1, D4**

WILLIAMSON DESIGNS—In addition to antique furnishings and French reproductions, interior designer Hal Williamson offers European accessories, including pewter, porcelain, chandeliers and decorative rugs and pillows. www.williamsondesigns.net. 3646 Magazine St., 504.899.4945. **Map 1, D4**

WIRTHMORE ANTIQUES—Who needs Paris when there's Wirthmore Antiques? Francophiles delight in the fine 18th- and 19th-century French Provincial antiques and objects related to French culture found here. www.wirthmoreantiques.com. 3727 Magazine St., 504.269.0660 **Map 1, D4**

Collectives

ARTS MARKET OF NEW ORLEANS—This showcase for local crafters, conducted by the Arts Council of New Orleans, takes place the last Saturday of each month in Mid-City's Palmer Park. Works by more than 100 artists are featured. www.artscouncil-ofneworleans.org. Palmer Park (Carrollton and Claiborne avenues), 504.523.1465. **Map 1, C3**

DUTCH ALLEY ARTISTS' CO-OP—This popular artist-run venue is home to a variety of local crafters specializing in a wide range of media. www.dutchalleyartistsco-op.com. 912 N. Peters St., 504.412.9220. **Map 3, H5**

GREAT ARTISTS COLLECTIVE—Works by more than 20 local artists, who dabble in everything from glass-blowing and textile-making to photography and jewelry, are showcased at this French Quarter collective. www.greatartistscollective.com. 815 Royal St., 504.525.8190. **Map 3, H4**

JACKSON SQUARE ART COLLECTIVE—For more than five decades, artists have been gathering around Jackson Square's black iron fence, exposing their art to the public and the public to their art. One of the oldest active art colonies in the nation, the collective counts numerous artists displaying their works daily. www.jackson-square.com. **Map 3, G5**

RHINO CONTEMPORARY CRAFT CO.—The acronym that is this gallery's name stands for "Right Here in New Orleans." That means artists represented here are local, displaying work such as handcrafted fashions, furnishings and accessories. www.rhino-crafts.com. The Shops at Canal Place, 333 Canal St., 2nd fl., 504.523.7945. **Map 3, E5**



Jim Monaghan's Halloween Parade

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New Orleans is billed as “America’s most haunted city” and one of the nation’s top Halloween destinations. Get into the spirit of the season with the **Krewe of Boo Parade** (kreweofboo.com), which rolls through the French Quarter Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm, followed by **Jim Monaghan’s Halloween Parade** Oct. 31. Long-gone local historical figures rise up during the Friends of the Cabildo’s **Ghostly Galavant Tour** Oct. 25-26 (friendsofthecabildo.org), while the undead live on Oct. 31 with the **Anne Rice Vampire Lestat Fan Club’s** 26th annual ball, where the real-life “Interview With the Vampire” author will be in attendance (arvlfc.com). Want a real scare? Pay a visit to the **Mortuary Haunted House** (themortuary.net) ... located in a former funeral home.

Attractions & Landmarks

ARMSTRONG PARK—Named for the late jazz great Louis Armstrong, this recently refurbished 34-acre green space is home to the Mahalia Jackson Theater for the Performing Arts. Also known as Congo Square, it was here that free people of color would gather during the 1700s to dance and drum—and where jazz is believed to have first taken root. N. Rampart and St. Ann streets. **Map 3, H2**

AUDUBON AQUARIUM OF THE AMERICAS—This award-winning aquarium includes the largest and most diverse collection of sharks and jellyfish in the U.S. \$22.50 adults, \$17 seniors and \$16 ages 2-12. Open Tu-Su at 10 am; call for closing times. www.auduboninstitute.org. 1 Canal St., 504.581.4629. **Map 3, E6**

AUDUBON BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND INSECTARIUM—Located in the circa-1860 U.S. Custom House, this ranks as the nation’s largest museum devoted to insects. More than 70 interactive exhibits are featured, along with thousands of live and mounted species. \$16.50 adults, \$13 seniors, \$12 ages 2-12. Open Tu-Su at 10 am; call for closing times. www.auduboninstitute.org. 423 Canal St., 504.581.4629. **Map 3, E5**

AUDUBON PARK—Walk, jog, golf or picnic among the oaks and lagoons in this beautiful glade. On the St. Charles streetcar line (stop 36) across from Tulane and Loyola universities. www.auduboninstitute.org. St. Charles Ave. at Walnut St., 504.212.5237. **Map 1, C4**

AUDUBON ZOO—Home to more than 1,800 animals, the renowned Audubon Zoo is one of the finest zoos in the U.S. \$17.50 adults, \$13 seniors, \$12 ages 2-12. A free shuttle departs from St. Charles streetcar stop 36. Open Tu-Su at 10 am; call for closing times. www.auduboninstitute.org. 6500 Magazine St., 504.581.4629 or 800.774.7394. **Map 1, C4**

CEMETERIES—New Orleans aboveground “cities of the dead” act as windows to the past, offering insight into local history and customs. St. Louis No. 1, just outside the Quarter, is the city’s oldest; Lafayette No. 1 in the Garden District draws fans of vampire novelist Anne Rice, who set a number of her works there. Many are located in high-crime areas. Tours are available; do not venture in alone, day or night.

CITY PARK—Abundant live oaks provide a lush canopy for this 1,500-acre outdoor oasis, larger even than New York’s Central Park. www.

neworleanscitypark.com. 1 Dreyfous Ave., 504.482.4888. **Map 1, D2**

ENERGY IMAX THEATRE—Eye-popping features are shown on a five-and-a-half-story screen. Open Tu-Su at 10 am; call for schedule and closing times. www.auduboninstitute.org. Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, 1 Canal St., 504.581.4629. **Map 3, E6**

FRENCH MARKET—America’s oldest public market dates to pre-colonial days, when the site served as a native American trading post. Along with homegrown specialties, the market also features a number of food stalls, retail shops and flea market merchants. www.frenchmarket.org. French Market Place, 504.522.2621. **Map 3, H5**

FULTON ALLEY—Putting a fresh spin on the old bowling alley, this upscale venue offers 12 lanes in a sleek setting, cool craft cocktails and big-flavored small plates. Not a bowler? Not a prob. Both the bar and restaurant are accessible separately from the alley. www.fultonalley.com. 600 Fulton St., 504.208.5569. **Map 3, D6**

JACKSON SQUARE—The heart of the Quarter was originally known as *Place d’Armes*, and was renamed to honor President Andrew Jackson, whose statue

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LAFITTE'S BARATARIA MUSEUM & WETLAND

TRACE—Charting the 200-year backstory of the town of Jean Lafitte, this museum explores the fishing village's history and pirate lore through a variety of multimedia exhibits while also examining the effects of coastal erosion. A nature trail leads visitors through a mile and a half of cypress swamp. \$12 adults, \$6 children. www.townofjeanlafitte.com. 4917 City Park Dr., 504.689.7009.

MARDI GRAS WORLD—It's Carnival time all year long inside the workshops of Kern Studios, the world's largest float builder. The tour features a video on the history of Mardi Gras. \$19.95 adults, \$15.95 seniors/students/military, \$12.95 ages 12-2. Tours daily, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. www.mardigrasworld.com. 1380 Port of New Orleans Pl., 504.361.7821. **Map 3, A8**

MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME—The recently revamped and rebranded Superdome, home of the New Orleans Saints, remains the largest covered arena in the world. www.superdome.com. 1500 Poydras St., 504.587.3663. **Map 3, B2**

NATIONAL SHRINE OF BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS—Located one block from the Magazine Street shopping corridor, this popular pilgrimage site—a sanctuary of hospitality, hope and healing—is located in historic St. Mary's Assumption Church, Louisiana's oldest German Catholic church. Free tours of the shrine and museum are offered M-F, 9 am-3 pm; Sa, 10 am-3:30 pm. Large groups by appointment. www.seelos.org. 919 Josephine St., 504.525.2495. **Map 1, D3**

NEW ORLEANS BOTANICAL & TRAIN GARDENS—City Park's beautiful Botanical Gardens feature more than 2,000 tropical and subtropical plants, along with the Historic Train Garden, a miniature railroad exhibit with landmarks constructed of botanical matter. Open Tu-Su, 10 am-4:30 pm; train garden, weekends only. \$6 adults, \$3 children. www.neworleanscitypark.com. Victory Ave., 504.482.4888. **Map 1, D2**

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OLD URSULINE CONVENT—Dating to 1727, this is the oldest edifice in the Mississippi River Valley and the sole surviving building from the French Colonial period in the U.S. Tours given M-Sa, 10 am-4 pm. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students; ages 6 and under free. www.stlouiscathedral.org. 1100 Chartres St., 504.529.3040. **Map 3, I4**

PONTALBA BUILDINGS—Erected in 1851, the stately red-brick townhouses flanking Jackson Square rank as the first apartment complex in the United States. Inspired by the Palais-Royal and the Place des Vosges in Paris, the twin buildings feature apartments upstairs, retail spaces below and ornate cast-iron galleries. **Map 3, G5**

SMOOTHIE KING CENTER—Cousin to the Superdome, the Center is the home of the New Orleans Pelicans basketball team, as well as the site of major concerts. www.neworleansarena.com. 1501 Dave Dixon Dr., 504.587.3663. **Map 3, A2**

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH—Founded by free people of color in 1841, St. Augustine, located in the his-

toric Tremé neighborhood adjacent to the French Quarter, is the second-oldest African-American Catholic Church in the nation. The outdoor Tomb of the Unknown Slave is a chilling and moving testament to the past. www.staugustinecatholic-church-neworleans.org. 1210 Gov. Nicholls St., 504.525.5934 **Map 3, I2**

ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL—Established as a parish in 1720, this magnificent circa-1849 cathedral, the heart and symbol of New Orleans, was designated a minor basilica in 1964 by Pope Paul VI, and visited by Pope John Paul II in 1987. Mass said daily. An on-site gift shop offers rosaries, statues and other keepsakes. www.stlouiscathedral.org. 615 Pere Antoine Alley (Jackson Square, between St. Ann and St. Peter streets), 504.525.9585. **Map 3, G4**

WOLDENBERG PARK—This grassy riverfront promenade, which runs from the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas to Jackson Square, affords great people-watching and even greater views of the often-overlooked Mississippi. **Map 3, F6**

Casinos

BOOMTOWN CASINO—This Westbank casino offers more than 1,500 slots and 30 table games spread over three floors. Live entertainment is also featured, along with three restaurants. www.boomtownneworleans.com. 4132 Peters Rd., Harvey, 504.366.7711. **Map 1, D4**

HARRAH'S CASINO—The South's largest casino is located at the foot of Canal Street. This mam-

moth pleasure palace features five New Orleans-themed areas comprising 2,100 slots and 104 table games, live entertainment and a lavish buffet. www.harrahsneworleans.com. 8 Canal St., 504.533.6000. **Map 3, E6**

TREASURE CHEST CASINO—Docked on Lake Pontchartrain, this nautically themed gaming palace has nightly live entertainment and a poker room. www.treasurechestcasino.com. 5050 Williams Blvd., Kenner, 504.443.8000. **Map 1, A1**

Cooking Classes

CRESCENT CITY COOKS!—Learn the secrets of New Orleans-style cuisine from chefs who conduct two-hour classes daily (10 am), and taste the results afterward during lunch; prices vary. Hands-on classes are also offered, along with a large selection of spices and culinary utensils. www.crescentcitycooks.com. 201 Chartres St., 504.529.1600. **Map 3, F4**

LANGLOIS CULINARY CROSSROADS—Cookbook author and radio host Amy Cryex-Sims offers entertaining interactive classes covering both Creole and Cajun fundamentals and contemporary techniques. A full meal is included with each class, along with recipes. Culinary tours are also available. www.langloisnola.com. 1841 N. Rampart St., 504.934.1010. **Map 1, E3**

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NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING & LOUISIANA GENERAL STORE—Creole/Cajun cooking demonstrations are offered daily at 10 am and at 2 pm M-Sa. Private group and hands-on sessions are also available; reservations required. The store is open M-Sa, 9 am-6 pm; Su 9 am-4 pm. www.nosoc.com. 524 St. Louis St., 504.525.2665. **Map 3, F5**

Cruises & Tours

A BICYCLE NAMED DESIRE—Located at the address of Stanley and Stella Kowalski's fictional residence, this bike shop (an offshoot of Confederacy of Cruisers) provides "rentals for the independent traveler." Half, full, multi-day and weekly rates are offered. www.abicyclenamedesire.com. 632 Elysian Fields Ave., 504.345.8966. **Map 3, J5**

AIRBOAT ADVENTURES—Explore secluded areas of south Louisiana swamplands via guided, high-speed airboat excursions geared to groups of all sizes. Big boat, \$55; small boat, \$75. Hotel pickups available. www.airboatadventuresllc.com. 504.689.2005 or 888.GO.SWAMP.

