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Greetings from the best place on earth: New Orleans! No one lives in New Orleans passively. People make an active choice to be here, because no matter what you may have heard, the living is NOT easy. Locals will tell you exactly why and when they made the decision to move back after Hurricane Katrina leveled us. Though it has always been rich in culture, the revitalization from the Katrina devastation and Covid transplants has meant a tremendous influx of new inhabitants, businesses, renovations, buildings and schools. It's fascinating to watch my city reach new potentials while keeping itself firmly grounded in its musical, culinary, historic and cultural roots.

The key to really understanding New Orleans is getting out of the French Quarter and experiencing what the rest of us call "day to day life" in other neighborhoods such as The Lower Garden District, The Marigny, The Bywater, Uptown, The Garden District, Faubourg St John, Treme, St. Roch, 7th Ward, and Algiers. Although we primarily spend time living life to the fullest at our festivals, restaurants, music clubs and oak tree filled parks, we also make beignets at home, host crawfish boils, listen to music on gritty streetcorners and take our kids to "second lines" with daquiries in hand. So here is your list that will make your trip to NOLA worthwhile and keep you coming back for more. And when you need a new list – one with realtors – hit me up!





A WEEK IN NEW ORLEANS - WHAT I DO

New Orleans is a city full of inherent tourist draws to keep any visitor enamored for a long stay, but when I travel, I personally like to have an inside scoop on what locals do. As a native of my beloved city, please allow me to introduce you to some of my favorite things to do in New Orleans.

MONDAY: New Orleans has a peerless cocktail pedigree (the French 75, the Sazerac, the Old Fashioned, the Grasshopper, the Ramos Gin Fizz, the Pimm's Cup.) My favorite spots to try these cocktails include: The Columns Hotel, N7 (1117 Montegut St.), The Napoleon House (500 Chartres St.), French 75 Bar (813 Bienville St.) The Elysian Bar (2317 Burgundy St.) or Cane & Table (1113 Decatur St.) At The Hermes Bar in the annex of Antoine's Restaurant (713 St Louis Street) you can order from the oldest menu in town and my favorites are Oysters Rockefeller, Oysters a la Foche, Shrimp Remoulade, Crabmeat Ravigote and Baked Alaska (a dessert, which you will want to order when you order your cocktails since it takes time to prepare). Afterward, listen to my dearest friend, Ben Jaffe, blow his sousaphone or play the upright bass with his band: The Preservation Hall Jazz Band at Preservation Hall (726 St Peter St.) the legendary music hall and institution with live traditional jazz music. There are four sets nightly: 5pm, 6:15pm, 7:30pm, and 8:45pm. Pre-purchase your tickets to avoid the line at preservationhall.com. Preservation Hall is my church. "The Hall" does not serve alcohol and well behaved children are welcome and encouraged.

TUESDAY: Eat lunch at R'evolution, John Folsie's fine dining establishment in the French Quarter (777 Bienville St.) After lunch, stroll down Royal Street to go antiquing and visit The New Orleans Historic Collection and A Gallery for Fine Photography. For dinner, enjoy a modern Creole meal Uptown at Brigtsen's (723 Dante St.) or Clancy's (6100 Annunciation St.) before heading to The Maple Leaf (8316 Oak St.) to hear some blues, funk or brass. You never know who you'll run into at this local haunt ;)

WEDNESDAY: Enjoy lunch in the warehouse district, at Herbsaint or Peche, right by a cluster of captivating institutions including the Ogden Museum and the National WWII Museum (not to be missed.) For dinner, enjoy "Ottolenghi inspired" menu with a sexy vibe and playlist at Doris Metropolitan (620 Chartres St.) I enjoy eating at their bar when I can't get a table. If you're Uptown, check out Peter Harris Trio at The Bayou Bar (in The Ponchartrain Hotel.) It's mindblowing who ends up playing in this intimate room! Seriously, The Bayou Bar IS a very cool jazz club where you can also eat dinner. The best nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and there are two sets: 8pm and 10pm. Get there early or be smart, and make a reservation.

THURSDAY: Check out www.tourneworleans.com for their daily tours including Cemetery + Voodoo, Scandalous Cocktail, French Quarter, Treme, Garden District, Music and Haunted French Quarter Tours, or for a private, custom experience, call the owner, Rob Florence at (504) 947-2120. Book your reservation now, for a delicious lunch at Lilette (3637 Magazine St.) For something funky, slurp down some oysters and fried seafood at Casamento's (4330 Magazine St.) Happy Hour at The Columns Hotel, where the front porch vibe will transport you to another era or listen to live music in the garden at Bacchanal Wine Bar, down in the Bywater (600 Poland Avenue.)



