



NEW ORLEANS LOCAL INFORMATION

2015 Annual Meeting

Society for Classical Studies / Archaeological Institute of America

The NOLA Local Committee – Susann Lusnia (chair), Michael Brumbaugh, Mallory Monaco-Caterine, and Christopher Caterine welcomes you to our city! SPECIAL THANKS go to Max Pieri, Allen Thomas, and Gary French, for their contributions to this guide.

ORIENTING YOURSELF

The two conference hotels, the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel (500 Canal St) and the New Orleans Marriott Hotel (555 Canal St), are situated on the boundary between the French Quarter, or Vieux Carré, downriver, and the Central Business (CBD) and Warehouse Districts, upriver. The Canal St streetcars are directly in front of both hotels, and the St. Charles line is just one block north.

NECESSITIES NEAR THE HOTELS

Coffee: PJs (135 Saint Charles Ave) and Community Coffee (228 Saint Charles Ave)

Photocopying: Fedex (inside the Marriott, 555 Canal St)

Pharmacy: Walgreens (134 Royal St.)

Urgent Care: New Orleans Urgent Care (201 Decatur St)

LOCAL GUIDES, PRINT & WEB-BASED

Gambit Weekly (www.bestofneworleans.com) - free print copies are available around town.

Times-Picayune Lagniappe (Friday insert) - online news at www.nola.com, with searchable entertainment and dining sections.

Where Y'at Magazine (www.wheremat.com) - free print copies available around town - dining, music, and entertainment guide. Good for local music scene.

Eater New Orleans (<http://nola.eater.com/>)

BEST EATS NEAR HOTEL

Breakfast/Brunch/Coffee

The Ruby Slipper 2 locations: 200 Magazine (just around the corner) and 1005 Canal St. Excellent brunch (M-F, 7a-2p; Sa 8a-2p; Su 8a-3p).

Red Gravy, 125 Camp St, (Brunch 8am-2pm, Dinner 6pm-10pm Th-Sa),

Cafe Beignet, 334 Royal St (7am-5pm)

Cafe du Monde, 800 Decatur, by the French Market (24/7, beignets & coffee only)

Palace Café, 605 Canal - <http://www.palacecafe.com/>. Sunday brunch, lunch M-Sat, dinner nightly. They take reservations, have a great make your own bloody mary bar, and a large menu. They typically have a jazz band for Sunday brunch.

French Quarter (ordered by distance from the hotel)

Acme Oyster House, 724 Iberville St (3 blocks)

SoBou, 310 Chartres St (3 blocks)

Galatoires, 209 Bourbon St (4 blocks)

K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, 416 Chartres St (4 blocks)

Sylvain, 625 Chartres St (6 blocks)

Bayona, 430 Dauphine St (7 blocks)

La Divina Gelateria, 621 Saint Peter Street (7 blocks): Italian coffees, pannini, soups, salads, plus sweets, gelati, and sorbetti. Also breakfast here.

Spitfire Coffee, 627 Saint Peter St (7 blocks): Excellent coffee, pour-overs, espresso, cappuccino, etc. Su-Th, 8 am – 7 pm; Fr-Sa, 8 am – 9 pm.

Central Grocery, 923 Decatur St (9 blocks) – muffalettas

Irene's Cuisine, 539 Saint Philip St (10 blocks): M-Sa, dinner only 5:30 - 10 pm. Creole Italian. \$31 - 60.

El Gato Negro, 81 French Market Place (11 blocks) <http://elgatonegronola.com>. Mexican, with vegetarian and gluten-free dining options.

Port of Call, 838 Esplanade Ave (15 blocks) -voted best hamburgers in New Orleans many times; can be very crowded with long waits at lunch time (<http://portofcallnola.com>)

In the Marigny (just across Esplanade Ave downriver from the French Quarter)

The Praline Connection. 542 Frenchman, typical New Orleans cuisine and soul food.

Dat Dog. 601 Frenchman. Hot dogs, sausages, beers, and more.

Cake Café. 2440 Chartres - <http://www.nolacakes.com/>. A short cab ride (or a doable walk) from the French Quarter. 7 am – 3 pm, closed Tuesdays.

Frenchmen St is also where you'll find several venues for Live Music

Central Business District (CBD) and the Warehouse District

Le Foret. 129 Camp St., (504) 553-6738. Expensive.

Domenica. 123 Baronne St. (504) 648-6020. Great Italian restaurant with a fantastic happy hour (3-5pm), located inside the historic Roosevelt Hotel. The menu runs the gamut from Neapolitan-style pizza to Crab and Burrata Cannelloni. Pizza from \$13; pasta from \$16; secondi from \$24. Open seven days a week.

