

The New Orleans Museum of Art houses a \$200 million collection in 46 galleries: European painting and sculpture from the 16th through 20th centuries; American painting and sculpture from the 18th and 19th centuries; European and American prints and drawings; Asian, African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and Native American art; photography; and European and American decorative arts. Special collections include the Peter Carl Fabergé treasures and the Latin American Colonial collection. NOMA's Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden has become the latest cultural destination for locals and a must-see for visitors to the Crescent City. The world-class collection of 50 modern and contemporary sculptures is presented in an incredible, five-acre natural setting with delights at every turn.

Looking for the best casino in Louisiana? Well, welcome to Harrah's New Orleans. One of the top attractions in the South, Harrah's offers 2,000 hot slots and nearly 100 of the most popular table games, all spread out across a 115,000 square-foot gaming floor. "A more beautiful, opulent casino would be tough to find, even among the palaces of Las Vegas," according to Casino Player magazine. Located just inside the Canal Street entrance to the casino, Party Gras features the hottest and most exciting new games, including many five-reel and multi-denomination games and builds on the tremendous popularity of the year-old Penny Gras slot section. The hippest, hottest place to play in the casino, however, is Masquerade. Located at the heart of the casino, Masquerade boasts a bar topped with solid ice, an exclusive ultra lounge with bottle service and a 32-foot video tower providing a unique, multi-sensory experience.

Why is New York called the 'City that Never Sleeps' when last call is at 4 a.m.? The pumping dance floors and packed balconies of nightclubs in New Orleans go to dawn and beyond, while neighborhood bars in and out of the French Quarter offer a more relaxed, intimate atmosphere. People in the Big Easy have never had a lot of patience for attitude, which helps give the nightlife scene in New Orleans its laid-back, unpretentious air. Conversations come easily, and you just never know who might cross your path on any given night. Oz is one of the hottest dance clubs with a live DJ and a great outdoor seating area. Located right on Bourbon Street, it's hard to miss all the people hanging out the doors. The Ninth Circle, located at Congo Square, is an exotic neighborhood bar that will make your visit to the Crescent City a memorable one. It is also a hot spot for locals from the French Quarter.

As with everything else, New Orleans' hotel accommodations tap into the city's distinctive spirit and cater to diverse tastes. The grand, elegant, opulent French Quarter hotels are as impressive now as they were when they first opened far back in the city's past. Just as historical but more quaint and cozy, architecturally important mansions and homes all over the city have been converted into bed-and-breakfasts. However, hotels like the W and the Renaissance Arts prove New Orleans isn't stuck in the past but revels in its chic, artsy side, as well. The Ambassador offers large rooms with hardwood floors, high-speed Internet access, Bandito's authentic Mexican restaurant and lounge, wrought iron four-poster beds and coffee makers. Located in the heart of the French Quarter, steps from Jackson Square and Bourbon Street, the Andrew Jackson Hotel features romantic architecture and lovely views of the French Quarter. Guestrooms are situated around a picturesque 18th-century Creole courtyard. Celebrated wrought-iron balconies overlook legendary Royal Street.

No matter what your style, New Orleans is sure to please!