CAJUN ENCOUNTERS—Daily tours for both large and small groups are offered, along with hotel pickups and drop-offs. Call for times, prices and reservations. **Honey Island Swamp Tour**—2 hrs. **City Cemeteries Tour**—2 hrs. **Oak Alley & Laura Planta-**

tion Tour—4 hrs. www.cajunencounters.com. 55345 Hwy. 90, Slidell, 504.834.1770. **Map 2, G1**

CAJUN PRIDE SWAMP TOURS—Daily tours at 9:30 am, noon and 2:15 pm. \$46 adults; \$22 children. City, cemetery and plantation tours are also offered. Reservations required. www.cajunprideswamptours.com. 110 Frenier Rd., Laplace, La., 800.467.0758. **Map 2, E2**

CELEBRATION DISTILLATION TOURS—The makers of Old New Orleans Rum offer tours of their facility—the oldest premium distillery continually operating in the United States—M-F (noon, 2 and 4 pm) and Sa-Su (2 and 4 pm). Get a taste of the distillation process...and of the company's award-winning spirits. Reservations recommended. Grab a cab. \$10; 21+ only. www.oldneworleansrum.com. 2815 Frenchmen St., 504.945.9400. **Map 1, E2**

CELEBRATION TOURS—This company provides group city and plantation tours, in addition to private excursions. Hotel pickups available; rates vary. www.celebrationtoursllc.com. 504.587.7115.

THE COCKTAIL TOUR—Culinary historian Elizabeth Pearce leads thirsty folks on a tippling tour of the French Quarter, offering intriguing lore and tastes of the city's legendary libations along the way. www.thecocktailtour.com. 504.578.8280. **Map 3, G4**

CITY SEGWAY TOURS—Why walk when you can glide? Guided two- and three-hour Segway tours of the French Quarter and Tremé are of-

fered daily. Private excursions are also available. www.citysegwaytours.com. 214 Decatur St., 877.734.8687. **Map 3, E5**

CITY SIGHTSEEING—This double-decker bus tour allows you to hop off—then back on again—at nine stops throughout the French Quarter and CBD. Buses run a continuous loop every 30 minutes from 9 am to 5 pm. Ticket offices are located at Jackson Square (700 Decatur St.) and Basin Street Station (501 Basin St.). www.citysightseeingneworleans.com. 504.636.1080. **Map 3, G5**

CONFEDERACY OF CRUISERS—These guided bicycle tours take visitors out of the French Quarter and into some of the city's most vibrant and oft-overlooked naves. Cocktail and culinary excursions are also offered, along with customized bike tours. www.confederacyofcruisers.com. 634 Elysian Fields Ave., 504.400.5468. **Map 3, J5**

CREOLE QUEEN PADDLEWHEELER—2.5-hour Chalmette Battlefield cruises, F-Sa (1:30 pm), and a three-hour dinner jazz cruise (7 pm; days vary, reservations required). Departs from Spanish Plaza (Poydras Street at the Mississippi River). www.neworleanspaddlewheels.com. 1 Poydras St., 504.529.4567. **Map 3, D7**

CRESCENT CITY BIKE TOURS—These three-hour guided bike rides explore the French Quarter and Tremé neighborhoods, along with Armstrong Park and the Mississippi riverfront. Tours are \$49; rentals are \$25/day. www.crescentcitybiketours.com. 626 N. Rampart St., 504.322.3455. **Map 3, G3**

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Ghost & Vampire Tour—\$20. Departs nightly, 6 and 8 pm, from Flanagan's Pub (625 St. Phillip St.).

St. Louis #1 Cemetery Tour—\$20. M-Sa at 11 am; Su at 10 am. Departs from CC's Coffee House (505 Decatur St.).

Tremé Tour—\$22. Departs daily at 10 am from Mike's at the Park (834 N. Rampart St.).

True Crime Tour—\$20. Departs Th-Su at 6 pm from Flanagan's Pub (625 St. Phillip St.).

For tickets and further information: www.frenchquarterphantoms.com. 625 St. Philip St., 504.666.8300. **Map 3, H4**

FRENCH QUARTOUR KIDS—These hour-long guided walks take children on a journey back in time through the streets of the historic Vieux Carré. Tours offered Sa-Su, 10 and 11:30 am, and by appointment. Call for reservations and locations. www.frenchquartourkids.com. 504.975.5355.

FRIENDS OF THE CABILDO—Informative, two-hour walking tours of the French Quarter are offered Tu-Su at 10 am and 1:30 pm. \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors, children under 12 free. www.friendsofthecabildo.org. Departs from the 1850 House museum store. 523 St. Ann St., 504.523.3939. **Map 3, G5**

GRAY LINE TOURS—Gray Line offers a variety of city tours, all departing from the ticket booth behind Jax Brewery.

Super City Tour—2 hrs.

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Katrina City Tour—2.5 hrs

Paddle & Wheel Tour—4 hrs

Oak Alley Plantation Tour—4.5 hrs.

Laura Plantation Tour—4.5 hrs.

French Quarter Walking Tour—2 hrs.

French Quarter Ghost Tour—2 hrs.

Cemetery & Voodoo Walking Tour—2 hrs.

Garden District Walking Tour—2.5 hrs.

Swamp & Bayou—3.75 hrs.

New Orleans Cocktail Tour—2.5 hrs

Big Easy Jazz Tour—2.5 hrs

National WWII Museum Victory Tour—length varies

For tickets and further information: www.graylineneworleans.com. 400 Toulouse St., 504.569.1401. **Map 3, F5**

HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS—Meet guides 15 min. prior to tours. \$25 adults, \$18 seniors/students/military, \$14 children under 12, free for children under 5.

Voodoo & Cemetery, French Quarter History Tour—2 hrs. Departs daily, 10 am, and M-Sa, 1:15 pm, from Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop (723 St. Peter St.).

Haunted History/Ghost Tour—2 hrs. Departs nightly (6 and 8 pm) from Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop (723 St. Peter St.).

Voodoo Tour—1.5 hrs. Departs F-Su nights (7:30 pm) from Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop (723 St. Peter St.).

Vampire Tour—2 hrs. Departs nightly (8:30 pm) from Jackson Square gates in front of St. Louis

Cathedral.

Garden District Tour—2 hrs. Departs daily (11:30 am) from the Lafayette Cemetery gates (1400 block of Washington Ave.).

Haunted Garden District Tour—2 hrs. Departs daily (2:30 pm) from the Lafayette Cemetery gates (1400 block of Washington Ave.).

New Orleans Scandal Tour—2 hrs. Departs daily (5:30 pm) from Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop (723 St. Peter St.).

For tickets and further information: www.hauntedhistorytours.com. 504.861.2727.

HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS WALKING TOURS—Historically informed walking tours, many led by author and former National Park ranger Robert Florence. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students, \$7 children.

French Quarter History Tour—2 hrs. Departs 10:30 am and 5 pm daily from Café Beignet (311 Bourbon St.).

Garden District/Cemetery Tour—2 hrs. Departs daily (11 am and 1:45 pm) from the Garden District Book Shop (2727 Prytania St.).

Cemetery/Voodoo Tour—2 hrs. Departs M-Sa, 10 am and 1 pm; Su, 10 am; from Café Beignet (334B Royal St.).

Haunted French Quarter Tour—2 hrs. Departs nightly (7:30 pm) from the Bourbon Oh bar inside the Bourbon Orleans Hotel (corner of Bourbon and Orleans streets).

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JEAN LAFITTE HISTORICAL TOURS—These National Park Service walking tours focus on the history of the Mississippi River Delta and depart 9:30 am daily (except Christmas and Mardi Gras). Tickets are free, but there is a 25-person limit per tour; pick up tickets after 9 am (one pass issued per person). www.nps.gov/jela. 419 Decatur St., 504.589.2636. **Map 3, F5**

KAYAK-ITI-YAT—Kayak tours of beautiful Bayou St. John, which cuts a scenic swath through the midsection of the city, are offered daily; call for launch times. \$40/two hours; \$65/four hours. Tours of Bayou Bienvenue are also featured; \$70. www.kayakityat.com. (Bayou St. John tours launch across from 3494 Esplanade Ave.) 985.778.5034; 512.964.9499. **Map 1, D2**

NEW ORLEANS JOGGING TOURS—Get fit and informed at the same time. Guided jogs through the French Quarter and Garden District are offered daily; customized tours are also available. Groups meet at the corner of Decatur and Barracks streets. www.neworleansjoggingtours.com. **Map 3, I5**

NOLA GONDOLA—A romantic retreat in the heart of the city. Board the Bella Mae, an authentic Venetian gondola, for a guided glide through City Park's Big Lake and moss-draped lagoons. Tours are 50 minutes and can accommodate up to six. \$90/couple; \$10 per additional passenger. Open daily, 1-8 pm. www.nolagondola.com. Big Lake Trail, City Park, 504.450.4400. **Map 1, D2**

PEARL RIVER ECO-TOURS—Tours of the Honey Island swamp are offered daily at 10 am and 2:30 pm. \$23 adults, \$15 children. Transportation from New Orleans hotels is offered for an additional charge. Reservations required www.pearlrivercotours.com. 866.597.9267.

SAVE OUR CEMETERIES—Lafayette No. 1: departs daily at 10:30 am from Washington Avenue gate (1400 block of Washington Ave.). \$15; free 12 and under. St. Louis No. 1: departs daily at 10 am and Sa-Su at 1 pm from Basin Street Station Visitors Center (501 Basin St.). \$20; free 12 and under. Reservations recommended. www.saveourcemeteries.org. 504.525.3377.

STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ—The last authentic steamboat on the Mississippi River. Daily harbor jazz cruises at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Dinner jazz cruise, nightly at 7 pm. Sunday jazz brunch cruises, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Cruises depart from Toulouse Street and the river in the French Quarter; call to verify availability. www.steamboatnatchez.com. 504.569.1401. **Map 3, E7**

TABASCO PEPPER SAUCE FACTORY TOUR—Free guided daily tours, 9 am-4 pm, except major holidays. www.tabasco.com. La. Hwy. 329, Avery Island, La., 337.365.8173. **Map 2, C2**

VIP CITY TOURS—These two-hour excursions offer a sweeping overview of the city, from the French Quarter and the Garden District to Lake Pontchartrain and the Lower 9th Ward. Tours conducted daily at 9 am, 1 and 4 pm. www.vipcitytours.com. 701 Canal St., 504.329.2489. **Map 3, E4**



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WHEEL FUN RENTALS—This company offers a variety of ways to explore City Park. Surrey, chopper, cruiser and tandem bikes are among the many cycles available for hourly rentals, in addition to kayaks, pedal boats, paddle boards and more. Open daily at 10 am. www.wheelfunrentals.com. Big Lake Trail, City Park, 504.300.1289. **Map 1, D2**

Golf Courses

AUDUBON PARK GOLF COURSE—This course in the middle of the park ensures a beautiful backdrop. The 18 holes (Par 62) are fun and fast. www.auduboninstitute.org. 6500 Magazine St., 504.212.5290. **Map 1, C4**

ENGLISH TURN GOLF COURSE—This Jack Nicklaus-designed course is 18 holes and Par 72, with water at each play. Home to a New Orleans PGA stop, English Turn is rated as very challenging. www.englishturn.com. 1 Clubhouse Dr., 504.391.8018. **Map 1, E3**

TPC LOUISIANA—Spread over 250 acres on the city's West bank, just minutes from downtown, this 7,300-yard, Par 72 course is home to the Zurich Classic, and was rated one of the nation's "Top 5 Best Courses" by *Golf Digest*. www.tpclouisiana.com. 11001 Lalapco Blvd., Avondale, 504.436.8721. **Map 1, B4**

Museums & Exhibits

ABITA MYSTERY HOUSE—This one requires a car, but is well worth the price of a rental for outsider art fans. Located in a former filling station in nearby Abita Springs, artist John Preble's eccentric send-up of "redneck culture" features offbeat objects fashioned from more than 50,000 found objects. \$3 (free 3 and under). Open daily, 10 am-5 pm. www.abitamysteryhouse.com. 22275 Hwy. 36, Abita Springs, 985.892.2624. **Map 2, F1**

AMERICAN ITALIAN MUSEUM—This cultural center pays tribute to the history and contributions of Italian-Americans in Louisiana and the Southeast through a variety of exhibits. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/students, free ages 11 and under. Open Tu-F, 10 am-4 pm. www.americanitalianculturalcenter.com. 537 S. Peters St., 504.522.7294. **Map 3, D6**

BACKSTREET CULTURAL MUSEUM—Located in a former funeral parlor, this offbeat museum seeks "to keep jazz funerals alive" with memorabilia from famous send-offs, in addition to archival items and photos from second-line parades. Elaborate Mardi Gras Indian costumes are also on display. Admission \$8; open Tu-Sa, 10 am-5 pm. www.backstreetmuseum.org. 1116 Henriette Delille St., 504.522.4806. **Map 3, I2**

BEAUREGARD-KEYES HOUSE—This beautifully restored 1826 villa and garden was the home of Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard and novelist Francis Parkinson Keyes. Tours offered hourly

M-Sa, 10 am-3 pm. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$4 ages 6-12, under 6 free. www.bkhouse.org. 1113 Chartres St., 504.523.7257. **Map 3, H4**

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL HALL MUSEUM—Established in 1891 by Civil War vets and their families, this is Louisiana's oldest continually operating museum and the second largest collection of Confederate memorabilia in the country. \$8 adults, \$5 ages 14 and under. Open Tu-Sa, 10 am-4 pm. www.confederatemuseum.com. 929 Camp St., 504.523.4522. **Map 3, B6**

CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER—The city's premier modern art exhibit space features rotating exhibits and also hosts performances. \$8; \$6 seniors/students. Open W-M, 11 am-5 pm. www.cacno.org. 900 Camp St., 504.528.3800. **Map 3, B6**

DEGAS HOUSE—The home where Edgar Degas lived during his time in New Orleans is filled with prints of the French impressionist's works. Two-hour tours of the 1852 property, conducted by the artist's great-grand-niece, are offered daily at 10:15 am and 1:30, and by appointment. \$15. Reservations required. www.degashouse.com. 2306 Esplanade Ave., 504.821.5009. **Map 1, D2**

GALLIER HOUSE—The 1857 home of renowned New Orleans architect James Gallier, Jr. is decorated and furnished in the style of the 1860s, and was rated one of the country's top museums by *The New York Times*. Tours M, Th and F, 10 am-2 pm; Sa, noon-3 pm. \$12 adults, \$10 AAA members, seniors/students. www.hgghh.org. 1132 Royal St., 504.525.5661. **Map 3, I4**

GEORGE AND LEAH MCKENNA MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART—Housed in an 1860s Greek Revival mansion, this collection celebrating African-American culture features works by such artists as Henry Ossawa Tanner and Clementine Hunter. \$5 adults, \$3 seniors/students, \$2 age 12 and under. Open Th-Sa, 11 am-4 pm and by appointment. www.themckennamuseum.com. 2003 Carondelet St., 504.586.7432. **Map 1, D3**

GERMAINE CAZENAVE WELLS MARDI GRAS MUSEUM—Carnival pageantry, 1937-1968: lavish gowns, costumes, and memorabilia of the late Wells, queen of 22 Mardi Gras balls. Located above Arnaud's restaurant. Free; open during regular restaurant hours (nightly, 6-10 pm). www.arnauds.com/museum.html. 813 Bienville St., 504.523.5433. **Map 3, F4**

HERMANN-GRIMA HOUSE—Built in 1831, this house/museum offers visitors a glimpse into New Orleans' Creole past. The house features the Quarter's only horse stable and functioning outdoor kitchen. Open M-Tu and Th-F, 10 am-2 pm; Sa, noon-3 pm. \$12 adults, \$10 AAA members/seniors/students. www.hgghh.org. 820 St. Louis St., 504.525.5661. **Map 3, F4**

HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION—This trove of local historic treasures features free changing exhibitions. Open Tu-Sa, 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Su, 10:30 am-4:30 pm. The **Louisiana History Galleries** are housed in the Merieult House, circa 1792, while the **Laura Simon Nelson Galleries of Louisiana Art** are in the circa-1825 Perrilliat House (400 Chartres St.). Guided tours of the **Williams Residence** are \$5 (Tu-Sa, 10 and 11 am, 2 and 3 pm; Su, 11 am, 2 and 3 pm); other tours available. www.hnoc.org. 533 Royal St., 504.523.4662. **Map 3, G4**

LE MUSÉE DE F.P.C.—This museum explores the history, culture and contributions of New Orleans'

free people of color. Spanning three centuries, exhibits include original manumission documents, 19th-century paintings and an 1864 right-to-vote petition. Open Sa-Su, noon-4:30 pm and by appointment. \$10; docent-led tours \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors. www.lemuseedefpc.com. 2236 Esplanade Ave., 504.914.5401. **Map 1, D3**

LONGUE VUE HOUSE & GARDENS—Designated a National Historic Landmark, this 1939 Classical Revival home is modeled after an English country estate, with eight acres of gardens to explore. Guided tours available daily. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors/military, \$5 students/children, 2 and under free. Open Tu-Sa, 10 am-4:30 pm; Su, 1-5 pm. www.longuevue.com. 7 Bamboo Rd., 504.488.5488. **Map 1, D2**

LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUMS—Open Tu-Su, 10 am-4:30 pm. \$6 adults, \$5 students/seniors/active military, children under 12 free.

Arsenal (inside the Cabildo, **Map 3, G4**)—Used as a military prison during the Civil War.

Cabildo (Jackson Square, **Map 3, G4**)—This historic structure next to St. Louis Cathedral was the site of the signing of the Louisiana Purchase. Continuing: *The Cabildo: Two Centuries of Louisiana History*.

1850 House (Lower Pontalba Building, 523 St. Ann St., **Map 3, G5**)—Antebellum family life in New Orleans is depicted and described here.

Madame John's Legacy (632 Dumaine St., **Map 3, G5**)—Built in 1789, this is one of the few extant Creole buildings in the Mississippi Valley.

Old U.S. Mint (400 Esplanade Ave., **Map 3, I5**)—Constructed in 1834, this is the only building to have served as both a U.S. and Confederate mint.

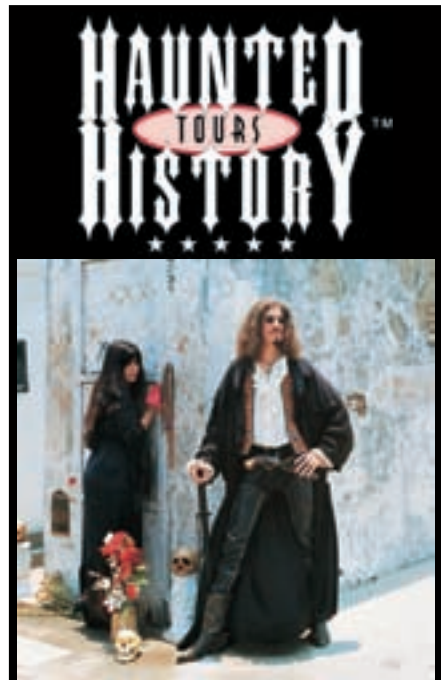
Presbytère (Jackson Square, **Map 3, G4**)—Continuing: *Mardi Gras: It's Carnival Time in Louisiana and Living With Hurricanes: Katrina & Beyond*. For tickets and further information: ism.crt.state.la.us. 504.568.6968.

NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM—This living history tribute to the veterans of World War II is a world-class military archive. The Victory Theater shows the 4-D film *Beyond All Boundaries*, while the U.S. Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center offers "Final Mission: The USS Tang Submarine Experience." \$22 adults, \$19 seniors, \$13 students/military, free for WWII vets and children under 5. *Beyond All Boundaries*: an additional \$5; "Final Mission": an additional \$5. www.nationalww2museum.org. 945 Magazine St., 504.527.6012. **Map 3, B6**

NEW ORLEANS HISTORIC VODOO MUSEUM—Explore this misunderstood religion through the museum's artifacts and exhibits. Readings are also offered. \$5 adults, \$4 college students/seniors, \$3 children (free under 5). Open daily, 10 am-6 pm. www.voodooomuseum.com. 724 Dumaine St., 504.680.0128. **Map 3, H4**

NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART—One of the South's finest museums, featuring an extensive collection from the 15th through 20th centuries, with a special focus on European and American paintings. The **Besthoff Sculpture Garden** offers more than 50 sculptures by major 20th-century artists. Open Tu-Th, 10 am-6 pm; F, 10 am-9 pm; Sa-Su, 11 am-5 pm. Museum: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students, \$6 children 7-17, free ages 6 and under. Free for all ages on W. Sculpture Garden open daily, 10 am-6 pm; free. www.noma.org. 1 Collins C. Diboll Circle (City Park), 504.658.4100. **Map 1, D2**

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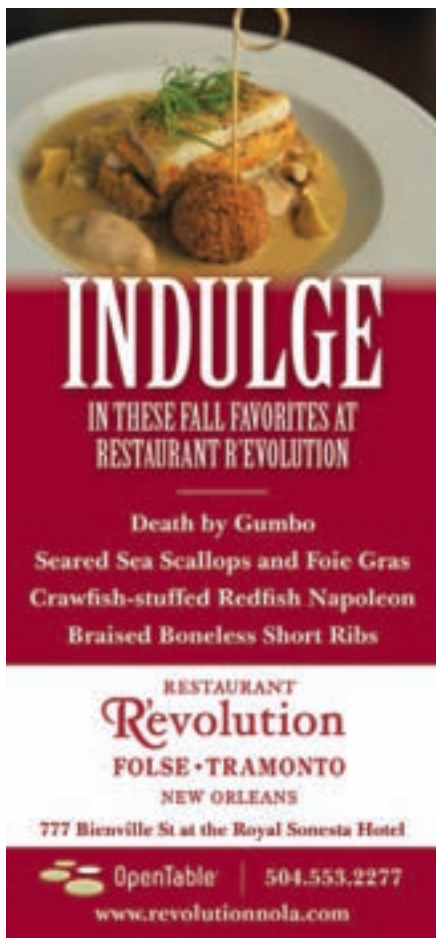


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tain. Open Tu-F, 10 am-2 pm; Sa, 10 am-5 pm. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors/students, under 6 free. www.pharmacymuseum.org. 514 Chartres St., 504.565.8027. **Map 3, G4**

