

# SUGGESTED NEW ORLEANS ITINERARY

## THREE DAYS IN THE CRESCENT CITY!



### DAY ONE

First, enjoy a traditional New Orleans style breakfast with **beignets** and **café au lait**. After your breakfast, head down Decatur Street to the **French Market**. This historically charming open-air market, similar to some European markets, features 5 blocks of local produce, specialty art, handmade crafts, retail shopping and more. **Jackson Square** is also nestled in the center of the French Quarter. Known as one of New Orleans' most recognizable landmarks, this 2.5-acre space boasts unique shops, art galleries, and the local artists and musicians that cascade the fences of the Place d'Armes. Must-see venues include the **Cabildo**, the **Presbytère**, and **St. Louis Cathedral**.

For lunch, check out any of the 1,400 restaurants that New Orleans has to offer. These restaurants offer delicious, diverse, and superb cuisines. Try some of New Orleans' famous dishes such as a **po'boys**, **crawfish etouffée**, **jambalaya**, or **gumbo**. Looking to try some local seafood? Staples such as **Acme Oyster House** or **Landry's Seafood House** are sure to impress.

After lunch, explore the city on the **City Sightseeing Hop-on, Hop-off bus**. Experience New Orleans with a guided tour through different neighborhoods of the Crescent City. Relax and enjoy the ride or hop off and explore the different areas of New Orleans such as the **Garden District**, **St. Louis Cemetery No. 1**, the **National World War II Museum**, **Tremé**, or **Magazine Street**. The bus makes a continuous loop every thirty minutes and with all day passes there is no charge to hop back on the bus.

End the afternoon with a **carriage ride** through the French Quarter. The original ridesharing service and the chief way folks traversed the city's unpaved streets and byways, mule-drawn carriages still line up on the Decatur side of Jackson Square, offering leisurely city tours, filled with colorful commentary.

For dinner, try one of New Orleans' signature restaurants like **Palm Court Jazz Café**, featuring Creole and International cuisine and nightly live music, or **Palace Café**, with modern Creole cooking and a live jazz brunch on the weekends. Any of New Orleans' restaurants are guaranteed to offer the best of savory Creole, Cajun, or seafood dishes that will satisfy your hunger.

After dinner, take a taxi to **Frenchmen Street** for an evening dedicated to music and cocktails. Frenchmen Street boasts multiple music venues that range from traditional jazz to rock, from reggae to Latin, and from Bluegrass to the Blues. Also, be sure to check out the Frenchmen Art Market, open at night.

### DAY TWO

Enjoy a lively Jazz Brunch at **Court of Two Sisters**, home to the French Quarter's largest historical courtyard, or take the streetcar Uptown to **Superior Seafood & Oyster Bar**, where you'll delight in a fresh take on many Louisiana classics.

After your brunch, take a walking tour or a bus tour through the famous streets of the **Garden District**. The neighborhood is known for its variety of historic homes, from colorful row houses

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to Classic Revival mansions and charming cottages shadowed by giant oak trees. Nearby Magazine Street offers great shops, restaurants and bars.

Next, see where Mardi Gras is made with a tour of **Mardi Gras World**. More than 80 percent of the floats that journey down New Orleans' streets during the Carnival season are designed and built here. Learn about the many traditions surrounding Mardi Gras parades, balls and music, as well as the intricacies of float designing and building. Don't leave without trying a piece of king cake!

A must-see for history lovers and all patriots, **The National WWII Museum** is the next stop on the list. Powerful images and extraordinary artifacts bring to life the American Spirit, the courage, teamwork and sacrifice of the young men and women who won the war and changed the world.

Wind down your time in the Crescent City with an authentic Cajun dinner at **K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, Coterie Restaurant & Oyster Bar, or Mulate's, The Original Cajun Restaurant**. Finish the evening in true New Orleans style with a cocktail and some live jazz music at **The Davenport Lounge** or **The Jazz Playhouse**.

### DAY THREE

Enjoy a quick breakfast at your hotel or local coffee shop before hitting the road for a **plantation tour**. The Antebellum south comes to life at the many plantations that line the Mississippi

River, a throwback to the city's agrarian past. Located as close as an hour outside of New Orleans, you can tour stately mansions such as **Houmas House, Oak Alley, or Laura Plantation** and hear stories from all perspectives, from the famous local families that built and owned them to the views of the slaves who worked there. Many of the plantations serve lunch, so plan to visit as many as you can before finishing off with lunch on the property.

While exploring outside of the city limits, journey through Louisiana swamplands on a **Cajun Pride Swamp Tour**. This privately-owned wildlife refuge provides narrated tours with native Cajun Captains on an exploration through the Manchac Swamp with moss-draped cypress trees, American Alligators and abundant wildlife.

When you return to the city, spend the late afternoon exploring the Vieux Carré and its many antiques and souvenir shops. For a last-minute token to bring home, stop by **Aunt Sally's Pralines** for a famous praline, or **New Orleans School of Cooking's** Louisiana General Store for authentic Cajun spices, cookbooks and other gifts to remind you of your fun-filled trip to New Orleans.

For a final farewell, treat yourself to one of New Orleans' long-standing restaurants filled with tradition and history. Dinner at the iconic **Antoine's Restaurant, Arnaud's Restaurant, or Brennan's** will ignite your palate and leave you with an unforgettable experience that will have you planning your next trip to New Orleans!

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