

Local Attractions

Riverwalk Marketplace

This shopping and dining complex runs along the Mississippi River beginning at Spanish Plaza at the foot of Canal Street. The mall features 140 retail stores, full-service restaurants, and an extensive food court. Among the shops are Abercrombie & Fitch, Ann Taylor Loft, and Oakley. 1 Poydras St., 504-522-1555

Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World

It's Carnival all year long at the workshops of Blaine Kern, the world's largest float builder. The tour features a video on the history of Mardi Gras. 233 Newton St., 504-361-7821, Open Daily 10a-5p, \$15 Adults

Harrah's Casino

The South's largest casino is located at the foot of Canal Street. This mammoth pleasure palace has five lavish New Orleans-themed areas comprising 2,900 slots and 125 table games. 8 Canal Street, 504-533-6000

Audubon Aquarium of the Americas/Entergy IMAX Theatre

This award-winning public aquarium includes the largest and most diverse collection of sharks and jellyfish in the US. 1 Canal St., 504-581-4629 Aquarium-Open Daily 10a-5pm, \$16 Adults \$9.50 Children, \$13 Seniors – IMAX-Open Daily 10a-5pm, \$8 Adults \$5 Children \$7 Seniors

Audubon Zoo and Gardens

Home to more than 1,800 animals, the Audubon Zoo is one of the finest in the US and the gardens are spectacular. 6500 Magazine St. 504-581-4629, Open Tues thru Friday 10a-5pm, Sat & Sun 10a-5pm, \$12 Adults/\$7 Children/\$9 Seniors

Jackson Square

The heart of the French Quarter was originally known as Place d'Armes, and was renamed to honor President Andrew Jackson, whose statue anchors the square.

St. Louis Cathedral

This magnificent circa-1849 cathedral was designated a minor basilica in 1964 by Pope Paul VI. A gift shop is open daily, masses daily. 615 Pere Antoine Alley, 504-525-9585

Cookin' Cajun Cooking School

Learn the secrets of New Orleans cuisine from chefs who conduct two-hour classes daily, times vary, reservations recommended. Riverwalk, 504-586-8832, 504-523-6425

New Orleans School of Cooking & Louisiana General Store

Entertaining and informative Creole and Cajun cooking lessons are given daily in the school's test kitchens. Hands-on classes are also offered, reservations required. 524 St. Louis St., 504-525-2665

Community Flea Market

T-shirts and caps, original artwork and crafts, antiques, and imported goods from around the world—all yours for the haggling. 1200 block of N. Peters.

Gray Line Tours

- Hurricane Katrina Tour, 3hrs, Daily 9a & 1p, \$35 Adults/\$28 Children
- French Quarter Walking Tour, 2 hrs, Tues thru Sunday 1pm, \$24 Adults/\$13 Children
- Cemetery & Gris-Gris Walking Tour, 2hrs, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am, \$20 Adults/\$10 Kids
- Garden District WalkingTour, 2 hrs, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am, \$20 Adults/\$10 Kids

504-569-1401

Haunted History/ Ghost Tour

2 hrs, departs daily, 723 St. Peter St., 504-861-2727

Tours by Isabelle

Oldest locally owned and operated in New Orleans. 504-391-3544, 1-888-223-2093

- Combo City Tours
- Plantations Tours
- Bayou Tours

Louisiana Music Factory Music Store

Largest inventory of Cajun, R&B, Zydeco, Dixieland, Jazz, Blues, Gospel, International music in the city. CDs, 45's-78's-LPs, most knowledgeable associates. 210 Decatur St. 504-586-1094, Open Mon thru Sat 10a-7pm, Sun 12p-6pm

House of Blues

This Crescent City branch of the national chain tops local best-of lists, and mixes big name tours with local faves. 225 Decatur St. 504-310-4999 Open Tues thru Sat 4pm-Close