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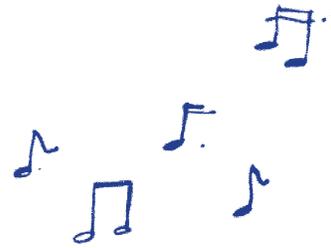
THURSDAY NIGHT: This is the night to head into the Marigny and Bywater neighborhoods. Enjoy dinner at Paladar 511 (511 Marigny St.) or at N7 (1117 Montegut St.) then head back to Frenchmen Street to check out an array of live music at DBA, Snug Harbor Jazz Bistro, The Spotted Cat, The Frenchman Hotel. However, If you're Uptown, eat dinner at Clancy's or Jack Rose and catch the last set at 10pm at The Bayou Bar, inside the Ponchartrain Hotel on St Charles Avenue.

FRIDAY: Every New Orleanian has had several eight hour drunken lunches at the quintessential Galatoire's restaurant (209 Bourbon Street.) Gents, wear your sport coat and ladies, look your best. My favorite menu items include: Shrimp Rémoulade, Oysters Rockefeller, Crabmeat Maison, Stuffed Eggplant, Crabmeat Sardou, Trout Almandine and Café Brûlot, to end. Ladies, watch your hair when they set the table on fire! When you finally stumble out of Galatoire's, you must find music. Just a block away, Jeremy Davenport will be crooning on the third floor of the Ritz Carlton at 8pm. Walk another stone skip away to Preservation Hall, Mahogany Jazz Hall (125 Chartres St) or Palm Court Jazz Cafe (1204 Decatur St) and listen to living jazz legends, including one of my faves: Kevin Louis. P.S. If you enjoy Burlesque, head to the Royal Sonesta Hotel just before midnight to catch Trixie Minx's Burlesque Ballroom. OPTIONS!

SATURDAY: Hopefully you wake up and when you do, check the local live music listing at: www.calendar.offbeat.com/calendars/all-events, and plan your evening around what you will listen to! Honestly, why else did you come to New Orleans? Spend the day exploring boutiques and antique stores on Magazine Street For lunch, there's Lilette (3637 Magazine St) or La Petite Grocery (4238 Magazine St.) P.S. You could also do this any day of the week however most boutiques are not open on Sunday.

SATURDAY EVENING: if the weather is nice, transport yourself to Paris and dine al fresco at N7 in the Bywater (1117 Montegut St) or if you are a REAL FOODIE, then dine at Emeril's and be prepared to be impressed and delighted. If a food coma does not strike you down early, check out my new music club, The Toulouse Theatre in the French Quarter, Tipitina's, Snug Harbor or Chickie Wah Wah which present the finest music talent as well as the rock and rollers passing through The Big Easy.

SUNDAY: Enjoy a lively Jazz Brunch at Café Atchafalaya (901 Louisiana Ave.) with new Bayou dishes, and a packed jazz brunch scene, or go old school and reserve a sun lit table in the garden room at Commander's Palace (1403 Washington Ave.) Continue with an afternoon walk through the picturesque Garden District where some of New Orleans most moody mansions are situated. If you're downtown, enjoy brunch al fresco in the most glorious garden: N7 in the Bywater. Finish your day playing the musical houses at The Music Box Village (www.neworleansairlift.org) or seeing art at The New Orleans Museum of Art and their Sculpture Garden, in City Park. Should you crave an afternoon snack, indulge in beignets and cafe au lait at Cafe Du Monde, behind the sculpture garden. The WWII Museum, The Historic New Orleans Collection, and The Ogden Museum of Southern Art are also a must! Every Sunday at 7:30pm, my mate, Mark Braud blows his golden coronet at the Palm Court Jazz Cafe (1204 Decatur St.) in the French Quarter. Be sure to check out who's playing at Snug Harbor too!



As soon as you arrive in New Orleans, turn your radio dial to WWOZ 90.7 FM (wwoz.org)
Go hear as much live music as possible while you are in town! My faves are below!

