The Bearigny Suites

Rampart House and Courtyard Suite

2226 N Rampart St

 ***General Advice:***

Courtyard Suite

* Get a good night’s sleep before you go.
* Pace yourself.
* Drink lots of water.
* Walk Bourbon St. once if you’ve never been, then go see the real city – those obnoxious drunk people are not New Orleans.
* New Orleans is a very friendly city. If you’re from the North, don’t be alarmed when strangers say, “good morning, how y’all doing?” when you pass them on the street.
* Unless you’re going to a really fancy restaurant, you won’t need a suite, tie or pantyhose, especially in the summer.
* Be careful and don’t walk by yourself at night in a remote area (use your “big city” common sense).
* If someone comes up to you on Bourbon St. (or anywhere in the quarter) and offers to bet you $20 he can guess where you got your shoes, decline and say, “I got my shoes on my feet and my feet are standing on Bourbon St. or whatever street you’re on.
* When you get home, tell everyone New Orleans is alive and well, and welcomes visitors.
* We live in the Marigny, 5 blocks out of the Quarter. Tell Uber or Taxi drivers to go to the Phoenix Bar and we are just 4 doors down N. Rampart. (N. Rampart and St. Claude merge and switch just east of the Quarter ((I know it’s crazy)) and even experienced drivers get confused.)
* No need to explore on foot, north or lake side, of N. Rampart St (except for Armstrong Park and St. Louis Cemetery #1)

***Things to Do***

**Visitor’s Center**, 916 N. Peter’s St. 504.589.4891 A good place to start, along with the National Park Service site at the Jean Lafitte National Park office at 419 Decatur St. 504.589.3882, and the New Orleans Jazz National Park, 916 N. Peter’s St., 877.520.0677

**French Market**, 700-1010 Decatur St. (walk down Elysian Field Ave. to the River and take right and there’s the market) Best place to buy inexpensive New Orleans souvenirs, spices and cooking supplies. While you’re down there, check out Crescent Park, a great place to walk or bike just over the levy and along the Mississippi River.

**Art Galleries,** in the Warehouse/Arts District , on Royal St. in the Quarter, and Magazine St., Uptown.There’s an emerging arts corridor on St. Claude Ave. and art markets every month showcasing local artists, of which, there are many. More information at: www.artsneworleans.org

**Museums,** plantations: top pick is **Whitney Plantation**, Edgard, Louisiana (1 ½ hour drive). It is the most comprehensive experience from the entire workings of the plantation in particular the slave workers and there are moving exhibits from their perspective. Oak Alley, Nottaway and the others are focused on the land owner and the architecture.

**Backstreet Cultural Museum**, 1116 Henriette Delille St., in the famous Treme (pronouced treh – may) neighborhood, are a little off the beaten path but great if you want to explore the roots of the city and the birthplace of jazz.

**Historic New Orleans Collection**, 533 Royal St. 504-523-4662 is a museum, research center, and publisher dedicated to preserving the history and culture of New Orleans and the Gulf South. They have rotating exhibitions sometimes live music in the courtyard.

Other museums to check out:

**New Orleans Museum of Art, Nationa World War II Musuem (must see), Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Contemporary Art Center, and the Louisiana Children’s Museum and the Southern Food and Beverage Museum are well worth visting.**

**The Old Ursuline Convent Museum**, 1100 Charters St., the oldest building in the Mississippi Gulf South and home to the Ursuline convent nuns.

**Audubon Zoo, Aquarium of the Americans, Insectarium and IMAX,** are all great, especially for kids, and the have a boat ride package deal between them up the river. All are run by the non profit Audubon Institute.

**Swamp Tours** are fun and informative if you want to get out into the Bayou.

**Degas House**, 2306 Esplanade St., is the 19th century estate where French impressionist Edgar Degas briefly lived in the early 1870’s. The renowned artist, whose mother was born in New Orleans, produced closed to two dozen works here.

**Learn to cook – New Orleans Cooking School** [www.neworleansschoolofcooking.com](http://www.neworleansschoolofcooking.com) Learn to make gumbo, jambalaya and other creole dishes.

**Mardi Gras World** – 1380 Port of New Orleans Pl., Tour 300,000 sq. ft. of floats and see how they are made. Great for the family!

**City Sightseeing Tours – hop on hop off double decker buses**, 700 Decatur St., See all the neighborhoods in town with hop on/hop off tickets.

**Tours**- there are all kinds of walking tours through the French Quarter and Garden District, including archeticture tours and ghost/vampire tours at night. See any tourist website or guidebook or go to New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau site.

**Steamboat Natchez,**600 Decatur St.,dinner, lunch, or jazzsteamboat cruises. Narrated tour of the river and it’s impact on the city’s growth.

