

Elie's NOLA Recommendations

Restaurants <http://www.frenchquarter.com/maps/dining.pdf>

ACME Oyster Bar	Oysters, oysters, and more oysters along with some other stuff. Yummy.	724 Iberville St (504) 522-5973 www.acmeoyster.com
Antoine's	Upscale – long time establishment.	725 St. Louis St. (504) 581-4422 www.antoines.com
Brennan's	Upscale – good breakfast and dinner. Banana's Foster for breakfast....yummmm	417 Royal Street (504) 525-9711 www.brennansneworleans.com/
Café Fleur de Lis	Casual – great breakfast	307 Chartres St (504) 529-9641 cafefleurdelis.com
The Coffee Pot (An Elie Favorite)	Good breakfast – so/so lunch and dinner	714 Saint Peter St. (504) 524-3500
Commander's Palace	Upscale in the Garden District. Amazing service, great food and ambiance, very expensive.	1427 Washington Ave (504) 899-9591 www.commanderspalace.com
Court of Two Sisters	Upscale – known for their jazz brunch	613 Royal St (504) 522-7261 www.courtoftwosisters.com
Desire Oyster Bar	Oysters, oysters, and more oysters along with some other stuff. Also yummy. Kenny is the best waiter.	300 Bourbon St. (504) 586-0300
Eat	Right across the street at the corner – convenient but a little pricey for what you get.	900 Dumaine St New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 522-7222
Feelings Café (An Elie Favorite)	AMAZING food and ambiance – very romantic. Located in Marigny; could walk it but I recommend taking a cab	2600 Chartres St. (504) 945-2222 www.feelingscafe.com
Fire of Brazil	Fixed price “buffet;” they bring the meat to you; get your own salad bar . I just get the salad bar by itself and love it – tons of stuff on it.	725 Iberville St (504) 552-4446 www.fireofbrazil.com
Galatoire's	Sort of casual sort of upscale as it is on Bourbon so anyone wanders in. Decent food.	209 Bourbon St (504) 525-2021 www.galatoires.com
Margaritaville	Jimmy Buffet's of course. Fun bar and great for casual lunch. Gift shop next door (not far from the French Market)	1 French Market Pl (504) 529-4177 www.margaritaville.com
Mother's	Casual – greasy spoon/southern food kind of place; long lines	401 Poydras St (504) 523-9656 www.mothersrestaurant.net
Muriel's (An Elie Favorite)	Upscale – one of my top 3 picks for a nice dinner out.	801 Chartres St (504) 568-1885 www.muriels.com
New Orleans Po'Boys	Dine in and carry out. Good newer place...turn left on Bourbon Street and you'll see it.	
NOLA	Upscale – Reservations Recommended. One of my top 3 picks for a nice dinner out.	534 Saint Louis St. (504) 522-6652 www.emerils.com
One	Off the beaten path but great.	8132 Hampson St. (504)301-9061 www.one-sl.com

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Restaurants (cont.)

Orleans Grapevine Wine Bar & Bistro	Sort of casual – decent wine bar with a good food menu. Small so it fills fast. Make a reservation or go early.	718 Orleans Ave. (504) 523-1930 www.orleansgrapevine.com
Port of Call	Only go if you like burgers...but I hear they are some of the best	838 Esplanade Ave. (504) 523-0120 www.portofcallneworleans.com
Red Fish Grill	Moderate – nice but not fancy, great food	115 Bourbon St (504) 598-1200 www.redfishgrill.com
The Rib Room	Upscale in the lower level of the Omni Royal Hotel	621 Saint Louis St (504) 529-7045
Royal House (An Elie Favorite)	Great oysters and seafood. Very casual.	Corner of Royal & St. Louis 504: 528-2601 http://www.royalhouserestaurant.com/
Wolfe's	Upscale– great food and just down at the next block	1041 Dumaine St (504) 593-9535 www.peristylrestaurant.com
Yo Mama's (An Elie Favorite)	Casual – burgers and stuff open late	727 St Peters St. (504) 522-1125