LISTEN: Before you arrive, watch the documentary, "A TUBA TO CUBA" and check out who is performing at these state of the art venues: **George & Joyce Wein Heritage Center, Ellis Marsalis Center for Music, The U.S. Mint, New Orleans Jazz Market** and my favorites: **Preservation Hall, The Bayou Bar, and The Music Box Village** (neworleansairlift.org)

Preservation Hall Jazz Band (Traditional jazz)
John Cleary (R&B Piano & Vocals)
David Torkanowsky (my favorite pianist)
Stanton Moore Trio (New Orleans drummer)
Shannon Powell (New Orleans drummer)
Herlin Riley (Neo-bop jazz drummer)
Trombone Shorty (one man rock star!)
Nicholas Payton (Piano & Trumpet player)
NOJO (New Orleans Jazz Orchestra)
79ers Gang (N.O. Brass Band)
The Soul Rebels (N.O. Brass Band)
Rebirth Brass Band (N.O. Brass Band)
The Treme Brass Band (N.O. Brass Band)
Dee Dee Bridgewater (Female Jazz Vocalist)
Irma Thomas (Queen of Soul)
Helen Gillet (Belgian cello playing chantuse)
Judith Owen (Welsh piano playing chantuse)
Tank & The Bangas (R&B)
Germaine Bazzle (Female Vocalist)
BOYFRIEND (rap cabaret)

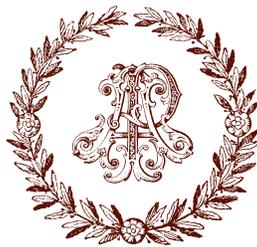
Galactic (Funk)
George Porter Jr. (Bassist/Funk)
Corey Henry (trombonist/funk)
Donald Harrison (saxophonist)
Kermit Ruffins (Trumpeter/Vocals/Rap)
James Andrews (Trumpeter/Vocalsv)
Trumpet Mafia (it's all in the name!)
Wendell Brunious (trumpeter)
Mark Braud (Trumpeter/Vocals)
Kevin Louis (Trumpeter/Vocals)
Ashlin Parker (Trumpeter)
John Michael Bradford (Trumpeter/Vocals)
Peter Harris (Bassist/band leader)
Lost Bayou Ramblers (Grammy-winning Cajun band)
Tab Benoit (Blues)
John Boutte (singer/jazz/gospel)
Tyrone Foster & The Arc Singers (Gospel)
Nathan Williams & the Zydeco Cha-Chas (Zydeco)
Joe Lastie & The New Orleans Sound (drummer)
Black Magic Drum Line (pure joy in the streets)

DAILY LIVE MUSIC LISTINGS: calendar.offbeat.com/calendars/all-events

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WHAT TO DO + SEE!

Prioritize listening to LIVE music. And it's everywhere because music is the heartbeat of our city! And bring some of our music home with you. You can buy local music at **The Louisiana Music Factory, Euclid Records & Peaches**. Catch live music at **Preservation Hall** or **Toulouse Theatre** in the French Quarter or on **Frenchmen Street** at **Snug Harbor, DBA, Maison, The Blue Nile** and **The Spotted Cat**. I also love **The Bayou Bar, Tipitinas** and **Chickie Wah Wah** which are all outside the Quarter. While walking through the French Quarter, travel on Royal Street and Chartres Street instead of Bourbon Street. In fact, do NOT step foot on Bourbon. GAG!

My favorite walk is **Couturie Forest** in **City Park**. While in City Park, be sure to visit **The Sculpture Garden, The Children Museum, City Putt-Putt, Storyland, Carousel Gardens Amusement Park, and Cafe du Monde** (for Beignets!) You could also play golf at the public golf courses in **City Park & Audubon Park**.

An all day affair could be strolling down **Magazine Street** - letting your nose guide you. Magazine Street is the SoHo of the south with boutiques, antiques and restaurants along a 5 mile stretch.

Spend the afternoon at **StudioBe** in the Bywater - a 35,000 ft landmark featuring art by artist, Brandan "BMike" Odums. **Back Street Cultural Museum** holds the world's most comprehensive collection related to New Orleans' African-American community-based masking and processional traditions, including Mardi Gras Indians, jazz funerals, social aid and pleasure clubs, Baby Dolls, and Skull and Bone gangs.

St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 - established in 1789, the oldest extant cemetery in the City showcases the raised graves that distinguishes our local cemeteries of marble and stone. I also like **St. Roch Cemetery Ex-Voto Shrine**.

New Orleans Museum of Art (in City Park) and make time to see the **Sculpture Garden** (which is free!)