NEWCOMB ART GALLERY—The Newcomb College division of Tulane University is known worldwide for its Arts and Crafts pottery. Its gallery features rare examples from the early 20th century, in addition to traveling exhibits. Free; open Tu-F, 10 am-5 pm; Sa-Su, 11 am-4 pm. www.newcombartgallery.tulane.edu. Woldenberg Art Center, Tulane University, 504.865.5328. **Map 1, D3**

OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART—The most comprehensive collection of its kind, this Smithsonian Institution affiliate offers a fresh, new look at four centuries of the American South with emphasis on photography, outsider art and the richness of the region's cultural diversity. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students, \$5 children (under 5 free). Open W-M, 10 am-5 pm. www.ogdenmuseum.org. 925 Camp St., 504.539.9650. **Map 3, B6**

PITOT HOUSE MUSEUM—Located along scenic Bayou St. John, this circa-1799 home, built for New Orleans' first mayor, is an excellent example of a Creole plantation house. Open W-Sa, 10 am-3 pm. \$7 adults, \$5 children, free ages 6 and under. www.louisianalandmarks.org. 1440 Moss St., 504.482.0312. **Map 1, D2**

PRESERVATION RESOURCE CENTER—The PRC is an essential stop for lovers of local architecture, and contains a wealth of information on the city's buildings and neighborhoods. Open M-F, 9 am-5 pm. www.prcno.org. 923 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.581.7032. **Map 3, B7**

WILLIAMS RESEARCH CENTER—The research arm of the Historic New Orleans Collection houses a sparkling repository of documents as well as rotating exhibits and a knowledgeable, friendly staff. Free. Open Tu-Sa, 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Su, 10:30 am-4:30 pm. www.hnoc.org. 410 Chartres St., 504.598.7171. **Map 3, F4**

Cocktails

ARNAUD'S FRENCH 75—Fine libations and classic cocktails in a clubby atmosphere, adjacent to Arnaud's restaurant. Cigar-friendly. www.arnauds.com. 813 Bienville St., 504.523.5433. **Map 3, F4**

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BAR UNCOMMON—The constellation of glass orbs suspended from the ceiling will draw you in to the Renaissance Pere Marquette Hotel's chic lobby bar, where you'll want to linger all night. www.baruncommon.com. 817 Common St., 504.525.1111. **Map 3, D4**

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BOMBAY CLUB—A lavish haven for martiniphiles (dozens of varieties are offered) and classic cocktails. Check out the vintage glassware. www.thebombayclub.com. 830 Conti St., 504.586.0972. **Map 3, F3**

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COOP'S PLACE—Coop's is a local mix of billiards, tattoos, a great jukebox and some ambitious, delicious bar cuisine, all in a lively, no-kids-allowed atmosphere. www.coopsplace.net. 1109 Decatur St., 504.525.9053. **Map 3, I5**

CRESCENT CITY BREWHOUSE—The Quarter's only brewpub. Microbrews, nightly live music, local art and sophisticated cuisine make the Brewhouse a winner. www.crescentcitybrewhouse.com. 527 Decatur St., 504.522.0571. **Map 3, F5**

CURE—This cutting-edge cocktail lounge, housed in a former fire station, has one foot in the 19th century and one in the 21st. The cocktail menu is also half old fashioned and half modern, making Cure one of the hippest places in town to imbibe and socialize. www.curenola.com. 4905 Freret St., 504.302.2357. **Map 1, D3**

HERMES BAR—This sophisticated hideaway, tucked inside Antoine's restaurant, offers quiet respite from the din on nearby Bourbon Street, great ambiance, knowledgeable bartenders and access to the historic eatery's full menu. Live entertainment on weekends. www.antoines.com. 713 St. Louis St., 504.581.4422. **Map 3, G4**

LAFITTE'S BLACKSMITH SHOP—This historic cottage dates to the late 1700s. The legends surrounding Lafitte's are vast; it's easy to sit in the dark, watching the carriages pass, and imagine yourself back in a den of pirates and privateers. www.lafittesblacksmithshop.com. 941 Bourbon St., 504.593.9761. **Map 3, H5**

NAPOLEON HOUSE—Offered to the emperor if he could escape exile (so the tale goes), this is a legendary French Quarter watering hole. An hour spent enjoying a muffuletta and a Pimm's Cup in the courtyard is a quintessential N'awlins experi-

ence. www.napoleonhouse.com. 500 Chartres St., 504.524.9752. **Map 3, F5**

NOLA CABARET—This gentlemen's club, located in nearby Metairie, offers two stages, 10 private VIP rooms and free parking. www.clubedenmetairie.com. 3229 Lisa Dr., Metairie, 504.456.3853. **Map 1, A2**

THE NOTE—Housed in a revamped 19th-century residence just off Bourbon Street, The Note is noteworthy for its classic cocktails...and cool back patio. Open W-Su evenings. www.notenola.com. 817 St. Louis St., 504.304.3991. **Map 3, F4**

OLD ABSINTHE HOUSE—A favored tavern of such bon vivants as Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain and Walt Whitman, this historic bar continues to draw absinthe enthusiasts and those thirsty for a taste of authentic New Orleans as it has since 1806. www.oldabsinthehouse.com. 240 Bourbon St., 504.523.3181. **Map 3, F4**

PAT O'BRIEN'S—Birthplace of the Hurricane cocktail, this complex features four bars, a full menu and the famous courtyard and fountain. A Crescent City must-do. www.patobriens.com. 718 St. Peter St., 504.525.4823. **Map 3, G4**

PATRICK'S BAR VIN—Krewe of Cork founder and all-around grape guy Patrick Van Hoorebeek's namesake wine bar offers dozens of vintages by the glass and even more by the bottle. Cocktails and small plates, cheeses and charcuterie are also served. www.patrickbarvin.com. 730 Bienville St., 504.581.7300. **Map 3, F4**

THE PENTHOUSE CLUB—This upscale gentlemen's club is one of the largest and toniest along the Bourbon Street strip. State-of-the-art lighting and sound systems are featured, along with private suites. www.penthouseclubneworleans.com. 727 Iberville St., 504.524.4354. **Map 3, E5**

R BAR—This unpretentious Faubourg Marigny watering hole is a favorite among locals and visitors who happen by during the free Friday seafood boils. Drop in on Mondays for a haircut—and a shot. www.royalstreetinn.com. 1431 Royal St., 504.948.7499. **Map 3, J4**

RICK'S CABARET—This recently revamped 18,000-sq.-ft. venue — named one of "America's Best Strip Clubs" by Playboy — offers three floors, a great sound system and a private VIP section. www.iknowrick.com. 315 Bourbon St., 504.524.4222. **Map 3, F4**

RICK'S SPORTING SALOON—The traditional sports bar gets kicked up several notches at this Bourbon Street hot spot, which scores extra points with its handsome decor and gorgeous entertainers. The club features 10 high-definition TVs, along with 10 beers on draft, each kept at a cool 32 degrees. iknowrick.com. 522 Bourbon St., 504.524.4222. **Map 3, G4**

SAINTS & SINNERS—With its sexy decor, naughty named cocktails and large selection of small plates, actor Channing Tatum's Bourbon Street bar and restaurant lives up to its promise for "a sinfully good time." Live DJs on weekends. www.saintsandsinnersnola.com. 627 Bourbon St., 504.528.9307. **Map 3, G4**

SAZERAC BAR—Thirties elegance and classic cocktails in the beautifully restored Roosevelt Hotel. The perfect place to sample a Sazerac—the official cocktail of New Orleans—or a Ramos Gin Fizz, both of which were perfected here. www.sazeracbar.com. 100 Poydras St., 504.581.7300. **Map 3, F4**

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TIKI TOLTECA—A bit of the tropics on the edge of the French Quarter. Totems and coconut heads grace the bar, which serves up Mai Tais, Zombies and flaming Escorpion Punch W-M nights. 301 N. Decatur St. (inside Felipe's), 504.267.4406. **Map 3, F5**

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VICTORY—Popular mixologist Daniel Victory is shaking things up at his hip gastro lounge with killer classics and cool contemporary combos. Sip a complimentary cocktail of the day while nibbling on truffle popcorn, pizza and other light bites. www.victorycocktails.com. 339 Baronne St., 504.522.8664. **Map 3, D4**

W.I.N.O.—Wine Institute New Orleans—better known by its tongue-and-cheek acronym W.I.N.O.—offers an innovative "enomatic" tasting system that allows you to sample 120 wines from around the globe by the glass, half-glass or taste. Cheese plates, artisanal salamis and other appetizers are also featured. Open M-Th. www.winoschool.com. 610 Tchoupitoulas St., 504.324.8000. **Map 3, D5**

WALK-ON'S—Fittingly within walking distance of the Superdome, this popular game-day gathering ground is part restaurant, part sports bar and all fun. Looking for a rowdy atmosphere with self-serve taps in which to watch the game? You've found it. www.walk-ons.com. 1009 Poydras St., 504.309.6530. **Map 3, C3**

YUKI IZAKAYA—The crowd at this lilliputian Japanese restaurant on vibrant Frenchmen Street swells as the hour gets later, when the focus shifts from nibbling on Japanese-inspired small plates to downing a serious selection of sake—more than 20 varieties. 525 Frenchmen St., 504.943.1122. **Map 3, J5**

Dance Clubs

BOURBON HEAT—This massive party palace offers two floors, a courtyard, patio bar and balcony, along with laser light shows and first-rate DJs. www.711bourbonheat.com. 711 Bourbon St., 504.324.4669. **Map 3, G4**

CAFÉ LAFITTE IN EXILE—Billing itself as America's oldest gay bar, Lafitte's creates a party with high-energy music, hi-def plasma video screens and a great balcony on Bourbon Street. All are welcome. www.lafittes.com. 901 Bourbon St., 504.522.8397. **Map 3, H4**

OZ—This two-level disco has top-notch DJs, lively female impersonators and a mostly gay and gay-friendly crowd up for wee-hours dancing. www.ozneworleans.com. 800 Bourbon St., 504.593.9491. **Map 3, H4**

PARADE—Located above the Bourbon Pub, this second-floor danceteria features techno, house and classic disco. The crowd is mostly gay. www.bourbonpub.com. 801 Bourbon St., 504.529.2107. **Map 3, H4**

Live Entertainment

APPLE BARREL—**Eclectic**. This raffish joint is tiny but has a warm and intimate feel, especially when there's a blues guitarist or a jazz combo performing in a corner of the crowded room. Steamy windows face the nightlife bustle of Frenchmen Street, and the benches outside make ideal perches for people-watching. 609 Frenchmen St., 504.949.9399. **Map 3, J5**

BALCONY MUSIC CLUB—**Eclectic**. Visitors in search of a "regular" kind of local hangout need look no further than this low-key French Quarter venue, which boasts two bars, great draft beer, pool, darts and nightly live music. 1331 Decatur St., 504.599.7770. **Map 3, I5**

BLUE NILE—**Eclectic**. This lively Frenchmen Street venue is simultaneously funky and stylish, with oodles of ambiance. Local acts such as Kermit Ruffins and the Washboard Chaz Trio perform regularly, along with national and international musicians. www.bluenilelive.com. 532 Frenchmen St., 504.948.2583. **Map 3, J5**

CAFÉ NEGRIL—**Eclectic**. This intimate club features crowd-pleasing live acts, ranging from jazz and blues to rock and reggae (Fridays), and the island-themed atmosphere sets a mellow vibe. While the dance floor fills up, the open kitchen turns out tacos, burritos and quesadillas. 606 Frenchmen St., 504.944.4744. **Map 3, J5**

CAROUSEL BAR—Located in the Hotel Monteleone, this bar is an authentic revolving carousel (worth a peek even for teetotalers) and was a favorite of such literary lights as Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote. The recently revamped venue now features live music Tu-Sa. www.hotelmonteleone.com. 214 Royal St., 504.523.3341. **Map 3, E4**

CHICKIE WAH WAH—**Eclectic**. This hot venue keeps the Mid-City music scene at a steady boil with sets by leading jazz and funk acts. www.chickiewahwah.com. 2828 Canal St., 504.304.4714. **Map 1, D3**