Bars <http://www.frenchquarter.com/maps/nightlife.pdf>

Bourbon Street	Tons of them...take a walk and get a “go cup” to take with you as you people watch.	
Café Lafitte in Exile	Gay Bar – Karaoke on Wednesday's is hilarious	901 Bourbon St. www.lafittes.com
Finnegan's Big Easy (An Elie favorite)	Awesome bar. Haunted history tour meets outside, but once they are gone it is moderately crowded with a good vibe. Great bartenders.	St. Peter St. Across from Pat O's
Good Friends Bar	Gay bar – Show Tune singalong on Sunday evenings in the upstairs bar 5-8pm..	Corner of St. Ann & Dauphine
Pat O'Brien's	Not my favorite (very touristy) but I guess everyone has to try a hurricane once?	718 St. Peter St. www.patobriens.com
Pirate's Alley Bar	Right near the cathedral; have some fake absinthe	Pirate's Alley
Touche's	Another local's hangout. Decent sandwiches, etc. for lunch too.	Beside the Rib Room Corner or St. Louis & Royal

(Also see music below as most bars also have entertainment.)

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Music <http://www.frenchquarter.com/maps/music.pdf>

Bourbon Street	Tons of places playing live music – hit or miss as it depends on the day of the week and the crowd.	
d.b.a.	Awesome selection of imported beer and great live entertainment.	618 Frenchmen St. Marigny www.drinkgoodstuff.com
Fritzel's Jazz Pub	Great traditional New Orleans jazz	733 Bourbon St (504) 561-0432 www.fritzels.tripod.com
Funky Pyrate	Big Al Carlson is a must see if you like blues singing.	727 Bourbon St (504) 523-1960 www.tropicalisle.com
House of Blues	All kinds of musical acts; check the online schedule and buy tix in advance. Great food too.	225 Decatur St (504) 529-2624 www.hob.com
Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop	Very old building – great piano bar; dim lights, great ambiance when there are not a ton of drunks	941 Bourbon St.
Preservation Hall	Traditional New Orleans jazz – they do not serve food or drinks, but they put on a great show.	726 Saint Peter St (504) 522-2841 www.preservationhall.com
Snug Harbor	Just outside of the quarter in Marigny – safest to cab if there are not lots of people walking about. GREAT jazz club – check the schedule	626 Frenchmen St (504) 949-0696 www.snugjazz.com
Spotted Cat	Just outside of the quarter in Marigny – safest to cab if there are not lots of people walking about. Eclectic music – often standing room only	623 Frenchmen St (504) 943-3887 www.thespottedcat.com
Tipitinas	Off the beaten path but great live music of all kinds.	501 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans, (504) 895-TIPS Tipitinas.com

Services

Cab Drivers	Coleman Cab Company – most reliable drivers in my experience.	(504) 586-0222
Corner Deli	When you exit front door there is a deli/convenience store across to the right. Enter on Burgundy St.	
Bastille Internet Café	Computer, printer, fax access. Check-in for your flight here!	605 Toulouse St. (504) 581-1150 www.bastille-computer-cafe.com
Mary's True Value	Hardware store that has lots of bits and pieces – quite convenient.	908 Bourbon St (504) 525-6279
Rouse's	Corner of Royal and St. Peter (used to be an A&P). As full service as groceries get in the quarter.	701 Royal St. (504) 523-1353 www.rouses.com
Royal Mail	Small mail/package center. Buy postage and postcards; send a package	828 Royal St (504) 522-8523
Walgreen's	There are a couple of stores in the area. This one is closest.	619 Decatur St. 504-525-7263 www.walgreens.com
Washing Well Laundry	Check the hours carefully. If you toss the laundry in the scale and into a machine and fold it yourself it is cheaper. Just down a block or so.	841 Bourbon St (504) 523-9955