Check out contemporary art on **Julia Street** aka Gallery Row and enjoy Lunch at **Emeril's** or **Pesche**, Then visit national attraction, **The World War 2 Museum**, exhibiting the epic & global scale of the war that changed the world.

The Historic New Orleans Collection is a museum, research center, and publisher dedicated to the study and preservation of the history and culture of New Orleans. This is a treasure trove and asset for research!

The National World War 2 Museum is not to be missed.

The Ogden Museum of Art (Thursdays evenings catch a concert with food, cocktails & art for the kids.)

Channel your inner child or rock star and visit **The Music Box Village** (in the Bywater) and play their musical houses and/or experience one of their curated concerts. Check out the schedule + Pre-purchase tickets at musicboxvillage.com

Jean Lafitte National Park : walk through significant examples of the natural and cultural resources of Louisiana's Mississippi River Delta region. An easy 30 minute ride from the Quarter.

The Whitney Plantation - an important cultural museum exploring the history of slavery about an hour up river.

The Sazerac Museum is free and has fantastic interactive exhibits that tell the story of how coffee houses and pharmacies in the FQ became the first bars and meeting places.

New Orleans Pharmacy Museum is a circa-1823 apothecary with exhibits of early medicines, and superstitious cures. Scour through vintage and rare editions at **Faulkner House Books** next to St Louis Cathedral in the Quarter.



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EAT

Emeril's

If you're going to propose or celebrate, this is the finest restaurant in New Orleans. Now helmed by Emeril's son, E.J. Lagasse, the tasting menu features a refined and elegant approach to Louisiana cuisine. Known for elevated and warm hospitality, the food is simply divine and creative. Everything is perfect from start to finish.

Zasu

My fave restaurant in MidCity for sophisticated cuisine, headed up James Beard award-winning Chef, Sue Zemanick. N7

French fare with an expansive wine list in an eclectic garden in the Bywater. This is my go-to for Brunch.

Paladar 511

Casual Italian restaurant in the Bywater. Amazing pastas, salads and pizzas. If they have the tuna crudo on the menu, order it! Heck, order two!

Lillette

Chef John Harris's sophisticated French fare in a sexy, sun filled stylish space. Next door to his Boulogny tavern.

Rosedale

No matter how you arrive to this tucked away gem in Mid-City, you'll be served the freshest, locally sourced ingredients. Operated by award winning chef, Susan Spicer with outdoor dining.

Saba

Alon Shaya's Uptown bistro with family-style platters of locally sourced Middle Eastern fare & outdoor dining

Jack Rose

Fun is the goal at this lively restaurant in The Ponchartrain Hotel and my fave place to celebrate my birthday. The restaurant looks like it was decorated with finds from estate sales except for its shiny portrait of Lil Wayne.

Pigeon + Whale

A stylish Uptown bar with a nautical theme and noteworthy bounty of Seafood and a color wheel of negronis.

Peche

Outstanding seafood restaurant by chef, Donald Link of Cochon and Herbsaint. Open loft-like atmosphere with a stellar bloody mary and the freshest catch!

Mister Mao

A tropical roadhouse in an Uptown Cottage with a creative kitchen devoted to robust flavors, produced with precision. If your headed to Tiptina's for a live show, you wanna go here before.

Clancy's

Old School New Orleans tucked into an Uptown Corner Shop. Try the fried oysters with brie and crabmeat salad!

Doris Metropolitan

It's an Israeli steak house with a metropolitan feel. Chic, mod and delicious! Being a vegetarian, I enjoy the vegetarian apps, including the stuffed beet. Reservations recommended but when not possible, the lively bar is fun.

Dakar NOLA

In 2022, chef Serigne Mbaye's was nominated for a James Beard Award for Best Emerging Chef and has since earned Best New Restaurant. Serigne's Senegalese tasting menu (dinners) have been some of the most exciting, noteworthy dining experiences in New Orleans.



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Cochon

Real Cajun / creole / southern food by James Beard and award-winning chef Donald Link (mentioned above.) This is the only place in the city you should order gumbo. I'll take two, please. Thank you very much!

Galatoire's

I've celebrated countless birthdays at this quintessential iconic restaurant. I once had lunch and our beverage total was 10 times the cost of our food. Whoops! It's a lively place that is all about celebrating! Every local has their favorite waiter: I love Casey and Rachelle. Don't even think about asking to see a menu - simply ask what's fresh? My favorite is Trout Almondine and steamed artichoke hearts with Spinach Rockerfeller and jumbo lump crabmeat. Order Café Brûlot at the end. Jackets required for gents but they'll have one for you if you forget.

