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Out & About New Orleans Guide

The Royal Sonesta New Orleans welcomes all travelers to experience the magic of the Crescent City. Located in the heart of the historic French Quarter, our hotel is a vibrant hub for everyone to enjoy, featuring authentic jazz, lively nightlife, and refined Southern design. Inside, guests are treated to on-site fine dining, and exceptional entertainment, while just steps away lie the Mississippi Riverfront, the Central Business District, and New Orleans' most iconic attractions. Everyone has a place at The Royal Sonesta New Orleans.



Trendy LBGTQ+ Bars

**Bourbon Pub: 801 Bourbon St. 504-529-2107**

This popular hot spot is two clubs in one. Downstairs is a premiere video bar, while the second floor boasts of a dance club.

**Oz: 800 Bourbon St. 504-593-9491**

Located across the street from Bourbon Pub, this club is high energy all the time. It is the place to party until the sun comes up.

**Good Friends: 740 Dauphine St. 504-566-7191**

Laid back atmosphere that is home to the Queens' Head Pub located upstairs. Try the mind eraser for an experience you won't soon forget.

**Rawhide: 740 Burgundy St. 504-525-8106**

This is the only leather/Levi bar in town. Located two blocks off Bourbon St, this is the place where New Orleans' hottest men come to meet the tourists.

**Golden Lantern: 1239 Royal St. 504-529-2860**

Second oldest gay bar in the city. Official home to Southern Decadence where the parade starts. Sundays are for the drag shows.

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New Orleans Restaurants

**Restaurant R'evolution- 777 Bienville St. 504-553-2277**

Chef John Folse collaborates with his Chef de Cuisine, Michelin-star chef Chris Anderson, to approach Cajun and Creole cuisine with an imaginative touch. Located inside The Royal Sonesta New Orleans.

**Desire Oyster Bar- 300 Bourbon St. 504-553-2281**

Desire Oyster Bar serves up classic New Orleans cuisine in a vibrant setting. Enjoy po-boy's, red beans & rice, seafood and fresh Gulf oysters chargrilled or raw. Located inside The Royal Sonesta New Orleans.

**Brennan's – 417 Royal Street – 504-525-9711**

Brennan's Restaurant is a culinary institution in New Orleans, since 1946. Famous for its signature dishes such as Bananas Foster, Eggs Hussarde, and Turtle Soup. Brennan's offers guests a memorable and luxurious dining experience.

**Elizabeth's – 601 Gallier St – 504-944-9272**

Located in the Bywater, Elizabeth's is a local favorite known for its Southern-inspired comfort food. Famous for praline bacon and creative takes on classic dishes, Elizabeth's serves up hearty breakfasts, brunches, and dinners in a cozy, eclectic setting.

**Gabrielle Restaurant – 2441 Orleans Avenue – 504-603-2344**

This family-run gem re-opened on Orleans Avenue in September 2017 after a 12-year hiatus following Hurricane Katrina. Signature dishes like the famous Slow Roasted Duck and New Orleans-style Barbeque Shrimp Pie showcase their creative and comforting approach to fine dining in a casual, down-home setting.

**Café Du Monde – 800 Decatur St – 504-525-4544**

Café du Monde is a New Orleans icon, renowned for its powdered sugar-dusted beignets and rich café au lait made with chicory coffee. Located in the heart of the French Quarter, this historic café has been serving locals and visitors since 1862. Its open-air setting offers the perfect spot to soak in the vibrant energy of the city.

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Events

**Southern Decadence:** Since 1972 over 125,000 people from around the world gather to celebrate gay life, music and culture at one of New Orleans' premier annual events over Labor Day weekend.

**New Orleans Pride:** Recognized by the International Association of Pride Organizers (InterPride) and the fastest growing LGBT event according to GayTravel.com, this celebratory series occurs annually the third week of June and embraces the history and future prosperity of all communities along the entire Gulf Coast region.

**Halloween in New Orleans:** Halloween weekend has such a fun international reputation for its colorful creative costumes and variety of events, including HNO ("Halloween New Orleans") a fundraiser benefiting Project Lazarus which provides healthcare services to men and woman in New Orleans with HIV/AIDS.

**Saints & Sinners Literary Festival:** Since 2003 this annual festival occurring mid-May is an opportunity to hear colorful, enlightening literature from the GLBTIQA (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex) community of New Orleans and directly benefits the NO/AIDS Task Force.

**Mardi Gras:** In New Orleans there are eight gay carnival organizations – Krewe of Amon Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Mwindo, Krewe of Petrinus, Krewe of Queenateenas, Lords of Leather and Mystic Krewe of Satyricon.

**Mardi Gras Bourbon Street Awards:** One of "the most famous drag-queen contests in America" for 4 decades is held at the corner of Dumaine and St. Ann Streets. Participants compete in the following categories: Best Drag, Best Leather, Best Group and Best of Show. First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded in each category.

**Gay Easter Weekend:** Join the Easter Parade (literally) in your finest seersucker and pastels on Easter Sunday in the French Quarter. The weekend is filled with events like the Gay Easter Egg Hunt, drag brunches, and an Easter bonnet competition.

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FACTS ON OUR HOTEL

**Top Attractions**

Louis Armstrong International Airport- 16 miles

Riverwalk Outlet Collection- 1 mile

National WWII Museum- 1 mile

New Orleans Museum of Art- 3 miles

French Market- 1 mile

Audubon Aquarium- .5 miles

**Accommodations**

483 guest rooms and 36 suites, some with balconies, all with sweeping views of the French Quarter or courtyard

Complimentary high-speed wireless internet access

LCD Television in room

Keurig coffee makers and refrigerators

**On-site Dining & Entertainment**

The Jazz Playhouse featuring live jazz 5 nights a week

Restaurant R'evolution from acclaimed Louisiana Chef John Folse

Desire Oyster Bar serving fresh Louisiana seafood and New Orleans classics daily

PJ's Coffee Café offering light fare, specialty coffees and beverages

Le Booze for cocktails and people watching

**Services & Facilities**

Concierge

24-hour business center

**Recreation**

24-hour fitness center

Outdoor heated swimming pool and Oasis Pool Bar



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