Juan's Flying Burrito. 515 Baronne. (504) 529-5825. Creole taqueria with tacos, burritos, etc. Dine-in or take out. Su-Th, 11 am - 10 pm, Fri-Sat, 11 am - 11 pm.

Gordon Biersch. 200 Poydras St. (504) 552-2739. Brewpub attached to Harrah's Casino. One of only two Gordon Biersch franchises that allows its brewmaster to make his own recipes. Burgers from \$11; entrées from \$13. Open seven days a week.

Cafe Adelaide & the Swizzle Stick Bar. 300 Poydras. (504) 595-3305. Modern Creole. Offshoot of Commander's Palace with some of the signature dishes such as turtle soup. Lunch \$14 - \$20 entrees, with 25¢ martinis. Dinner \$24 - \$30 entrees. Happier Hour: 3 - 6 pm daily, with finger foods and drinks from \$3 - \$6.

Horinoya. 920 Poydras. (504) 561-8914. Great sushi bar & Japanese cuisine. Lunch M-F 11:30 - 2:30; dinner, M-Th 5 - 9:30 (F & Sa until 10 pm) Closed Sundays.

Reginelli's Pizzeria. 930 Poydras. (504) 586-0068. Local chain with excellent salads, sandwiches, pizzas. Sun-Th, 11 am - 11 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am - midnight. (www.reginellis.com)

Peché Seafood Grill. 800 Magazine St. (504) 522-1744. Higher end restaurant specializing in Gulf seafood. Small plates from \$9, entrées from \$14 to \$60. Closed Sundays.

Restaurant August. 301 Tchoupitoulas St. (504) 299-9777. Flagship restaurant of celebrity chef John Besh, offering haute cuisine with a few nods to the local Cajun tradition. A memorable experience fit for major celebrations. Entrées from \$33. Open seven days a week. Insider tip: no corkage fee.

Tommy's Cuisine. 746 Tchoupitoulas St. (504) 581-1103. Su-Th 5:30-10 pm, F-Sa until 11 pm. Upscale classic Creole Italian, with extensive wine selection and wine bar.

La Boca, 870 Tchoupitoulas St, <http://www.labocasteaks.com>. Steak place in the CBD, fun crowd and good food.

Cochon, 930 Tchoupitoulas St. (504) 588-2123. Upscale southern and Cajun restaurant. Entrées from \$19. Closed Sundays.

Cochon Butcher, 930 Tchoupitoulas St. (504) 588-2123. Casual restaurant specializing in house-cured meats. Sandwiches from \$10. Open seven days a week.

LGBTQ Restaurants

Vacherie, 827 Toulouse St,

Eat, 900 Dumaine St, (504) 522-7222, Cajun/Creole/Soul <http://eatnola.com/>. Sunday brunch. Also, it's a good place to eat lunch or dinner if you are looking for a casual low-key place. You can bring in your own wine with no corkage fee for the 1st bottle.

Mona Lisa, 1212 Royal St, (504) 522-6746, Italian/Pizza

Kosher - See <http://yeahthatskosher.com/2009/02/new-orleans-la/>

Waffles on Maple, 7712 Maple St: more than waffles! Uses only Chalav Yisreal Kosher products (www.wafflesonmaple.com). Inexpensive. St. Charles streetcar to Hillary St., 2 blocks N, then left 1.5 blocks.

Vegetarian / Vegan

Green Goddess, 307 Exchange Pl

13. 517 Frenchman St. Open daily, 11 am - 4 am. Breakfast, salads, sandwiches.

BARS & ENTERTAINMENT

Carousel Bar. 214 Royal St.

Erin Rose. 811 Conti St

Sazerac Bar. 130 Roosevelt Way

LGBTQ Bars

700 Club, 700 Burgundy St.

Good Friends, 740 Dauphine St.

Oz, 800 Bourbon St.

Bourbon Pub, 801 Bourbon St.

Cafe Lafitte in Exile, 901 Bourbon St.

You'll have to check out the website for the places listed below to get the schedules, etc. You can't loose with any of them. If you are looking for more of a sit down place with "classic jazz", Irving Mayfield's or Snug Harbor are your best bets. Irving's is a nicer place, Snug's is a hole in the wall but great music. d.b.a. is younger, hipper crowd ☺

Irving Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse - <http://irvinmayfield.com/index.php?page=playhouse>

d.b.a. - <http://www.dbaneworleans.com>

Spotted Cat - <http://www.spottedcatmusicclub.com>

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

Buffa's - <http://www.buffasbar.com>. Great local place, with good food, and always great bands. Go here if you want to eat and listen to good music. Can be a little loud when the band plays, but depends on the band.