Commander's Palace

The Grand Dame of New Orleans Cuisine. Great for big groups or romantic dinners. Oh, and go for Sunday Brunch and start drinking Brandy Milk Punches at 11am while listenign to live music strolling through. Ask for a table in the Garden Room! NOW you understand New Orleans.

Brightsen's

Modern Creole fare by acclaimed and multi award winning chef, Frank Brigtsen served in a cozy Uptown cottage.

Arnaud's

This Louisiana Creole Fine Dining establishment is one of the city's classics. The elegant, early 19th-century main dining room, with its huge expanse of etched leaded glass, is where you want to dine. Guests routinely spend three hours at the table as if nothing else mattered. Swiftly moving tuxedo-clad waiters glide along the patterned ceramic-tile floors; bearing pots of Café Brûlot emitting blue flames and the aroma of citrus, liqueur and spices.

Miss Shirley's Chinese Restaurant

A neighborhood spot for dim-sum, and Cantonese specialties in New Orleans' Irish Channel.

Luvi

Luvi provides some of the best Japanese food in NOLA and Hao, the chef+owner run an outstanding operation.

Coquette

Contemporary southern cuisine in the heart of the Garden District.

Acamaya

Acclaimed chef, Ana Castro's, casual Mexican seafood restaurant in the Bywater will surprise even the most experienced traveler.

Addis Nola

A well-appointed Ethiopian restaurant nestled on Historic Bayou Road, New Orleans' oldest road and a cultural hub of Black owned Businesses. Great for Happy Hour and/or dinner.

Bouligny Tavern

New Orleans is awesome because it's cool to visit from NYC and go out to dinner and see music in flip flops and cargo shorts, but SOMETIMES...you want to dress up and have nice cocktails and outstanding small plates in a hip atmosphere. Amen Bouligny! Super mid-century design inside a 100+ year old New Orleans residence. Chef John Harris, the owner, really does wear that 70s 'stache and spin vinyl.



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BUDGET

El Pavo Real

A Low-key Mexican cafe serving the best Mexican food and home made margaritas in the Broadmore neighborhood.

1000 Figs

Amazing Mediterranean food (and I lived in the Marais!) near City Park - my go to is their Falafel platter and fries.

Lamara Coffee + Cafe

A plant based organic and gluten free West Coast style Cafe in Mid City. My fave for Saturday morning.

The Butcher

Awesome sandwich shop run by the Cochon Folks (aka Donald Link). The cookies? HOLY SMOKES! Hands down the best Gumbo in town. I order it to take away when I'm hosting folks from outta town.

Liuzza's by the Track

Super busy, a little smelly, but the best BBQ shrimp poboy near the race track. There is a saying in New Orleans – the best food is at the places where you wouldn't want to use the bathroom. That applies here. Ick!

Casamento's

This third-generation oyster bar has some of the freshest local oysters in town, delicious raw, fried or cooked. The French fries are fresh-cut and the seafood is always cooked to order. Closed in summer.

Saint Pizza

Named one of the best pizzerias in the US by the NYT and perfectly situated on Magazine Street (in the LGD) next door to **Patron Saint**, an organic wine shop and bar and Merchant House.

Budsi Thai

Thai Street food-inspired dishes are served along with homestyle cuisine at this relaxed Marigny restaurant.

St. James Cheese Shop

You can't eat Creole food every day. Go here for a gourmet ploughman's platter or the best sandwich Uptown.

Le Petit Bleu

Café and Crêperie presented by Commanders Palace in the historic Garden District.

Barracuda

An uptown taco stand and Margarita garden offering outdoor dining near Tipitina's. I love the broccoli taco.

Stein's

New Orleans's best (only?) proper Jewish & Italian deli where you can get an awesome Reuben, BLT, Matzoh ball soup, or turkey on rye. Loads of beers by the bottle and fancy schmancy soft drinks.

Raw Republic

Fresh smoothies and juices uptown on Magazine Street, next door to Donald Link's decadent, **La Boulangerie**.

Union Ramen

A Vietnamese Chef and a Filipino Restaurateur serving Japanese food originally hailing from China. And in this town, it's all about flavor, baby.



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TALES OF A COCKTAIL

kick back after a long day of walking around the city and enjoy a cocktail

Jewel of the South: A James Beard award-winning, specialty cocktail bar and restaurant with amazing cocktails and a lovely private courtyard. Great way to start or end your evening because they serve food til Midnight.