CHRIS OWENS' CLUB—The durable and energetic Miss Owens' one-woman, salsa-and-Vegas-flavored shows (W-Sa, 9 and 10:30 pm) are the last of their ilk in the Quarter, if not the world. Don't be surprised if Chris leads a conga line onto Bourbon Street. 500 Bourbon St., 504.523.6400. **Map 3, F4**

CIRCLE BAR—**Eclectic**. This tiny Lee Circle bar draws a loyal crowd of neighborhood night crawlers, habitual hipsters and tourists looking for a slice of local life. Great jukebox; live music starts around 10 pm. www.circlebar.nola.com. 1032 St. Charles Ave., 504.588.2616. **Map 3, B6**

COLUMNS BAR—This stately Victorian on St. Charles Avenue is a choice hangout for Uptowners. Watch the streetcar roll past while sipping a cocktail on the front porch, or relax in the 19th-century splendor of the indoor bar. Live music nightly. www.thecolumns.com. 3811 St. Charles Ave., 504.899.9308. **Map 1, D4**

D.B.A.—**Eclectic**. This chic hangout on the Frenchmen strip features 20 premium draught beers, fine tequilas and single-malts and live music nightly. Lively wee-hours scene. www.dbabars.com/dbano. 618 Frenchmen St., 504.942.3731. **Map 3, J5**

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HI-HO LOUNGE—Eclectic. This legendary dive got a post-Katrina makeover, complete with an expanded stage and new sound system. But thankfully the vibe remains as funky and friendly as ever. Entertainment runs the gamut, from bluegrass to burlesque. www.hiholounge.net. 2239 St. Claude Ave., 504.945.4446. **Map 3, K4**

HOUSE OF BLUES—Eclectic. The Crescent City branch of this national chain consistently tops local best-of lists, and mixes big-name tours with performances by New Orleans favorites. www.hob.com. 225 Decatur St., 504.529.2583. **Map 3, F5**

HOWLIN' WOLF—Rock. This locally owned and operated club features low cover charges and low attitude. Acts include both local favorites and big names; the music ranges from punk to straight-ahead rock. www.howlin-wolf.com. 907 S. Peters St., 504.522.9653. **Map 3, C7**

IRVIN MAYFIELD'S JAZZ PLAYHOUSE—Jazz. This stylish spot inside the Royal Sonesta recreates the tony jazz clubs of Bourbon Street's 1950s heyday. In addition to performances by Grammy-winning trumpeter Mayfield, the club features a nightly, rotating roster of top-tier local talent with no cover. Retro burlesque Fridays at midnight; brass bands Saturdays. www.irvinmayfield.com. 300 Bourbon St., 504.553.2299. **Map 3, F4**

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE—Eclectic. A favorite of Jimmy Buffett's "Parrothead" fans, this club pays homage to the city that gave Mr. Margaritaville his start. Live music daily beginning at 3 pm. www.margaritaville.com. 1104 Decatur St., 504.592.2565. **Map 3, I5**

LE BON TEMPS ROULÉ—Eclectic. A great Uptown hangout, featuring imported beers and casual dining (free oysters on Fridays, in season). Live music is performed on the stage they call the "House of Dues." 4801 Magazine St., 504.897.3448. **Map 1, D4**

LITTLE GEM SALOON—This long-neglected jazz landmark has received a new lease on life, and is once again a player on the city's live-music scene. The recently renovated supper club offers two stages and performances most nights of the week. www.littlegemsaloon.com. 445 S. Rampart St., 504.267.4863. **Map 3, C3**

MAISON—Eclectic. This Frenchmen Street club offers a full-service restaurant, two floors, three bars, an interior wraparound balcony and nightly live entertainment, ranging from jazz to R&B to hip-hop. www.maisonfrenchmen.com. 508 Frenchmen St., 504.371.5543. **Map 3, J5**

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OLD POINT BAR—Located on Algiers Point (a quick ferry ride from the French Quarter), the

Old Point Bar is on the levee of the Mississippi River. Local musicians abound — both on stage and in the audience. Hip local crowd; no attitude. www.oldpointbar.com. 545 Patterson Dr., 504.364.0950. **Map 3, G8**

ONE EYED JACKS—Eclectic. Rockabilly, retro, rock, neo-burlesque: this French Quarter swank-dive serves it all up in a vintage bordello atmosphere. www.oneeyedjacks.net. 615 Toulouse St., 504.569.8361. **Map 3, G4**

PALM COURT JAZZ CAFÉ—Jazz. This excellent venue for traditional live jazz is a favorite of locals in the know and well-informed visitors. Creole dining is also featured. www.palmcourtjazzcafe.com. 1204 Decatur St., 504.525.0200. **Map 3, I5**

PRESERVATION HALL—Jazz. Home to traditional jazz since 1961, this no-frills nightspot still packs 'em in despite not serving liquor. Drunks and yakkers: go elsewhere. www.preservationhall.com. 726 St. Peter St., 504.522.2841. **Map 3, G4**

REPUBLIC NEW ORLEANS—Eclectic. One of downtown's hottest night spots. Bands, touring and local, share the stage with a late-night dance club. www.republicnola.com. 828 S. Peters St., 504.528.8282. **Map 3, C6**

ROCK 'N' BOWL—Louisiana. A legendary local favorite now in a new, larger location, Rock 'n' Bowl still features the winning combination of bowling lanes and live music from the region's top zydeco, R&B and rock acts. Check out swing night on Wednesdays. Highly recommended, and worth the cab ride. www.rockandbowl.com. 3000 S. Carrollton Ave., 504.861.1700. **Map 1, D3**

SNUG HARBOR—Jazz. An elegant, intimate mainstay of Frenchmen Street's music row, Snug Harbor was rated the city's best jazz club by *Esquire*. Ellis Marsalis and Charmaine Neville are regulars. Two sets nightly. www.snugjazz.com. 626 Frenchmen St., 504.949.0696. **Map 3, J4**

THE SPOTTED CAT—Jazz. This tiny club has a casual, laid-back vibe and a large, loyal following among locals and visitors alike. Live music starts at 4 pm on weekdays (3 pm on weekends) and continues way into the wee hours. www.spottedcatmusicclub.com. 623 Frenchmen St. **Map 3, J5**

STAGE DOOR CANTEEN—Revue. Swing back to a bygone era at this fun WWII Museum venue, which features live musical productions reminiscent of 1940s USO shows. Dinner and brunch packages available. Call for current lineup. www.stage-doorcanteen.org. 945 Magazine St., 504.528.1943. **Map 3, B6**

THREE MUSES—Jazz. This hip Frenchmen Street venue offers a veritable nightlife trifecta: cool handcrafted cocktails, gourmet small plates by chef Daniel Esses and live local music. www.thethreemuses.com. 536 Frenchmen St., 504.298.8746. **Map 3, J5**

TIPITINA'S—Louisiana. The legendary Tip's is where the late great Professor Longhair played, and it features an eclectic, always-entertaining lineup. Sunday afternoons feature a *fais do-do* with live Cajun music. www.tipitinas.com. 501 Napoleon Ave., 504.895.8477. **Map 1, D4**

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General Information

New Orleans is famous for its good-time party spirit, but some visitors have misconceptions about local laws and customs. A few things to keep in mind:

- ◆ **Orientation:** Should you become confused while walking in the French Quarter, find the skyscrapers on the horizon. That will be Canal Street.
- ◆ **Safety:** Use common sense. Stick to well-traveled streets, particularly at night. If you've been drinking, have your bartender call a taxi for you.
- ◆ **Drinking:** It is indeed legal to drink on the streets in New Orleans, provided your beverage is in a plastic container ("go-cup") rather than a bottle or can.
- ◆ **Public nudity:** Despite what you may have seen and heard, nudity is illegal in Orleans Parish at all times—including Mardi Gras.
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Transportation

AIRPORT SHUTTLES—Airport Shuttle is the official transportation provider to/from Louis Armstrong International Airport and downtown hotels.

- ◆ **Fares:** \$20/person, \$38 round trip. Shuttles depart the airport every 15 minutes until the last flight of the day. Limit three pieces of luggage per person.
- ◆ **Arrivals:** Purchase tickets at the desks across from the baggage carousels at the airport.
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BUSES—The city bus system is operated by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

- ◆ **Fares:** Standard fare is \$1.25; express, \$1.50; seniors, 40¢; transfers, 25¢. (Day passes: see below.)
- ◆ **RTA routes, timetables, and passes** are available online at www.norta.com, or by calling 248-3900.
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CARS—Though the French Quarter and Central Business District (CBD) are fairly compact, exploring other parts of the city is best done by car.

- ◆ **Rental car agencies** are plentiful in the CBD, as well as at the airport and in neighboring Metairie.
- ◆ **Parking** in the French Quarter and the CBD is rarely easy. Read all posted signs. Some areas

without meters allow free two-hour parking.

♦ **Towing:** If your car is towed, call 565-7450. The auto pound is located at 400 N. Claiborne Avenue (at Conti Street). Fees are steep; bring cash or a credit card (credit cards accepted only with supplementary ID).

STREETCARS—New Orleans' famous streetcars are also operated by the RTA. There are currently four lines, all of which connect on Canal Street. Standard fare is \$1.25; a Jazzy Pass™ (allowing unlimited boarding) is \$3 for one day, \$9 for three days and \$55 for 31 days.

♦ **St. Charles line:** The streetcar leaves from the corner of Canal and Carondelet. This 13.2-mile route traverses the Central Business District, the Garden District and Uptown, turning onto Carrollton Avenue.

♦ **Riverfront line:** This 1.8-mile route runs along the Mississippi River from the Lower French Quarter to the foot of Canal Street.

♦ **Canal line:** This line connects with the St. Charles and Riverfront lines. Some Canal streetcars (marked "City Park") take the "spur" down Carrollton to City Park; others (marked "Cemeteries") continue to the end of Canal.

♦ **Loyola line:** This new line runs from Union Passenger Terminal to Canal Street.

TAXICABS—Taxis are plentiful in New Orleans, particularly around the French Quarter and the Central Business District. You'll also find cabs lined up in front of major hotels and the Morial Convention Center.

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Neighborhoods

BYWATER—A mix of Creole cottages and Victorian shotgun homes marks this traditionally working-class neighborhood, now undergoing gradual gentrification, with an influx of urban hipsters and a growing number of eateries. The new Crescent Park offers great views of the Mississippi riverfront. **Map 1, E3**

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)—The center of Crescent City commerce, the CBD is defined by its main artery, Poydras Street, which stretches from the Superdome to the river and includes Harrah's Casino, the Convention Center and numerous hot-spot restaurants. **Map 3, B5**

FRENCH QUARTER—The French Quarter, or Vieux Carré, founded in 1718 as a walled military outpost, once comprised the entire city of New Orleans. Today, the district is on the National Register of Historic Places, and its quaint streets and shuttered Creole townhouses continue to charm. **Map 3, G4**

GARDEN DISTRICT/UPTOWN—Perhaps the grandest of New Orleans' neighborhoods, the Garden District is famous for its stately Greek Revival, Gothic and Queen Anne-style homes

surrounded by expansive lawns and gardens.

