

MUST – SEE ATTRACTIONS IN NEW ORLEANS

Antique Row - The most exquisite antiques located in restored buildings dating back to the 1700's. Three main areas: Royal Street and Chartres Street in the French Quarter and Magazine Street in the Garden District.

Aquarium of the Americas - The Aquarium specializes in aquatic life of the Americas. 1 Canal Street.

Cabildo and the Presbytere - Constructed in 1799, under Spanish rule, was the seat of the Spanish government, later the Louisiana Purchase took place here, then served as city hall and Supreme Court. Today it is the Louisiana State Museum. Left and right of the St. Louis Cathedral. 701 Chartres Street.

Café du Monde - World famous as the city itself for being a traditional New Orleans coffee shop! Café au lait, beignets and the opportunity to people watch! You must have a beignet here. Established in 1862. Open 24 hrs. Visit the original at: 800 Decatur Street.

Cemetery Tour - There are dozens throughout the city, that will take you to St. Louis Cemetery (home to Voodoo Queen Marie Laveaus's grave) and Lafayette Cemetery-popular location for movies shot in New Orleans. St. Louis No. 2 Cemetery on Basin Street is close to the Hotel. Call "Save our Cemeteries" at 504-525-3377.

Commander's Palace Restaurant - In operation since 1880. A New Orleans iconic culinary institution. The shining star in the Brennan family crown! Must call early for advanced reservations directly to the Restaurant at 504-899-8221. Ask for a seat in the Garden Room or the Patio if possible. **There is a dress code!** Do order the "Bread Pudding Soufflé" – which must be done when you place your food order. Found in the Garden District at 1403 Washington Ave.

Court of Two Sisters - A historic restaurant which offers a daily jazz brunch and French Qtr courtyard dining! Call early for advanced reservations. 504-522-7261. 613 Royal Street.

Desire Oyster Bar - Out the side door of the Hotel and part of the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Offers signature delicacies of the Big Easy – like their famous "turtle soup" or their "chargrilled oysters" \$1/each during Happy Hour, M-F. Perfect setting in the center of the action.

French Quarter/Bourbon Street - The historic architecture, iconic venues and an incomparable nightlife.

Garden District - Antebellum mansions, pristine gardens and southern charm, a dynamic historical community within New Orleans. Homes here are still known by the family names that built them. Boundaries are St. Charles Ave to Magazine St and from Jackson Ave to LA Ave. Take the St. Charles Ave streetcar or the Magazine St. bus.

Harrah's Casino - Near the foot of Canal Street. 8 Canal Street.

Jackson Square - Historic Park in the French Quarter. Equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson is in its center. Borders St. Louis Cathedral. Famous gathering place of painters, amateurs and caricaturists. 700 Decatur Street.

New Orleans Pharmacy Museum - Something unexpected? Guides don't hold back on the darker side of pharmaceutical history. Louis Dulfiho, here in New Orleans, was the 1st to pass a licensing exam for an apothecary shop in the U.S. Prior to that concoctions could be sold w/o regulations and standards. The 3 hr.-oral exam took place in Jackson Square in 1816. 514 Chartres Street.

Pat O'Brien's - The famous bar where the signature "hurricane cocktail" was created in the 1940's. Also home to the original flaming fountain located in its courtyard and dueling piano bar. The story holds that due to difficulties importing scotch during WWII, liquor salesmen forced bar owners to buy up to 50 cases of their plentiful rum in order to secure a single case of scotch. SO, Pat O'Brien's came up with an appealing recipe to reduce their now huge surplus of rum. When they decided to serve it in a "hurricane glass," shaped like a hurricane lamp, the hurricane was BORN! Don't go home without a signature glass for your collection. 718 St. Peter Street.

Riverwalk Shopping - Once the site of the '84 LA World's Fair, opened in '86 as the Riverwalk Market place. Fully renovated in '14, has re-opened as the The Outlet Collection at Riverwalk, making it the country's 1st downtown outlet center. Downtown, central business district. 500 Port of New Orleans.

St. Augustine Catholic Church – Founded in 1841, is the oldest African-American parish in the U.S. The Tomb of the Unknown Slave is commemorated here. The only parish in the U.S. whose free people of color bought two outer rows of pews exclusively for slaves to use for worship. Take the streetcar, 1.3 miles from hotel. 1210 Governor Nicholls Street.

St. Louis Cathedral - Built in 1720. The oldest Cathedral in America. 615 Pere Antoine Alley.

Steamboat Natchez - Take a classic steamboat cruise along the Mississippi River....Dinner Jazz, Daytime Jazz and Sunday Brunch cruises. 504-569-1401. One block from Jackson Square at 600 Decatur Street.

Superdome - Domed venue of the New Orleans Saints (NFL), home of the Sugar Bowl and the New Orleans Bowl in college football. The Superdome gained international attention of a different type in 2005 when it housed thousands of people seeking shelter from Hurricane Katrina. 1500 Sugar Bowl Drive.

Oh and of course the Optional Tours we're offering as part of the Gathering Itinerary:

**The National WWII Museum, Swamp Tour, Plantation Tour, and
Ghost Tour!**