***Don’t forget to check Groupon or Living Social for discount coupons on all these attractions.***

**Breakfast/Brunch and Coffee Shops**

**The Ruby Slipper**

2001 Burgundy St

504-525-9355

**\*Elizabeth’s Restaurant** (lunch/dinner too)

601 Gallier St

504-944-9272

Who Dat Coffee and Café

2401 Burgundy St

504-872-0360

**St. Roch Market** (dining & coffee, gelato, bakegoods)

2381 St Claude Ave

504-609-3813

**Croissant D’or Patisserie** (french style bakery)

617 Ursuline St

504-524-4663

Court of Two Sisters (brunch)

613 Royal St

504-522-7261

Café Du Monde (Beinget’s, seat yourself)

800 Decatur St

504-525-4544

Baldwin and Co

1030 Elysian Fields Ave

**Po Boy’s (NOLA classic sandwich)**

**\*Parkway Bakery** Famous! shrimp & oyster. need ride

538 Hagan St

504-482-3047

Johnny’s (French Quarter)

511 St. Louis St

504-524-8129

Melba’s

1525 Elysian Fields Ave

504-267-7765

Mahoney’s (Uptown) (Duck & Cochon Du Lait)

3454 Magazine St

504-899-3374

**New Orleans’ specialities**

†Mr. B’s Bistro (gumbo, BBQ Shrimp)

201 Royal St

504-523-2078

†Muriel’s

801 Charters St

504-568-1885

Palace Café – Tchfuncta Shrimp and white chocolate bread pudding

605 Canal St.,

504-523-1661

Gris Gris

1800 Magazine St

[(504) 272-0241](https://www.google.com/search?q=gris+gris+new+orleans&oq=gris+gri&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqDwgAEAAYQxjjAhiABBiKBTIPCAAQABhDGOMCGIAEGIoFMhIIARAuGEMYrwEYxwEYgAQYigUyBggCEEUYOTIHCAMQLhiABDIHCAQQLhiABDIHCAUQABiABDIHCAYQABiABDIHCAcQABiABDIHCAgQABiABDIHCAkQABiABKgCALACAQ&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

Tujague’s

823 Decatur St

504-525-8676

Café Degas (French)

3127 Esplanade Ave.

504-945-5635

Pascale Manale (Italian/NOLA home of BBQ shrimp)

1838 Napolean Ave.

504-895-4877

\*†Dooky Chase Restaurant

2301 Orleans

504-821-0600

Napoleon House Bar and Café (Pimm’s Cup)

500 Charters St

504-524-9752

**Central Grocey** (Muffuletta, classic NOLA sandwich)

923 Decatur St

504-523-1620

Saint Germaine (9 course tasting reservations)

3054 St Claude Ave

504-218-8729

\*Willie Mae’s Scotch House

(Award-winning fried chicken)

2401 St Ann St

504-822-9503

**Drago’s Hilton Riverside** (chargrilled oysters and italian)

504-584-3911

Acme Oyster

724 Iberville St

504-522-5973

Port Of Call (burgers)

838 Esplande Ave

504-523-0120

Saint John

1117 Decatur

504-581-8120

N7 – French

1117 Montegut St

Bywater

\*Sammy’s (feat. On Diners, DrivIns and Dives)

3000 Elysian Field’s

504-947-0675

**Seafood/other specialities**

Deanie’s Seafood Restaurant

841 Iberville St

504-581-1316

Mandina’s

3800 Canal St

504-482-9179

**\*Jack Dempsey’s Restaurant**

738 Poland Ave

504-943-9914

**Italian/Pizza**

Arrabella’s

2258 St Claude St

504-267-6108

Louisiana Pizza Kitchen

95 French Market Pl

504-522-9500

**€Mona Lisa Restaurant**

1212 Royal St

504-522-6746

**€Garage Pizza**

3708 St Claude Ave

504-214-5177

€Pizza Delicious

617 Piety St

504-676-8482

Domenica (Roosevelt Hotel) Good Happy Hour

123 Barrone St

504-648-6020

**Others**

Suko Thai

2200 Royal St

504-948-9309

The Joint (BBQ)

701 Mazant St

504-949-3232

**The County Club** (pool/hot tub, great food)

634 Louisa St

504-945-0742

Press St Station (NOCCA’s culinary school restaurant)

5 Press St

504-249-5622

**Frenchmen St Jazz Clubs/live music**

The Maison

508 Frenchmen St

Spotted Cat Music Club

623 Frenchmen St

Snug Harbour Jazz Bistro

626 Frenchmen St

3 Muses

536 Frenchmen St

Blue Nile

532 Frenchmen St

Apple Barrell

609 Frenchmen St

DBA

618 Frenchmen St

House of Blues and Tipitina’s

Check websites for upcoming acts/concerts

WWOZ good local station

Check for website for Sunday Second Line schedules – jazz bands play and walk through the neighborhoods.

**Libations/small plates**

\*Baccanal

600 Poland Ave

504-948-9111

Mag’s (gay/drag)

940 Elysian Fields Ave

5045-948-1888

Golden Lantern (gay/drag)

1239 Royal St.

504-529-2860

†Carousel Bar (Monteleone Hotel)

214 Royal St

504-523-3341

The John

2040 Burgundy St

**Groceries/healthcare/deliveries**

Robert’s Fresh Market (across the street)

Full service grocery, hot/cold prepared, bakery, wine/beer/alcohol, sushi, PJ’s Coffee Shop

Walgreen’s

St. Claude and Elysian Fields Aves

€Verti Marte (groceries and deli)

1201 Royal St

504-525-4767

**Transportation**

Riverfront Streetcar Line

5 blocks at Elysian Fields at French Market

Uber and Lyft are available

Taxi – United Cab

504-522-9771

Guide:

\* not in walking distance

†upscale check website for pricing

€delivers