Tours of the area are available. Magazine Street is a shopaholic's dream. **Map 1, D4**

LAKEVIEW—Ranch-style homes, one-story bungalows and other modern styles are the hallmark of this pleasant suburban area. A popular residential shopping and dining strip runs along Harrison Avenue. **Map 1, D1**

LOWER 9TH WARD—Nearly wiped off the map following Hurricane Katrina, this resilient community continues to rebuild and repopulate. Highlights include actor Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation development and historic Jackson Barracks. **Map 1, F3**

MARIGNY—This funky district adjacent to the French Quarter has a bohemian mix of residents, as well as interesting residential architecture. Frenchmen Street, with its music clubs and restaurants, is the one of city's hottest nightlife destinations. **Map 3, J4**

MID-CITY—Lush avenues, shotgun homes, and the banks of Bayou St. John are all included in Mid-City's beautiful neighborhoods, accessible by the Canal Street streetcar. The New Orleans Museum of Art, City Park, a diverse selection of restaurants and the mansions along Esplanade Avenue are popular attractions. **Map 1, D3**

RIVERBEND—Originally incorporated in 1845 as Carrollton, a city in its own right, this area was annexed by New Orleans in 1874. Today, the neighborhood is a casual shopping and dining district. Oak and Maple streets are chockablock with boutiques, restaurants and clubs. **Map 1, C3**

TREMÉ—The nation's oldest African-American neighborhood is located just north of the Quarter. The Tremé is home to Louis Armstrong Park, the Mahalia Jackson Theater and the New Orleans African-American Museum. **Map 3, I2**

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT—This "Southern SoHo" adjacent to the CBD was given a facelift for the 1984 World's Fair. It is now an arts district, known for its galleries, museums and lofts. Highlights include the National World War II Museum and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. **Map 3, D6**

WESTBANK—A quick ferry ride or drive across the Crescent City Connection bridge takes visitors to the other side of the Mississippi River. The Westbank is a collection of suburban residential and business communities, including Algiers, Gretna, Harvey and Westwego. **Map 1, D4**

Nearby Destinations

CAJUN COUNTRY

Despite what visitors often think, New Orleans is not "Cajun country." That area lies mostly southwest of the Crescent City, comprising 22 Louisiana parishes that surround the city of Lafayette. Lafayette itself is home to Acadian Village, a faithful recreation of a 19th-century Cajun settlement, and the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park & Preserve. The charming town of St. Martinville is considered the Cajuns' ancestral home. Avery Island is home to the Tabasco Pepper Sauce Factory; tours are available. www.lafayettetravel.com.

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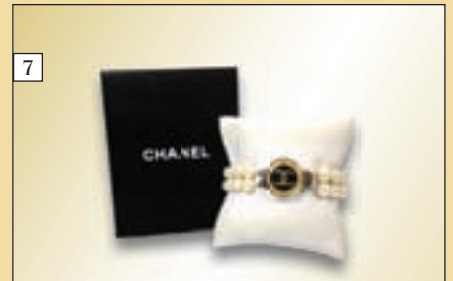
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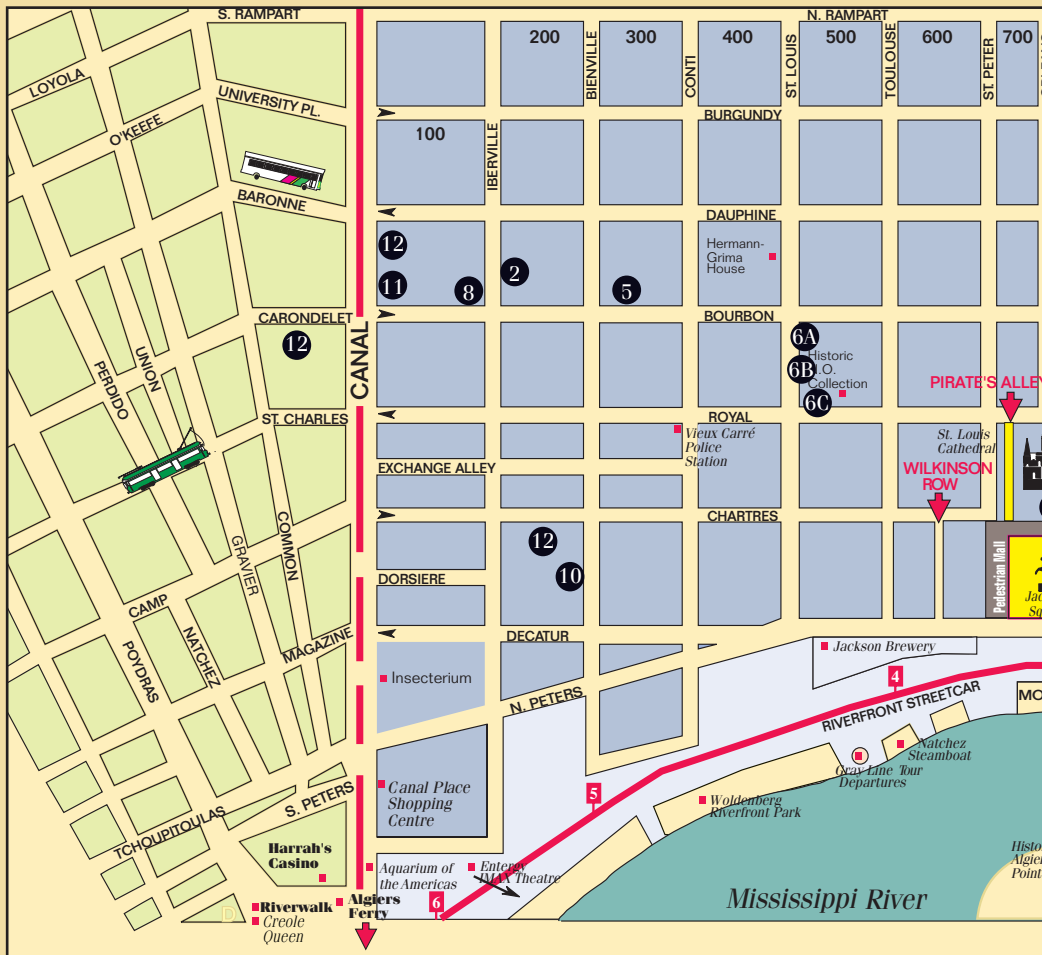
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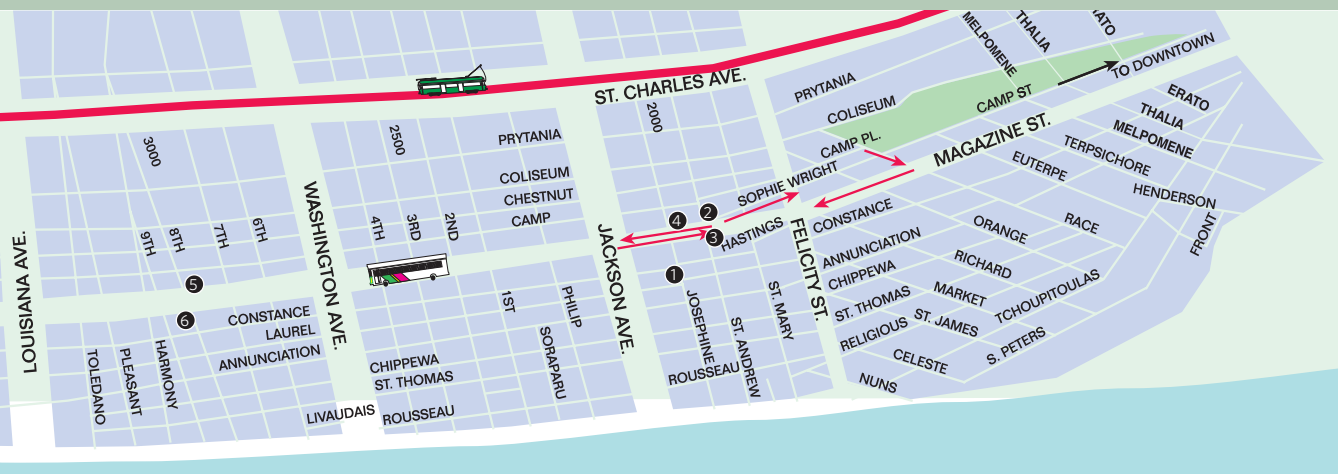


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EVERGREEN PLANTATION—This Greek Revival edifice is a National Historic Landmark, a working sugar cane plantation, and a private home, with the largest collection of extant slave quarters and out-buildings of any plantation. Daily tours available. \$20 adults, \$10 children under 12. www.evergreenplantation.org. Hwy. 18, Edgard, La., 504.201.3180.

HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION AND GARDENS—Houmas House is famous for its Greek Revival architecture and lush grounds, and for having "starred" in many films. Overnight accommodations are available and include a tour of the main house. Guided tours are offered daily, 9 am-7pm. \$24; \$10 grounds only. Old South Tours provides transportation via luxury buses that depart daily from the French Quarter; call 877-303-1776 for details. www.houmashouse.com. 40136 Hwy. 942, Darrow, La., 225.473.7841.

LA BRANCHE PLANTATION—Though its circa-1792 main house no longer stands, La Branche is still

worth a visit to see its rare *garçonnière*, intact slave quarters, and Louisiana's largest pecan tree. Tours are offered Sa-Su, 10:30 am-4 pm; and by appointment. \$5 (two person minimum). 11244 River Rd., St. Rose, La., 504.468.8843.

LAURA: A CREOLE PLANTATION—This 1804 structure is one of the oldest and largest complexes on River Road. Laura bases its tours on 5,000 pages of documents detailing 200 years of Creole plantation life by the women, children and servants who lived there. The west African folk tale "Br'er Rabbit" was also allegedly recorded on the site. Named the "best history tour in the U.S." by *Lonely Planet* travel guide. Guided tours are offered daily, 10 am-4 pm. \$18 adults, \$5 children ages 6-17. www.lauraplantation.com. 2247 Hwy. 18, Vacherie, La., 888.799.7690.

MADEWOOD PLANTATION HOUSE—This 21-room manse, built in 1846, derived its name from being constructed of wood from trees on the property. Overnight accommodations are available both in the antiques-filled main house and in a nearby Greek Revival cottage. Tours are offered daily, 10

→ PRIOR TO THE CIVIL WAR, River Road, which follows the Mississippi between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, was home to more than 400 plantations; today only a handful remain.

Guidelines

The majority of Louisiana's plantation homes are located along River Road, an easily navigated 70-mile stretch between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Many local tour companies offer River Road excursions; check our Entertainment listings for details.

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am-4 pm. \$10 adults, \$6 children. www.made-wood.com. 4250 Hwy. 308, Napoleonville, La., 985.369.7151.

NATIONAL HANSEN'S DISEASE MUSEUM—Designed as an 1850s plantation home by architect Henry Hobson Richardson (who was born at St. Joseph Plantation and designed stunning Nottoway Plantation), this site later served as a federal leprosarium for more than a century. Free tours are offered Tu-Sa, 10 am-4 pm. Reservations required. www.hrsa.gov/hansens/museum. 5445 Point Clair Rd., Bldg. 12, Carville, La., 225.642.1950.

OAK ALLEY PLANTATION—This picture-perfect Greek Revival mansion, with its 28 evenly spaced 300-year-old live oaks, is a spectacular sight. "The Grande Dame of Great River Road" offers overnight accommodations in century-old cottages, Creole and Cajun fare, and mint juleps on the gallery. Guided tours are offered daily, 9:30 am-5 pm. \$20 adults, \$7.50 ages 13-18, and \$4.50 ages 6-12. Group rates available. www.oakalleyplantation.com. 3645 Hwy. 18, Vacherie, La., 888.279.9802.

RIVER ROAD AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM—"Learn about the past to understand the future" is the motto at this plantation museum, which explores the often-unsung contributions of African-Americans along River Road. Numerous artifacts are featured, along with exhibits touching on everything from slavery to folk art, jazz, and African influences on local cuisine. Open by appointment only. \$4. www.africanamericanmuseum.org. 406 Charles St., Donaldsonville, La., 225.474.5553.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANTATION—This grand home, built in 1856, boasts ornate hand-painted ceilings and fine decorative finishes. Its fanciful exterior is a mixture of six architectural styles: Greek Gothic, Italianate, Spanish, Corinthian, Greek Revival, and Victorian Gingerbread. The brightly painted gem recently underwent a \$1-million restoration. Open daily, 9:40 am-4:40 pm. \$15 adults; \$10 ages 6-17; free for ages 5 and under. Group and AAA discounts. Closed major holidays. www.sanfranciscoplantation.org. 2646 Hwy. 44, Garyville, La., 888.322.1756.