Pat O'Briens - <http://www.patobriens.com/patobriens/>. This place is fun, very touristy, but mixed with a lot of locals. Has a piano bar...fun when there are a lot of drunk people singing. Tip – they charge you for your glass (people will take them as souvenirs) but you can return them to the bar for a refund...save several dollars on each drink.

Little Gem Saloon. 445 S. Rampart St. A small venue in the CBD that features local musicians like Kermit Ruffins and the BBQ Swingers. They usually have two shows per night on weekends. Cover from \$10.

Going beyond downtown...

TRANSPORTATION

Fares: Standard one-way fare on a bus or streetcar is \$1.25 (exact change). NORTA also sells 1-day and 3-day unlimited trip Jazzy Passes for \$3 and \$9, respectively. 1-day passes can be purchased on the bus or streetcar, but 3-day passes may either be purchased online (5-7 day delivery time) or through a NORTA resale vendor (Walgreens is the most convenient option).

Schedules: Complete bus and streetcar schedules can be found at www.norta.com. Busses and streetcars run 24/7, but are often delayed from the posted schedules. For reliable real-time information, you can use NORTA's Transit Tracker app (free download).

Streetcars: The **St. Charles Streetcar** runs from Canal St. and Carondelet St. along St. Charles Ave., turns right on Carrollton Ave. and ends at Carrollton and Claiborne Ave. It takes approximately an hour to travel from one end of the line to the other. This line travels to Uptown and Riverbend/Carrollton locations. (It is also one of the main parade routes--look up at the oak trees for beads!)

The **Canal Streetcar** has two routes: Canal - Cemeteries from Canal St. by Harrah's Casino to the cemeteries at City Park Ave: St. Patrick's 1, 2, and 3, Masonic, Holt and Greenwood; and Canal - City Park/Museum from Canal St. by Harrah's then turning onto N. Carrollton through Mid-City to New Orleans City Park and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Bus: Bus no. 11 Magazine, begins at Canal St and runs the full length of Magazine St. ending at Audubon Zoo.

Along Saint Charles Ave to Riverbend & Carrollton (streetcar or taxi ride)

Lüke, 333 St. Charles (between Gravier St. and the Common St. streetcar stop). Open daily 7am-11pm. European-style brasserie, with 50 cent oyster raw bar happy hour.

Irish House, 1432 St. Charles (streetcar to Erato St. stop, walk 2 blocks uptown to Melpomene/MLK). Open M-F 11am-10pm, Sa Su 9am-10pm. Irish pub with excellent food and music. Offers gluten-free and paleo dishes. Weekend brunch 9am-3pm.

Avenue Pub, 1732 St. Charles (streetcar to Euterpe, walk 1 block uptown to Polymnia). Open 24/7. Extensive craft and local beer list, tasty and reasonably-priced pub food.

Commander's Palace, 1403 Washington (streetcar to Washington, walk 2 blocks riverbound to Coliseum). Lunch M-F 11:30am-2pm; dinner M-Sat 6:30-10pm; jazz brunch Sa 11:30am-

12:30pm, Su 10:30am-1:30pm. Upscale Creole cuisine in the historic Garden District. Reservations required.

Columns Hotel, 3811 St. Charles (streetcar to Peniston). Open M-Th 2pm-12am, F-Sa 11am-2am, Su 11am-12am. Historic bar with beautiful patio and bistro food.

New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Co. 4141 Saint Charles (streetcar to Milan). Open 6:30 am - 9:30 pm. Has breakfast, coffee shop, & chocolate beignets.

Pascal's Manale, 1838 Napoleon Ave (streetcar to Napoleon, walk 3 blocks lakebound to Dryades). Open M-F 11:30am-9pm, Sa 5pm-10pm. "Home of the Original BBQ Shrimp", with traditional seafood and Italian-American fare.

St. James Cheese Shop, 5004 Prytania (streetcar to Robert, walk 2 blocks riverbound to Prytania). Open M-W 11am-6pm, Th-Sa 11am-8pm, Su 11am-4pm. Cheesemonger with huge, delicious sandwiches and salads.

Creole Creamery, 4924 Prytania (St. Charles streetcar to Robert, walk 2 blocks riverbound to Prytania). Open Su-Th 12-10pm, F-Sa 12-11pm. Classic ice cream parlor with inventive flavors.

