



Things to do in New Orleans:

The list of things to do could go on and on. But I'll list some must see's for those who have limited time.

The French Market: 1008 N. Peters

Walk down Decatur to N. Peters Street. You can't miss it. This is a must on any visit. The market has everything from fresh produce, to tourist items, to some really nice gifts. You'll find great inexpensive souvenirs, beautiful candles, local art work, and wonderful jewelry. Grab a cool drink before you get here - you may stay a while!

The Mississippi River

Walk down Decatur past the Jax Brewery, cross behind the tracks and you'll find the River Walk. We suggest spending a little time on the shores of the river. Not only are the boats interesting there are usually a few musicians and other entertainers hanging out by the river.

Jackson Square, the pedestrian mall, and the St. Louis Cathedral

After touring the cathedral you can walk around the beautiful garden areas and check out the local artists, musicians, street performers, and palm readers along the pedestrian mall. Afterwards cross the street and enjoy beignets and coffee at Café du Monde.

Jax Brewery: Located on Decatur St. between Toulouse & St. Peter

With over 50 stores and kiosks, restaurants, and cafes it's a nice stroll for a rainy day. Check out the Fudge Factory where every hour you can watch them roll out the fudge and sing, and stick around for the free samples!!!

Pat O'Brien's

Pat O'Brien's and New Orleans go hand in hand. Don't leave New Orleans without stopping in for a Hurricane. Grab a seat in the courtyard by the fountain. Have the staff snap your photograph. Pat O's also has a wonderful dueling piano show in the evenings.

The River Walk #1 Poydras St

Riverwalk offers shopping like you've never experienced. With over 120 stores and restaurants, they've got the big, national names like Abercrombie & Fitch, Ann Taylor Loft, Nine West and many more. Plus local favorites including Cookin' Cajun Cooking School, Tabasco Country Store, and Street Scenes just to name a few. You're right on the Mississippi, right in the heart of town. Also the River Walk has one of mthe best food courts in the country... including a daiquiri bar!

Riverboats:

Cajun Queen Riverboat and the Creole Queen Paddlewheeler Aquarium of the Americas Dock
504-529-4567, 800-445-4109; www.neworleanspaddlewheels.com

Explore the might Mississippi River aboard an authentic replica of an old riverboat. Daily narrated one-hour harbor cruises & Jazz Dinner cruises. Depart from the Canal Street Dock at the Riverwalk.

John James Audubon Riverboat Aquarium of the Americas Dock
504-587-8777, 800-233-2628; www.aquariumzoocruise.com

One hour cruise between the Aquarium of the Americas and the Audubon Zoo.

Royal Carriage Ride Tours Jackson Square

New Orleans' largest and America's oldest continually operating carriage company since 1941. Specializing in carriage tours of the French Quarter, St. Louis Cemetery, and the Garden District. Tours depart from Decatur Street, right in front of the St. Louis Cathedral.

Aquarium of the Americas and Imax (#1 Canal Street)

It is great! The prices for adults start at \$14. The Aquarium here is one of the best in the country. Makes the New England Aquarium look like a fish tank.

Audubon Zoo 6500 Magazine Street

A New Orleans favorite, Audubon Zoo is one of the country's premiere zoos, providing an oasis for 1,500 animals, representing over 350 species from around the world. See the white tigers, the komono dragons and the Louisiana swamp alligators! A MUST for anyone who loves the zoo! Adults \$11, children \$6

New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum (724 Dumaine St)

Although we have never been we hear it is interesting.

Antiquing in the French Quarter

Royal and Magazine Streets are known for their antique shops.

Mardi Gras Museum - Presbytere, 751 Chartres

Located right off Jackson Square, next to the St. Louis Cathedral. Take in all the mysterious and exciting history of Mardi Gras. Here the visitor finds handmade gowns worn by Kings and Queens of some of this city's krewes, magnificent crowns and scepters that donned Mardi Gras royalty and antique invitations to the *bal masques*. "Mardi Gras: It's Carnival Time in Louisiana" is fun and educational for the whole family. The Presbytere is open Tuesday - Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is part of the Louisiana State Museum system, which also includes the Cabildo, the Old U.S. Mint, The 1850 House, and Madame John's Legacy. \$5 adults, \$4 children

Musee Conti Wax Museum 917 Rue Conti

504-581-1993; www.get-waxed.com

Meet a legend face-to-face! 300 years of history, legend and scandal. The Wax tells the story of New Orleans from her founding to the present day.

The National D-Day Museum 945 Magazine Street

504-527-6012; wwwddaymuseum.org

Celebrates American spirit, the teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who won World War II and promotes the exploration and expression of these values by future generations.

Oak Alley Plantation and Restaurant 3645 LA Hwy. 18, Vacherie, LA

225-265-2151, 800-442-5539; www.oakalleyplantation.com

One hour from New Orleans, this National Historic Landmark is famous for its alley of 300-year-old live oak tree. Antebellum mansion refurbished according to original inventory. Drive yourself or Contact Gray Line of New Orleans 504-569-1401 for bus tour information.



Airboat Adventures and Blind River Swamp Tours Metairie, LA
888-GO-SWAMP; www.airboatadventures.com

Six-passenger airboat tour. A 2-hour tour through private, hauntingly beautiful cypress swamp. See gators, nutrias, eagles, deer, and more with hands-on energetic guides!



Louisiana Swamp Tours Crown Point, LA
888-30-SWAMP; www.louisianaswamp.com

See and experience the swamps, gators, wildlife that made Louisiana the crown jewel. Three tours a day. Swamp and plantation combo tour, Transportation from the French Quarter available.

Cajun Encounters Swamp, City and Plantation Tours; Slidell, LA
866-928-6877; www.cajunencounters.com

Venture on small boats through untouched boughs/sloughs with nature guides and see nesting grounds for wild animals. Enjoy an up-close and personal experience with the beautiful Honey Island Swamp, a known nature conservatory.

New Orleans Swamp Tours, Bayou Savage
504-236-3143

Only 20 minutes from New Orleans, covered boats cruise daily into the heart of a U.S. National Wildlife Refuge. Closest wildlife swamp tour to downtown New Orleans.

Haunted History Tours depart from various French Quarter locations
504-861-2727; www.hauntedhistorytours.com

These are the tours you've heard about! Haunted sights, cemeteries, voodoo and more!

Garden District Walking Tour - Gray Line of New Orleans
504-569-1401; www.graylineneworleans.com

Enjoy a walk through the historic Garden District, well known for its beautiful homes. View the home of Ann Rice and the house of Jefferson Davis who dies in 1889.

Historic Garden District and New Orleans Tours 2727 Prytania Street.
504-947-2120; www.tourneworleans.com

Explore the majesty of the Garden District's grand mansions and oak-lined boulevards. Highlands include the homes of Anne Rice, Archie Manning, Trent Reznor and the death site of Jefferson Davis and a visit to the Lafayette Cemetery. 11am and 1:45pm daily. No reservations necessary. \$15 adults