ST. JOSEPH PLANTATION—Birthplace of 19th-century architect H.H. Richardson (best known for designing Boston's Trinity Church), this circa-1830 Creole manor house has been family owned since 1877. The important role of sugar production along River



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Road is explored here. Guided tours are offered Th-Tu, on the hour from 10 am to 3 pm. \$15 adults, \$7 ages 13-18, \$5 ages 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Group rates available. Old River Road Plantation Adventures provides transportation from the French Quarter. www.stjosephplantation.com. 3535 Hwy. 18, Vacherie, La., 225.265.4078.

BATON ROUGE & BEYOND

AFTON VILLA GARDENS—Set among the ruins of an 1850s Gothic Revival manse, these magnificent gardens have been rescued and restored to their former glory. More than 250 moss-draped live oaks are spread over 25 acres. Daily tours are offered 9 am-4:30 pm, Mar.-Jun., and Oct.-Nov. \$5; children 12 and under free. www.aftonvilla.com. 9047 Hwy. 61, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.6773.

BUTLER GREENWOOD PLANTATION—Still retained by its original-owning family, this circa-1790 English cottage-style home features one of the finest examples of a formal Victorian parlor in the state. Eighth-generation family members conduct guided tours daily, 9 am-5 pm. \$5, children under 12 free. www.butlergreenwood.com. 8345 Hwy. 61, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.6312.

COTTAGE PLANTATION—One of the area's most complete plantation dwellings with many of the property's original outbuildings still standing where they were during antebellum days. Tours are offered daily, 10 am-4 pm; closed major holidays. \$7. www.cottageplantation.com. 10528 Cottage Lane, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.3674.

GREENWOOD PLANTATION—This 28-columned Greek Revival was built in 1830, destroyed by fire in 1960, and painstakingly rebuilt and returned to its former splendor during the 1980s. Open Mar.-Oct., 9 am-5 pm; Nov.-Feb., 10 am-4 pm. Tours are offered daily (except major holidays). Home and garden: \$8; grounds only: \$3. www.greenwoodplantation.com. 6838 Highland Rd., St. Francisville, La., 225.655.4475.

MYRTLES PLANTATION—"One of America's most haunted homes," the Myrtles offers overnight stays for those who dare, and daily historic tours for those who don't. Guided historic tours: daily, 9 am-4 pm (except major holidays); \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12. Mystery tours: F-Sa, 6-8 pm; \$10. www.myrtlesplantation.com. 7747 Hwy. 61, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.6277.

NOTTOWAY PLANTATION—The famed "White Castle of Louisiana," resting on 37 acres of land, is one of the largest antebellum homes in the South. Nottoway has beautiful antique rooms with overnight accommodations available; reservations recommended. Guided tours are offered daily, 9 am-4 pm. \$20 adults, \$6 children 6-12, free under 5. www.nottoway.com. Hwy. 1 South, White Castle, La., 225.545.2730.

OAKLEY HOUSE—In the early 1820s, naturalist John James Audubon created 36 drawings for his *Birds in America* series while residing in this 1806 West Indies-style home. Guided tours are offered daily, 10 am-4 pm; closed major holidays. \$2; seniors (62 and older) and children 12 and under, free. www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iaudubon.aspx. 11788 Hwy. 965, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.3739.

ROSEDOWN PLANTATION—This circa-1834 home features rare 19th-century furnishings by such makers as Prudent Mallard and Crawford Riddle, and 28 acres of pristine formal gardens. Tours offered daily except holidays, 10 am-4 pm. \$10

adults, \$8 seniors, \$4 students, under 5 free. www.lastateparks.com. 12501 Hwy. 10, St. Francisville, La., 225.635.3332.

RURAL LIFE MUSEUM—Located on the Burden Research Plantation, a 450-acre agricultural experiment facility, this museum charts the state's rich cultural heritage with exhibits on "folk architecture" and 19th-century working plantation life. Open daily (except major holidays), 8:30 am-5 pm. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 students, \$4 ages 5-11, ages 4 and under free. www.rurallife.lsu.edu. 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, La., 225.765.2437.

Dining

THE CARRIAGE HOUSE—During the 1860s famed New Orleans architect James Gallier designed a pair of carriage houses for Houmas House Plantation that were never built...until 2013. The opulent space, outfitted with carved marble mantles and crystal chandeliers, serves an elegant afternoon tea and casual dinner daily. www.houmashouse.com. 40136 Hwy. 942, Darrow, La., 225.473.7841.

THE CABIN—The Cabin offers "meals typical of the River Road tradition," served with "a small sampling of Southern Louisiana history." L (daily), D (Tu-Su). www.thecabinrestaurant.com. 5405 Hwy. 44, Burnside, La., 225.473.3007.

CAFÉ BURNSIDE—Houmas House offers casual outdoor dining amid its lush gardens. Light lunch items are featured, along with Cajun and Creole fare. A traditional Southern brunch with all of the trimmings is served on Sundays. L (daily); Su brunch. www.houmashouse.com. 40136 Hwy. 942, Darrow, La., 225.473.7841.

CAFÉ LAFOURCHE—Turtle soup, alligator sauce piquant, fried seafood platters: What else would you expect from a restaurant perched on the banks of the bayou? Get a taste of it all with the Bayou Bell Classic or go for the Swamp steak. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). www.cafelafourche.com. 817 Veterans Blvd., Donaldsonville, La., 225.473.7451.

LATIL'S LANDING—Old World elegance with innovative, irresistible food: That's the winning formula behind this in-house fine dining venue at Houmas House. Latil's features such standout dishes as crab-and-mango cakes and coffee-marinated rack of lamb, all served on the plantation's signature Limoges china. D (W-Sa). www.houmashouse.com. 40136 Hwy. 942, Darrow, La., 225.473.7841.

LE CAFÉ—Housed in Nottoway's former warming kitchen, this cozy cafe offers light bites, sweet treats, daiquiris and a shady porch perfect for kicking back. Open Th-Su. www.nottoway.com. 31025 Hwy. 1 South, White Castle, La., 225.545.2730.

OAK ALLEY PLANTATION RESTAURANT—Exploring Plantation country calls for serious sustenance. Fortify yourself by starting the day with coffee and beignets at Oak Alley's on-site eatery. Worked up an afternoon appetite? Grab a late lunch of alligator nuggets or a slice of buttermilk pie for the road. B, L (daily). www.oakalleyplantation.com. 3645 Hwy. 18, Vacherie, La., 800.44A.LLEY.

THE MANSION—Nottoway's in-house restaurant offers sweeping views of the plantation's amazing oaks and amazing eats by chef Daniel Thompson. Crab-and-brie bisque, smoked duck with Creole tomato grits, pecan-crust rack of lamb: No need to head back to New Orleans anytime soon. B, L, D (M-Sa); Su brunch. www.nottoway.com. 31025 Hwy. 1 South, White Castle, La., 225.545.2730.



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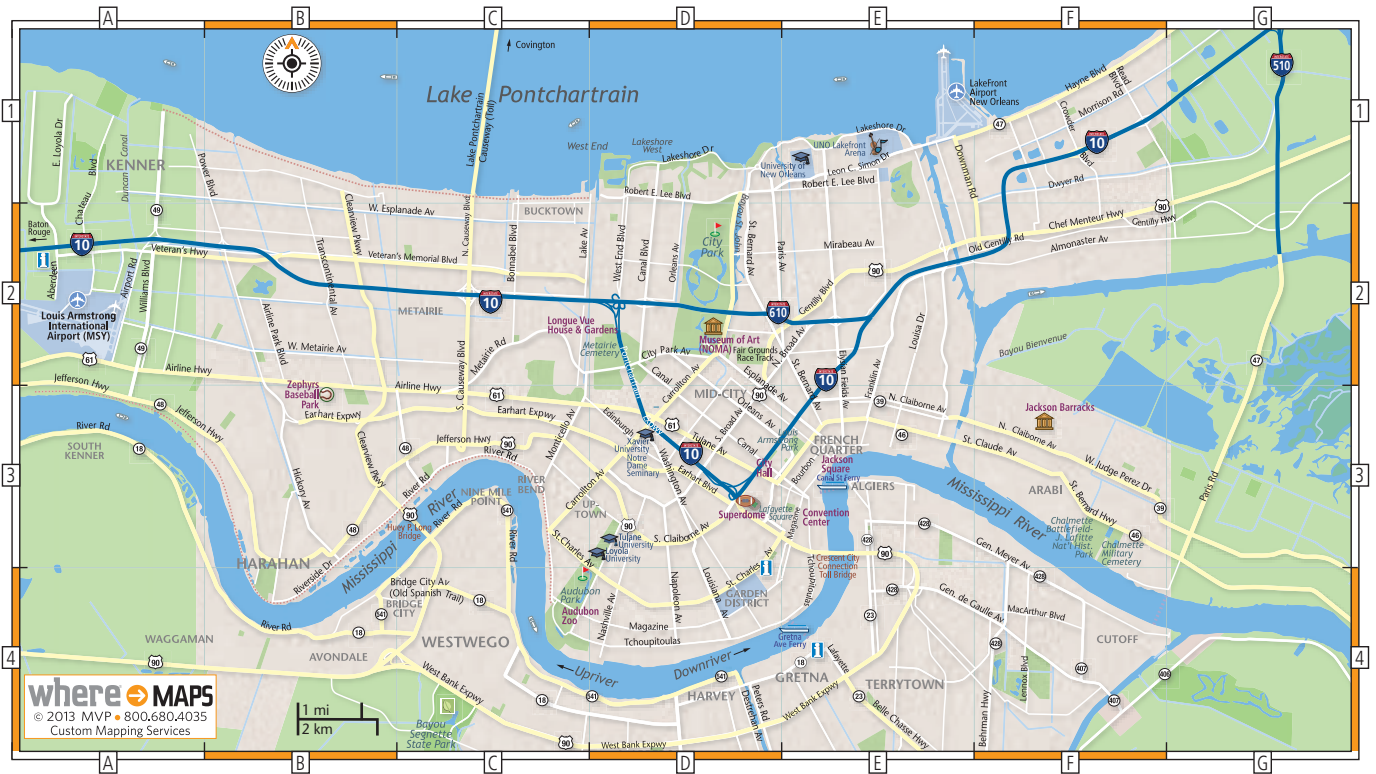
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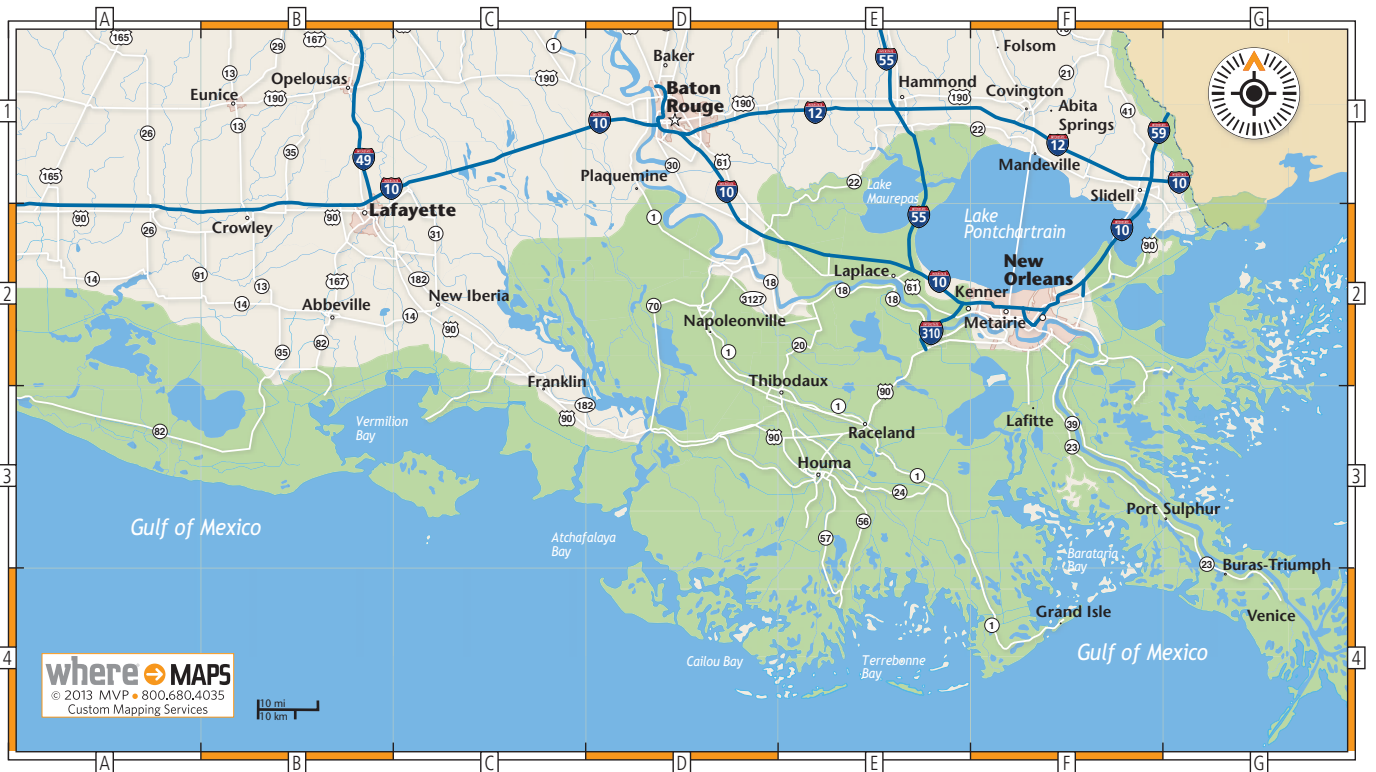
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MAP 2 SOUTH LOUISIANA