The Elysian: Located in the Hotel Peter & Paul serving lite fare and cocktails in the Bywater.

Bar Marilou: Specialty cocktails with live music and fantastic interior design.

Fives: A sun filled raw oyster and cocktail bar on Jackson Square. Fun fact - I grew up in The Pontalba's where this bar is. Lucky Me.

The Columns Hotel: I first met Jude Law, James Gandolfini and Sean Penn here in 2004. Pretty Baby was filmed in this magical St. Charles Avenue manse, which has been refurbished. Enjoy cocktails and great food on the front porch as the streetcars pass by. Be suure to check their live music listings!

Hotel Saint Vincent: Not just the cool kid in town, but a perfect place for a nightcap in the LGD.

The Chloe: Grab a bite and a cocktail before a show at this Uptown boutique hotel.

Boulogny Tavern: A chic 70's den and courtyard with fantastic food prepared by John Harris of Lilette.

The Delachaise : Wine bar on St Charles Avenue with divine food. The owner, Evan has stellar music taste and is a very charming host, particularly if you tell him we are friends ;)

Arnaud's French 75 Bar: A classic French Quarter bar serving Bananas Foster and Cafe Brulot.

Carousel Bar: Some of the nicest bartenders in all of New Orleans and there's always live music!

Napoleon House: This patina rich french quarter staple suspends you in time. Listen to Beethoven's Eroiqua, which he composed for Napoleon, while sipping a Pimm's Cup, and basking in an ambiance that could only be New Orleans

Manolito: Cuban cuisine & frozen cocktails in an intimate house in the heart of the French Quarter.

Peychaud's: A timeless French Quarter Patio bar inside the new Celestine Hotel, opens at 4pm.

Sazerac Bar: The Sazerac Bar pays homage to the granddaddy of New Orleans cocktails: The Sazerac. It's a sophisticated lounge in the Roosevelt Hotel, and a nice place to drink before or after a show at The Orpheum or Saegner Theatres.

St. Germain: French Wine bar in the Bywater with a separate dining room.

Nightbloom: Nightbloom is a pretty and romantic, classy little haven in the Bywater neighborhood.

Bacchanal: Bohemian wine shop with food & live music in the Bywater with an enormous garden.



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FOR THE KIDS

Ride the **Streetcar**, which has been running for 188 years and is the oldest continuously operating street railway in the world. There are 34 olive-green now-electric cars, and the fare is just \$1.25. Catch it at Canal & Royal and ride it up to **Audubon Park, Camilla Grill, New Orleans Original Daiquiris Shop or Superior Seafood**

(offering a great kids' menu, Raw or Grilled Oysters, and Frozen French 75's. Ask for a To-Go Cup.)

City Park: Ride the Carousel and Train in Storyland (an oasis for kids,) rent a paddle boat or bike, play putt-putt at City Putt, visit The New Orleans Museum of Art and its amazing Sculpture Garden, and enjoy in Beignets & Café au Lait at the 24 hour "Café Du Monde" behind The Sculpture Garden.

The Louisiana Children's Museum (also in City Park) has a restaurant, **Acorn** open for breakfast or lunch.

JAMNOLA™ represent Joy, Art and Music and delivers a topsy-turvy stroll through the cultural gems that make my city so special. Enjoy 17 exhibits celebrating the iconic art, music, food and theatrics of New Orleans through the eyes of 30+ local artists and creative partners. Purchase tickets online ahead of time.

Cafe du Monde: Beignets 24/7! Don't be a sucker and wait in line. Grab a seat inside!

The Audubon Zoo is open every day but Mondays, and includes an award winning Louisiana Swamp Exhibit. During the summer, visit the water park and lazy river at Cool Zoo, inside the zoo.

Aquarium (fishies!) Walk along the Moonwalk from the Quarter to reach the reimagined Aquarium.

The Music Box Village (Bywater) Kids love to play the musical houses at this iconic artistic Bywater landmark.

Snowballs: My favorite is Plum Street (Uptown) but there's also Hansen's (Uptown) and Pandora's (Mid-City.)

Commander's Palace: Surprisingly fun with kids for Sunday brunch. Live Music, Balloons, Brandy Milk Punch for the grownups and Bread Pudding Souffle! Dress up! Reservations required.