Along Canal to Mid City and City Park (streetcar or taxi ride)

Mandina's Restaurant, 3800 Canal (any Canal streetcar to Telemachus or Scott) (504) 482-9179. Classic New Orleans with seafoods, turtle soup, gumbo, fried chicken, & oyster, shrimp, or catfish loaves (like poor boys). M - Th, 11:00AM - 9:30PM, Fri & Sat, 11:00AM - 10:00PM, Sun 12 - 9 PM.

Milkfish. 125 N. Carrollton Ave (504) 267-4199 (any Canal streetcar to Canal & Carrollton intersection). Highly rated new Philippine restaurant. M, Tu, Thu, 11 am - 10 pm; Fri-Sun, 11 am - 11 pm; closed Wed.

Angelo Brocato Gelateria - Pasticceria. 214 N. Carrollton Ave (504) 486-0078. (Canal-City Park streetcar to Bienville stop, or any Canal streetcar to Carrollton). Five generations, Katrina-surviving, authentic Italian ice creams, pastries and sweets. Tu-Th: 10 AM-10 PM, Fri & Sat 10 AM-10:30 PM, Sun:10 AM-10 PM

Along Magazine Street (bus 11 or taxi ride)

Surrey's Cafe & Juice Bar. 1418 Magazine. Breakfast & lunch daily, 8 am - 3pm. Fresh-squeezed, organic juices.

Sucré. 3025 Magazine. Artisan chocolates, macarons, and gelato. Coffees, teas, and hot chocolates as well as some adult beverages are served in house.

La Petite Grocery, 4238 Magazine, <http://www.lapetitegrocery.com>. Great atmosphere, relaxed French vibe, with James Beard finalist chef Justin Devillier. Reservations recommended.

Farther afield (definitely a taxi ride)

Elizabeth's. 601 Gallier St. in Bywater. (504) 944-9272. Brunch specials include callas (sweet rice balls), sweet potato waffle with duck hash, grillades & grits and more. Breakfast 8-11 am M-F; lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm, M-F; dinner, 6 - 10 pm, M-Sa; brunch, Sa-Su, 8 am - 2:30 pm.

Lil' Dizzy's. 1500 Esplanade, in Treme. Breakfast & lunch, Mon-Sat, 10 am - 3 pm; dinner, Sunday brunch, 10 am - 2 pm. Gumbo, Trout Baquet, fried chicken, catfish. \$7 - 14.

Cafe Degas. 3127 Esplanade Ave. (504) 945-5635. Delightful French bistro, moderately priced. Reservations recommended for dinner. (www.cafedegas.com)

Lola's. 3312 Esplanade. (504) 488-6946. Spanish cuisine, known for its tapas, paellas, and housemade sangrias. Dinner only. \$11-30. Sun-Th, 5:30-9:30 pm, Fri & Sat, 5:30 - 10 pm (www.lolasneworleans.com)

Parkway Bakery & Tavern. 538 Hagan Ave (along Bayou St. John). Poorboys. Large outdoor seating area. Beer sold separately in the tavern. Wed-Mon, 11 am - 10 pm. Closed Tuesdays. (www.parkwaypoorboys.com)

WHAT TO DO AROUND TOWN

Sources for listings of events: Times-Picayune Lagniappe (weekly insert on Fridays), Gambit Weekly, and Where Y'at

☆ = good for young children

MUSEUMS & SITES (within walking distance of the hotels)

Louisiana State Museum: Old US Mint, 400 Esplanade Ave, and **The Cabildo**, 701 Chartres, & **The Presbytere**, 751 Chartres, which flank St. Louis Cathedral. (<http://www.crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-museum/admission-hours/index>)

The Historic New Orleans Collection. 533 Royal St. Tu-Sun 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. List of current exhibits can be found in the website (<http://www.hnoc.org/tag/currentexhibitions/>)

National WWII Museum. 945 Magazine St. An expansive museum commemorating the Second World War. Give yourself at least a few hours, as there's enough here to keep you occupied for the entire weekend. Admission from \$23. Open seven days a week. Catch the bus outside the Sheraton on Canal at Magazine.

Ogden Museum of Southern Art. 925 Camp St. A museum focused on the visual arts and culture of the American south. Admission is \$10. Closed Tuesdays. Catch the bus outside the Sheraton on Canal at Magazine.