MAP 3 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT & FRENCH QUARTER



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- AJ Andrew Jackson Hotel, 919 Royal St., 561-5881 H4
- AS Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal St., 962-0500 E4
- LK Best Western Landmark Hotel, 920 N. Rampart St., 524-3333 H3
- BW Best Western St. Christopher, 114 Magazine St., 648-0444 E5
- BH Bienville House, 320 Decatur St., 529-2345 F5
- BL Blake Hotel New Orleans, 500 St. Charles Ave., 522-9000 C5
- BO Bourbon Orleans, 717 Orleans Ave., 523-2222 G4
- CD Chateau Dupre, 131 Decatur St., 569-0600 E5
- CY Chateau Hotel, 1001 Chartres St., 524-9636 H4
- CO Chateau Orleans, 240 Burgundy St., 524-8412 F4
- CL Claiborne Mansion, 2111 Dauphine St., 949-7327 J4
- CR Clarion Inn & Suites, 1300 Canal St., 299-9900 E2
- CS Comfort Inn & Suites, 346 Baronne St., 524-1140 D4
- CE Cotton Exchange, 221 Carondelet St., 962-0800 D4
- CI Country Inn & Suites, 315 Magazine St., 324-5400 D5
- CN Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center, 300 Julia St., 598-9898 C7
- DI Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Iberville, 910 Iberville St., 523-2400 E3
- CM Courtyard by Marriott New Orleans, 124 St. Charles Ave., 581-9005 E4
- DO Dauphine Orleans, 415 Dauphine St., 586-1800 F3
- DT Doubletree Hotel New Orleans, 300 Canal St., 581-1300 E5
- DR Drury Inn & Suites, 820 Poydras St., 529-7800 C4
- EB Embassy Suites, 315 Julia St., 525-1993 C7
- FP Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter, 541 Bourbon St., 524-7611 F4
- FS French Quarter Suites Hotel, 1119 N. Rampart St., 524-7725 H3
- HI Hampton Inn Downtown, 226 Carondelet St., 529-9990 D4
- HA Hampton Inn & Suites, 1201 Convention Ctr. Blvd., 566-9990 C7
- HH Harrah's Hotel, 228 Poydras St., 533-6000 D6
- HT Hilton Garden Inn CBD, 821 Gravier St., 324-6000 D4
- HG Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center, 1001 S. Peters St., 525-0044 B7
- HL Hilton New Orleans Riverside, 2 Poydras St., 561-0500 D7
- SC Hilton New Orleans St. Charles, 333 St. Charles Ave., 524-8890 D4
- FI Historic French Market Inn, 501 Decatur St., 561-5621 F5
- HC Holiday Inn-Chateau LeMoine, 301 Dauphine St., 581-1303 F3
- HD Holiday Inn-Downtown Superdome, 330 Loyola Ave., 581-1600 D3
- HW Homewood Suites by Hilton, 901 Poydras St., 581-5599 C4
- HM Hotel de la Monnaie, 405 Esplanade Ave., 947-0009 J5
- MO Hotel Modern New Orleans, 2 Lee Circle, 962-0900 B5
- LM Hotel Le Marais, 717 Conti St., 525-2300 F4
- MA Hotel Mazarin, 730 Bienville St., 581-7300 F4
- PV Hotel Provincial, 1024 Chartres St., 581-4995 H5
- SM Hotel St. Marie, 827 Toulouse St., 561-8951 G4
- SP Hotel St. Pierre, 911 Burgundy St., 524-4401 H3
- HF Hyatt French Quarter Hotel, 800 Iberville St., 586-0800 E4
- HP Hyatt Place Convention Center, 881 Convention Center Blvd., 524-1881 C7
- HY Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., 561-1234 C3
- IC InterContinental New Orleans, 444 St. Charles Ave., 525-5566 D4
- IN International House Hotel, 221 Camp St., 553-9550 D5
- JW JW Marriott, 614 Canal St., 525-6500 E4
- LH Lafayette Hotel, 600 St. Charles Ave., 524-4441 C5
- LQ La Quinta Inn & Suites Downtown, 301 Camp St., 598-9977 D5
- LE Le Meridien, 333 Poydras St., 525-9444 D6
- LP Le Pavillon Hotel, 833 Poydras St., 581-3111 C4
- LR Le Richelieu, 1234 Chartres St., 529-2492 I5
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- MD Maison Dupuy, 1001 Toulouse St., 586-8000 G3
- MR Marriott New Orleans, 555 Canal St., 581-1000 E4
- MC Marriott Convention Center, 859 Convention Ctr. Blvd., 613-2888 C7
- MM Melrose Mansion, 937 Esplanade Ave., 944-2253 I3
- ML Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal St., 523-3341 E4
- NC New Orleans Courtyard Hotel, 1101 N. Rampart St., 522-7333 H3
- 90 Nine-O-Five Royal Hotel, 905 Royal St., 523-0219 H4
- OV Olivier House, 828 Toulouse St., 525-8456 E4
- OC Omni Royal Crescent, 535 Gravier St., 527-0006 D5
- OO Omni Royal Orleans, 621 St. Louis St., 529-5333 F4
- PL Pelham Hotel, 444 Common St., 522-4444 E5
- PD Place d'Armes, 625 St. Ann St., 524-4531 H4
- PZ Plaza Suite Hotel & Resort, 620 S. Peters St., 524-9500 D6
- PC Prince Conti, 830 Conti St., 529-4172 F4
- QI Quality Inn & Suites, 210 O'Keefe Ave., 525-6800 D3
- RA Renaissance Arts Hotel, 700 Tchoupitoulas St., 613-2330 C6
- PM Renaissance Père Marquette, 817 Common St., 525-1111 D4
- RE Residence Inn Convention Center, 345 St. Joseph St., 522-1300 B6
- RZ Ritz-Carlton Maison Orleans, 921 Canal St., 524-1331 E4
- RO Roosevelt New Orleans-Waldorf Astoria, 123 Baronne St., 648-1200 E3
- RS Royal Sonesta, 300 Bourbon St., 586-0300 F4
- SJ St. James Hotel, 330 Magazine St., 304-4000 D5
- ST Sheraton, 500 Canal St., 525-2500 E5
- SO Soniat House, 1133 Chartres St., 522-0570 I4
- SH Spring Hill Suites by Marriott, 301 St. Joseph St., 522-3100 C7
- SB Staybridge Suites, 501 Tchoupitoulas St., 571-1818 D6
- WQ 'W' French Quarter, 316 Chartres St., 581-1200 E4
- WO Westin Canal Place, 100 Iberville St., 566-7006 E5
- WH The Whitney, A Wyndham Hotel, 610 Poydras St., 581-4222 D5
- WC Windsor Court, 300 Gravier St., 523-6000 D6
- RH Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 701 Convention Center Blvd., 524-8200 C7
- WG Wyndham Garden Baronne Plaza, 201 Baronne St., 522-0083 C4
- WQ Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter, 124 Royal St., 529-7211 E4

[WHERE INSIDE]
My New Orleans



Craig Tracy

[Bodypainting artist]

Craig Tracy is a man of firsts. In 2006 the fine-art bodypainter opened the world's first gallery devoted to the craft right on Royal Street (p. 52); earlier this year he judged the first bodypainting competition TV show, "Skin Wars" on the Game Show Network. Sharing the spotlight with the likes of actress Rebecca Romijn, drag legend Ru Paul and fellow artist Robin Slonina is nothing new for the New Orleans native, who has judged similar events on four continents and garnered numerous awards of his own.

Bodypainting has become a full-on, fine-art form.

As a culture we continue to become more accepting of differences. Bodypainting is one of those former taboos that has been de-demonized through things like my gallery and other artists who have helped skew the public's perception of it as a sexualized art form.

You helped jumpstart the modern Royal Street movement post-Katrina.

How has the local art scene evolved since then?

I don't know if there have ever been as many galleries on Royal as there are now; it is filled with art. As we get older, the art gets younger,

so there's always going to be a constant supply of new.

Which of your images was the hardest to create?

I made a Fiat out of 16 bodies for ESPN magazine, and

it was insane. There's a link on my website to a video of how it was done.

You got your start air-brushing T-shirts at local malls. How else has New Orleans influenced you?

New Orleans has shaped me through its Carnival traditions and its acceptance of people. It allowed me to be me, and the French Quarter shaped the way my brain thinks about art. When I would travel, I'd always look for the French Quarter of whatever city I was in—and I was always disappointed.



Where to next?

I just got back from New York City Bodypainting Day, which I helped organize. I go to Atlanta the first weekend of October to judge Living Art America, the largest bodypainting event in the U.S. I travel a good bit, but New Orleans is where I am ... and want to be.



MY PERFECT DAY

8:30 am

Quarter character

The French Quarter is really mellow in the morning. I love getting out early and walking along Chartres Street to Croissant D'or (p. 29), which is in a residential section.

9:30 am

Going to market

Visit the French Market (p. 56) before it gets too hot and busy. I eat breakfast at a booth there called Meals From the Heart (p. 31). They have vegan and gluten-free pancakes, and they're delicious. Afterward, take a walk along the Mississippi River.

1 pm

Mural, mural on the wall

I'm a huge fan of the Gumbo Shop (p. 30). I've eaten there probably 50 times. I love the feeling of the dining room, the murals and the servers.

4 pm

Afternoon delight

Catch the Algiers ferry (p. 74) during the late afternoon when the sun starts to set. The view is spectacular.

7 pm

Essence of Emeril

I adore NOLA (p. 31) for casual fine dining. Ask for a table on the second floor, which has a really great vibe.

8:30 pm

First and Frenchmen

If I've got first-time guests, I take them to Pat O'Brien's (p. 68), then Frenchmen Street. I try to always hit the Spotted Cat (p. 72), which feels like you're stepping back to the 1930s. I also recommend the Frenchmen Art Market, and if you can catch a live band in the street that always makes everybody happy.

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