



THE POCKET GUIDE TO NEW ORLEANS

1. **Airboat Swamp Tour** - An exciting ride through the Louisiana Bayou with fearless Cajun captains leading the way. You'll see & interact with native wildlife including **alligators**! You might even get to hold a baby gator! We offer large, medium and small airboats, hovercraft-like boats that take you to shallow areas of the bayou inaccessible to other boats. Slower, more-laid back (and less expensive) Covered Tour Boats are also available. Only a 35 minute drive from the French Quarter or use our optional round-trip transportation from many hotels in the French Quarter and Central Business District. **Book ahead: This tour sells out fast!**
Airboats: \$50 to \$95 per guest. Tour boats: \$30 to \$52. 9:45am, 12pm, 2pm or 4pm (seasonal).
2. **Ghost & Vampire Tour** - Named by TripAdvisor one of the Top 10 Ghost Tours in the World! You'll hear tales of famous **real-life** French Quarter murders & fires that led to **ghost stories & unrestful spirits**. History mixed with supernatural. Starts & stops at a bar (but kids are allowed). **\$16 to \$25. 6 pm, 8 pm.**
3. **City & Katrina Tour** - Great way to get off Bourbon Street & see the real city: covers French Quarter, **Garden District**, City Park, **St. Louis Cemetery No. 3**, the Lower Ninth Ward levy that broke during **Hurricane Katrina** & more. Includes hotel pickup. **\$40-\$46. 8:30am, 9:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 3:30pm.**
4. **Oak Alley & Laura Plantation Tour** - Oak Alley is the most **beautiful** plantation in Louisiana, famous for its 300 year-old alley of oak trees. Tour guides dress in period garb. Laura was a Creole plantation run by three generations of women; the tour goes through the house & **original slave quarters**. Check out Laura's memoir. Hotel pickup is included. **Both plantations: \$90. 10:30am. One plantation: \$65, 8:30am,**
5. **Swamp & Plantation Combo Tour** - Do a **swamp & plantation all in one day** at a great price. Swamp tour options on Small Airboat (6 passengers), Medium Airboat (16 passengers) or Covered Tour Boat (60 passengers); choice of Laura or Oak Alley plantations. Hotel pickup included. **\$98 to \$155.**
6. **St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 Tour** - The oldest cemetery in New Orleans features voodoo queen **Marie Laveau's grave**, plus the above ground tombs of 100,000 others. Beautiful & historic. This walking tour meets at a nearby French Quarter pub. **\$16 to \$25. Mon-Sat: 11am, 1pm. Sundays: 10am only.**

Tours have limited availability: Book as far ahead as possible to ensure we have room for your group. All tours require advance reservations. You can book your tour directly at GatorsAndGhosts.com, call/text (504) 226-5433, visit our booth at 500 Bourbon Street (between the hours of 10am and 6pm daily), or email reservations@gatorsandghosts.com.

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TOP PLACES TO VISIT ON YOUR OWN

SIGHTSEEING STAPLES

1. **Jackson Square:** See **St. Louis Cathedral**, musicians, artists, fortune tellers, shops, restaurants, a beautiful park, & two history museums, including the Cabildo, site of the Louisiana Purchase. **700 Decatur.**
2. **Cafe Du Monde:** The most famous place to grab a cafe au lait & a **beignet**. **800 Decatur Street**
3. **French Market:** A large **outdoor market** with food vendors, souvenirs & more. **1235 N. Peter Street**
4. **Frenchman Street:** Nighttime hotbed of local music & culture. Less sketchy than Bourbon Street.
5. **Preservation Hall:** Home to the world famous **Preservation Hall Jazz Band**. A good idea to try to get tickets in advance at their box office on St. Peter Street. Shows nightly. **726 St. Peter Street**
6. **World War II Museum:** Don't miss the powerful **Tom Hanks 4D movie** about the war. **945 Magazine St.**
7. **City Park:** One of the largest parks in the country. Featuring an art museum, a small amusement park, a cafe, a sculpture garden, plus bike & boat rentals. Try climbing a **live oak tree**. **1 Palm Drive.**
8. **Mardi Gras World:** See the workspace where some of the most elaborate **Mardi Gras floats** are made. A free shuttle to the attraction is available by calling 504-507-9315. **1380 Port of New Orleans Place.**

INTOXICATING BARS

1. **Chris Owens Club:** Chris Owens is a singer, dancer & **NOLA legend** (and our landlady). She hosts a variety show Fridays & Saturdays at 9 p.m. Latin music fills the club Thurs.-Sun nights. **500 Bourbon St.**
2. **Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop:** Supposedly the oldest building used as a bar in the United States, Lafitte's is candlelit with an old world ambiance. Many claim it is **haunted**. **941 Bourbon Street.**
3. **Carousel Bar:** Beautiful (slowly) **spinning bar** inside the Monteleone hotel. **214 Royal Street.**
4. **Bourbon O:** Craft **cocktails w/ fresh ingredients**, a rare find on Bourbon Street. **730 Bourbon St.**
5. **Pat O'Brien's:** Originator of the potent rum punch cocktail known as the **hurricane**. **718 St. Peters St.**
6. **Erin Rose:** A divey **Irish pub** with a great jukebox & acclaimed po-boys in the back. **811 Conti Street.**
7. **Cafe Lafitte in Exile:** **Tennessee Williams** drank here. The first gay bar in the U.S. **901 Bourbon Street.**
8. **Blue Nile:** A great spot for **jazz on Frenchman** Street. Big names play here. **532 Frenchman Street.**
9. **Kajuns:** The best **karaoke** spot in town. Young or old, gay or straight: all have a blast. Drinks are cheap. Lots of other interesting bars and restaurants nearby. **2256 St Claude Ave.**

DELICIOUS RESTAURANTS

1. **Oceana:** Casual Cajun spot with decent food & great prices. Try the **blackened catfish** po-boy. A bit touristy, but popular. **Come back & see us at Gators & Ghosts for an Oceana coupon.** **739 Conti St.**
2. **Compère Lapin:** Chef Nina Compton's fusion of New Orleans with the Caribbean. **535 Tchoupitoulas St.**
3. **Port of Call:** Best **burgers** in the city. Add a baked potato and a boozy pink drink. **838 Esplanade Blvd.**
4. **Horn's:** Cute Marigny spot that's great for **brunch** and walkable from French Quarter. **1940 Dauphine St.**
5. **Bacchanal:** Very cool restaurant with an extensive wine selection in the Bywater neighborhood. **Great jazz** & a nice outdoor seating area under a canopy of trees. Take a cab or rent a bike. **600 Poland Ave.**
6. **Peche:** Upscale **seafood** with a raw bar. One of the best new restaurants in New Orleans. **800 Magazine.**
7. **Killer PoBoys:** The **best po'boy** sandwiches in the French Quarter. Foodie approved. **219 Dauphine St.**
8. **Felix:** Raw and chargrilled **oysters** and other seafood platters and at atmosphere that feels vaguely like the 1940s. Better than the touristy Acme Oyster House, which is across the street. **729 Iberville Street.**
9. **The Gumbo Shop:** Creole food, **delicious gumbo**, & optional courtyard dining at a decent price point. When someone says they want something New Orleans-y, we send them here. **630 St. Peter Street.**

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