Tour Companies

Canal St. Ferry	Open to cars and pedestrians. Nice ride over the river and great view. Named Algiers because it reminded immigrants of Algeria.	
Cooking Classes	There are a couple of places that teach cooking classes. Also another one in Riverwalk Mall.	524 Saint Louis St. (504) 525-2665 www.neworleansschoolofcooking.com
Grey Line	Operating several tours regularly- Cemetery and Gris-Gris Tour, Oak Alley Plantation Tour, French Quarter Walking Tour, Ghosts and Spirits Tour. Katrina Catastrophe Education Rebuilding Tour	Toulouse St. Lighthouse (Behind Jaxx) 1-800-535-7786 www.graylineneworleans.com
Haunted History Tours	Operating French Quarter and Garden District tours.	(504) 861-2727 www.hauntedhistorytours.com
Historic NO Tours	All kinds of walking tours. Check online for locations.	http://www.tourneworleans.com/
New Orleans Spirit Tours	All kinds of walking tours. Check online for locations.	621 Royal St. (504) 314-0806 www.neworleanstours.net
Segway Tours	Frankie is a little crazy – great fun! Ride a segway scooter and see the sights!	1101 Decatur St. 985-807-5398 www.segwaynola.com
Save Our Cemeteries Tours	Tours of Lafayette Cemetery in Garden District and St. Louis near the quarter. Monies paid help with upkeep. Great website.	(504) 525-3377 www.saveourcemeteries.org
Canal Street Streetcar Line	Canal Street cars run regularly from the French Quarter to the Cemeteries and the Museum. Free fares for now	
Riverfront Streetcar Line	Regular service along the River from Esplanade to the Convention Center. Fare-free for now.	

Shopping

Royal & Bourbon and all in between	There are shops everywhere. Really. Just take a walk around the quarter.	
Faulkner House Book Shop	This book shop was once the home of author William Faulkner and is now known for the book shop of rare and first editions.	624 Pirate's Alley (504)524-2940
Canal Place Shops w/movies	Upscale shopping with a movie theater – edge of the quarter not far from Harrah's Casino.	333 Canal Pl.
French Market	Follow Decatur St. way down away from Canal Pl. They are working on the market so it looks closed at first, but keep going and you'll see it.	
Jax Brewery Building	Shops and eateries – not as grand as it used to be...cheesy junk shops.	600 Decatur St. www.jacksonbrewery.com
Riverwalk Mall	Take a look at the Spanish Fountain near the entrance.	

Landmarks/Things to See <http://www.frenchquarter.com/maps/attractions.pdf>

Anne Rice Stuff	Some of the walking tours include info about her. Garden district tours include mention of homes.	
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas	Great aquarium with an IMAX theater.	Canal St. at the river – near Riverwalk Mall
Audubon Zoo	Uptown – great zoo. Cab or trolley with some walking.	
Buggy Ride with Royal Carriages	Daily tours in mule or horse-drawn carriages driven by professional tour guides.	
The Cabildo – Louisiana State Museum	Beside Jackson Square – great collection of historic books, cookbooks, etc.	749 Chartres St.
Café Du Monde	Although you can do the coffee and beignets thing anywhere, this is the place one HAS to go because everyone asks. Lines can get long later in the day.	800 Decatur St. (504) 525-4544 www.cafedumonde.com
City Park	Take a bus or cab up – this is where the outdoor festival concerts are held. NOMA museum too.	
DDay/WWII Museum	Out of the quarter but not too far. Warehouse/Arts District. AWESOME museum.	945 Magazine St.
Festival Calendar	Check online – things going on all the time	
Harrah's casino	Casino with shows. Check the schedule online.	8 Canal St. (504) 533-6000 www.harrahs.com
Jackson Square	Large open common area and park between Decatur and Chartres.	
Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve Visitor Center		419 Decatur St.
Le Petit Theater	Very cute small theater.	616 Saint Peter St. (504) 522-2081 www.lepetittheatre.com
Louis Armstrong Park	Park named after the jazz great not too far up the street. Go during daylight and be street smart.	901 N Rampart St. (504) 529-3000
Mardi Gras World	Take the free ferry across to Algiers. Entrance fee – most of the Mardi Gras floats are designed and built here.	233 Newton St.
Natchez Steamboat	Take a lunch cruise or take a boat to a plantation tour.	Go to the river near Riverwalk Mall
NOMA – New Orleans Museum of Art	Inside City Park – check online to see current offerings. Bus, or cab. Long walk of “iffy” safety. Great sculpture garden adjacent to museum.	www.noma.org
New Orleans Pharmacy Museum	How about some Love Potion #9?	514 Chartres St.
New Orleans VooDoo Museum	Just 2 blocks down!	724 Dumaine St.
Ogden Museum of Southern Art	Warehouse/Arts District	925 Camp St.
The Presbytere	Part of the State Museum – start at the Cabildo and then walk across the square.	
Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum		620 Decatur St.
St. Louis Cathedral	Really cool at night	Jackson Square
Woldenberg Riverfront Park	Runs along the river along the French quarter. Take a stroll on a nice day.	

Also see www.Frenchquarter.com for more info and detailed listings.