OTHER RESOURCES

PRIVATE TOURS : If you're looking for a guided experience of New Orleans "must see's" presented with historical accuracy and a true passion for our remarkable city, check out writer | documentarian | preservationist, Rob Florence and his 25 year old company, **NOLA Historic Tours**. Visit: www.tourneworleans.com for their daily tours including Cemetery + Voodoo, Scandalous Cocktail, French Quarter, Treme, Garden District, Music and Haunted French Quarter or for a private, custom experience, call (504) 947-2120.

PRIVATE SECURITY & BODY GUARD: Les Schmidt (310) 975-9238

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SWEAT & EXERCISE: New Orleans Boxing Club . The SPYRE . SCULPT . Romney Pilates . Wild Lotus Yoga . The New Orleans Athletic Club . Swan River Yoga

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THE REMEDY ROOM: Mignonne Mary, MD is a national leader in innovative wellness with a focus on disease prevention, nutritional medicine and Infusion Therapy . Think IV after long a night. (504) 386-3851



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SHOP

Papier and Plume: If you're looking for my work, pop into this charming paper & pen boutique on 842 Royal Street in the French Quarter.

Dirty Coast: New Orleanians love their self-referential T-shirts, and you can look just like one with a trip to one of Dirty Coast's three locations (LGD, French Quarter & Uptown). Just make sure you understand what you are wearing. I license several of my designs to Dirty Coast so go getcha yourself one!

The Historic New Orleans Collection and **The New Orleans Museum of Art:** Well respected museum gift shops stuffed with unique New Orleans memorabilia, books, and gifts. I also sell my work here.

Faulkner House Books is my favorite bookstore located in Pirate's Alley by St. Louis Cathedral. Faulkner was living here when he wrote "Soldiers' Pay." **Baldwin & Co.,** is a black-owned cafe and independent bookstore in the Marigny using the power of books to inspire social justice.

Gentlemen, you should be dressed to the nines! A visit to **George Bass** can help you achieve that: English shoes, Italian cashmere, seersucker & bespoke tailoring. Be sure to visit **Meyer The Hatter** for a hat around the corner.

United Apparel Liquidators (aka UAL): It's stuffed and small but customers swear by it! \$300 jeans for \$40 (did that!) Four locations: Magazine Street, Metairie and two locations on Royal Street in the French Quarter.

Peony, SoSuSu, Pilot & Powell, West London BTQ, Le Marais, Phippen Lane, and Art and Eyes are some of my favorite boutiques featuring curated collections of feminine clothing & accessories along Magazine Street.

Vice & Graft, Century Girl Vintage, FiFi Mahoney's, Trashy Diva Lingerie, Bambi Deville Vintage Clothing, and **Broadway Bound Costumes** are unique retailers featuring a curated collection of vintage, wigs, makeup, costumes, corsets and headpieces.

Sparkle & Swag: a party supply store with 2 locations offering Alexa Pulitzer products and balloon decor.

HGM Fine Jewelry and **Keil's Antiques** are my favorite estate jewelers.

Leontine Linens: Founded in New Orleans in 1996 by dear friend, Jane Scott Hodges. Leontine Linens is preserving and reinventing the classic art form of couture linens, infusing it with a modern twist.

Hove Parfumeur

Custom blended fragrances since 1931. (Inspiration for Tom Robbins' *Jitterbug Perfume*).



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SOME OF MY FRIENDS RENT THEIR SUPER FAB FURNISHED HOMES. Tell them I sent you.

BANKS

Urbania House: [vrbo.com/2296615](https://www.vrbo.com/2296615)

Iconic raised Center Hall Villa in the Lower Garden District, completely unique, even for New Orleans, intoxicating from the moment you enter with its ethereal rooms, grounds, and pool. 5Bed/3Bath

Oddfellows Club: [vrbo.com/1712210](https://www.vrbo.com/1712210)

On the edge of the Garden District with its storied streets and mysterious mansions there is one 1840's grey lady that is hidden in plain sight but long forgotten, this manse and its secret gardens and pool loom behind tall mossy walls. 4Bed/3.5Bath

[vrbo.com/1736414](https://www.vrbo.com/1736414)

Teeming with architectural features, this 1855 Greek Revival townhouse apartment is luxuriously large and feels more like a private home with its own courtyard. 2 Bed/2 Bath

[vrbo.com/1344330](https://www.vrbo.com/1344330)

Residing in the Lower Garden District, this historic Greek Revival townhouse with balcony overlooking Magazine Street offers restaurants, museums, parks, and boutiques just steps from the front door. 2 Bed/2 Bath

MELANIE

Maison de Violette: [maisondeviolette.com](https://www.maisondeviolette.com)

Luxury 3 bedroom (sleeps 9) wit balcony overlooking magazine Street in the Lower Garden District.