☆ **Louisiana Children's Museum.** 420 Julia St. Tu-Sa, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Su, 12 - 4:30 pm. Filled with interactive exhibits and activities for kids. Admission is \$8.50 per person, adults and children.

Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church. 130 Barronne St. The brainchild of a Lyonese Jesuit enamored of Moorish architecture, this Roman Catholic church imitates the styles of the old mosques and synagogues of Spain.

Old St. Patrick's Church. 724 Camp St. A magnificent church built by Irish immigrants in 1840, Old St. Patrick's offers a contrast to the predominantly Spanish and French architecture found in other New Orleans churches.

Cemeteries: See this online guide for locations & info about when and how to visit them: www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/attractions/cemeteries.html

☆ **Aquarium of the Americas.** 100 Canal Place. A small, fun aquarium featuring exhibits from the Gulf of Mexico and the Louisiana Swamp, plus IMAX theater. Be sure to check out the white alligator! Admission is \$17.50 for adults; \$12 for children up to age 12.

☆ **Audubon Butterfly Garden & Insectarium.** 423 Canal St. See hundreds of butterflies and many other insects, arachnids, etc. Admission is \$16.50 Adult, \$12.00 Child (2 -12), and \$13.00 Senior (65+).

AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN

☆ **Audubon Zoo.** 6500 Magazine. Elephant barn tour, Louisiana Swamp exhibit, Dinosaur Adventure, and petting zoo. Admission is \$17.50 Adult, \$12.00 Child (2 -12), and \$13.00 Senior (65+). St Charles streetcar to Audubon Park and then the zoo shuttle, or Bus 11 Magazine straight to the zoo.

Note: Combo Tickets for all Audubon Institute attractions (Zoo, Aquarium, IMAX theater & Insectarium) are available -- \$39.50 Adult, \$27.50 Child (2 -12), and \$27.50 Senior (65+). The Audubon Experience package includes one visit to each facility. Audubon Experience packages are valid for 30 consecutive days starting with your first visit. The IMAX® ticket is valid for one movie on first-come, first-served availability. Tickets may be purchased in advance and used the day of your visit. Our attractions are open Tuesday through Sunday. Check the Institute's website for more information on tickets and special events: www.auduboninstitute.org

New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). 1 Collins Diboll Circle (in City Park). See the website for current exhibitions (www.noma.org) and **Besthoff Sculpture Garden.**

☆ **New Orleans City Park.** One of the oldest urban parks in the country, with about 1300 acres. Includes **Carousel Gardens Amusement Park** (special fees) with 16 rides, including an antique wooden carousel; **Storyland** (special admission), with larger-than-life storybook sculptures for climbing; **Morning Call Cafe**, open 24/7, serving beignets and coffee; the **Train Garden**, featuring model trains; and much more! See the website for hours and fees for the special areas (<http://neworleanscitypark.com/>). Not all areas are open every day.

BOOKSTORES

Faulkner House Books, 624 Pirate's Alley in French Quarter: Faulkner's former home is now a small bookshop specializing in local literature

Beckham's Bookshop, 228 Decatur St. in French Quarter: used books
(<http://www.beckhamsbookshop.com>)

Crescent City Books, 230 Chartres St in French Quarter : used books
(www.crescentcitybooks.com)

Garden District Books, 2727 Prytania St. (St Charles streetcar to Washington Ave, 1 block S to Prytania): New Orleans literary scene & local authors (www.gardendistrictbookshop.com)

Octavia Books, 513 Octavia St, about 2 blocks from Magazine St. : independent bookstore
(www.octaviabooks.com)

Maple Street Book Shop, 7529 Maple St (vicinity of Riverbend and Tulane, St. Charles streetcar to Hillary St, 2 blocks N and then right on Maple) : independent bookstore, has all works of Walker Percy. (www.maplestreetbookshop.com)

OTHER SHOPPING

Shops at Canal Place. 333 Canal St. A large shopping mall along the Mississippi River.

The Outlet Collection at Riverwalk. 500 Port of New Orleans Pl. Restaurants and shopping on the riverfront. (www.riverwalkneworleans.com)

Aidan Gill for Men - 550 Fulton St : fine shaving and grooming accessories
(www.aidangillformen.com)

The Quarter Stitch - 629 Chartres St : knitting and needlepoint supplies, 10am - 6pm daily
(www.quarterstitch.com)

Mignon Faget - Canal Place, 1st level : local jewelry designer (www.mignonfaget.com)

RHINO Contemporary Crafts Gallery - Canal Place, 2nd level: gallery and sales for the work of local fine crafts artists' cooperative. "Right Here In New Orleans."