TODD

www.vrbo.com/1247901 (3 bedroom w/ Balcony on Frenchman Street in Marigny)

www.vrbo.com/1247881 (2 bedroom w/ Balcony on Frenchman Street in Marigny)

NICELLE

www.vrbo.com/574517 (3 bedroom guest house/Bayou Saint John) - ideal for jazz fest

www.airbnb.com/rooms/36314478 (1 Bedroom/Bayou Saint John) - ideal for jazz fest

www.vrbo.com/554804 (Studio/Bayou Saint John) - ideal for jazz fest

MALLORY

www.airbnb.com/rooms/745589313388798027

2 Bed/3 bath Fine Art Estate in the The Bywater.



Alexa Pulitzer

NEW ORLEANS

HOTELS

Maison Metier: A serene, upscale guest house of 67 suites, located in the Central Business District (aka CBD) with its finger on the pulse of New Orleans. Home to Bar Marilou - the most beautiful bar in town, this private upscale hotel is where celebrities stay (and don't get fu#ked with!)

Hotel Saint Vincent: A 19th-century orphanage reimaged as a uber stylish Deco-disco playground in New Orleans' Lower Garden District. It boasts an Italian restaurant, Vietnamese cafe, Chapel Bar, Pool and is nestled in a fantastic part of town for local shopping and site-seeing.

Hotel Peter & Paul: New, yet feels like it's been there for decades. It was a Catholic School in The Marigny. It boasts a Restaurant, Cafe, Elysian Bar, and the most incredible Church for private events (think weddings and concerts.) It's a beloved local fave.

The Chloe Hotel: A stylish boutique hotel, restaurant, lively bar and pool. Housed in a 19th century Uptown mansion on St. Charles Avenue. Great for Mardi Gras, Happy Hour, and lazy Sunday afternoons!

The Four Seasons: The only five star hotel in New Orleans with a spa. FYI: Five Star does not truly exist in NOLA. Their Chandelier Bar has live music on Sunday and two stellar restaurants: Miss River and Chemin a la Mer.

Inn at The Old Jail: an award-collecting funky guesthouse built into a National Historic Landmark in Tremé - and an ideal location for Jazz Fest! A 3 minute drive to the French Quarter.

Laissez les bon temps rouler !

If New Orleans is not fully in the mainstream of culture, neither is it fully in the mainstream of time. Lacking a well-defined present, it lives somewhere between its past and its future, somewhere between Preservation Hall and the Superdome. New Orleans listens eagerly to the seductive promises of the future but keeps at least one foot firmly planted in its history.

– Tom Robbins from *Jitterbug Perfume*



Before you come, WATCH & READ:

A Tuba to Cuba - My friends, TG & Nicelle Herrington, Ben Jaffe and Danny Clinch made this documentary, which follows famed Preservation Hall Jazz Band as they retrace their musical roots from New Orleans, the storied city of jazz to Cuba.

All on a Mardi Gras Day - An intimate portrait of Big Chief Demond Melancon's journey through the secret 200-year culture known as the Black Masking Culture of New Orleans.

Down By Law - A 1986 B&W Cult film, written and directed by cult director, Jim Jarmusch.

By Invitation Only - My childhood friend, Rebecca Snedeker explores the insular world of the elite, white Carnival societies and debutante balls of Mardi Gras.

The Princess and The Frog - Disney's love letter to New Orleans is set in New Orleans during the 1920s and happens to be my favorite Disney film! The soundtrack isn't bad either!

Treme - Set in post-Katrina New Orleans, this drama series, from "The Wire" executive producers David Simon and Eric Overmyer, follows the lives of ordinary residents as they struggle with the aftereffects of the 2005 hurricane.

Algiers, America - A docuseries directed by my friend, Jackson Fager, that tells the story of a remarkable High School football coach in the center of one of New Orleans' oldest neighborhoods, Algiers, and the community that's fighting together for hope and survival.

The World that Made New Orleans - Historical reference by Ned Sublette written for anyone who wants to know how New Orleans became to be the most unique city in America.

A Confederacy of Dunces - a mischievous novel featuring the misadventures of an educated but slothful 30-year-old living with his mother in the early 1960s New Orleans, who, in his quest for employment, has various adventures with colorful French Quarter characters. One day, I hope to see this book made into a movie!