

10 LGBTQ Must-Dos

Recently named second "Most Welcoming City" and "Best Festival Destination" by GayCities, New Orleans welcomes LGBTQ visitors with open arms. You'll create countless stories while here; here's our top 10 list to get you started.



1

The Corner of Bourbon and St. Ann Streets

Known as the dance and party center for both local and visiting LGBTQs, Bourbon at St. Ann offers a vibrant club scene. The Bourbon Pub & Parade and Oz are both multi-level bars with dance floors, wraparound balconies and drag shows.



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The Country Club

The renovated Country Club is an oasis in the Bywater neighborhood. Guests have all-day access to the outdoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, with bars conveniently located by the pool and indoors.



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Elizabeth's

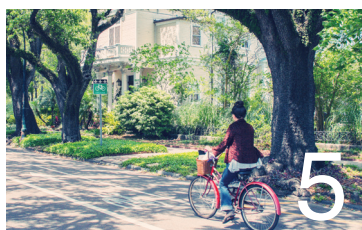
One of our favorite neighborhood brunch spots is a short walk from beautiful Crescent Park. Elizabeth's has an eclectic and uniquely New Orleans vibe, which only adds to its charm. They serve sassy drinks and will fill you up with great food.



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Roosevelt Hotel

Well over a century old, the Roosevelt Hotel is one of the most historic in the city, and has some of the best culinary experiences you'll find in town. First, stop at Domenica restaurant, for a truly authentic Italian dinner. Cap off your meal at the Sazerac bar, home of the now world famous beverage.



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Bike Esplanade Avenue to City Park

A great daytime activity is to bike to City Park from the French Quarter via the picturesque Esplanade Avenue. There are several conveniently located bike rental shops near the foot of Esplanade, like A Bicycle Named Desire and Bicycle Michael's.



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700 Club

With great drink prices and delicious food, 700 Club is the perfect place to begin an unforgettable night out. Sunday afternoons are also popular, especially with the sporty types. Don't miss 'Drink and Drown' - a \$10 all-you-can-drink happy hour on Sunday from 5-8.



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RoyalStreetArtGalleries and Antique Shops

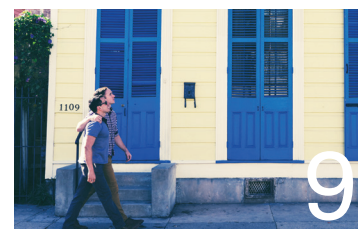
New Orleans is a fantastic place to discover fine art and antiques, and Royal Street in the French Quarter features some of the best art galleries and antique shops in the South. The art galleries carry a wide range of different art styles, from classical fine art to eclectic modern art.



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The AllWays Lounge & Theatre

The AllWays Lounge is home to weekly performances by some of the best burlesque, cabaret and drag performers in the city. AllWays is also the de facto home venue of the New Orleans Drag Workshop, run by storied drag performer and musician Vinsantos.



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LGBTQ French Quarter Walking Tour

The French Quarter is home to a long history of LGBTQ people and culture, and Frank Perez's Gay New Orleans Walking tour covers places and stories relevant to the LGBTQ community. Perez is an accomplished and well-read historian and author who is the perfect guide if you are looking to learn more about the French Quarter's deep-rooted LGBTQ history.



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The Café Lafitte in Exile

Our final pick for LGBTQ must-dos is America's oldest gay bar, rich with LGBTQ history. Cafe Lafitte in Exile dates back to 1933 (the end of Prohibition) and boasts famous, frequent patronage of icons like Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote throughout the years.

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Coming up in 2019

January

Gay Mardi Gras Balls
Joan of Arc Parade

February

Gay Mardi Gras Balls
Valentines Day
Krewe Du Vieux Parade

March

Mardi Gras Day
Bourbon Street Awards
Buku

April

Gay Easter Parade
Bunnies in the Big Easy
French Quarter Fest

May

Bayou Boogaloo
Jazz Fest
Mascara Run

June

Oyster Fest
Pride
Creole Tomato Fest

July

Essence Festival
Human Rights Campaign Gala Dinner & Auction
Tales of the Cocktail

August

Red Dress Run
Southern Decadence
Whitney White Linen Night

September

Labor Day
Restaurant Week
NOLA on Tap

October

Halloween New Orleans
Carnaval Latino
Voodoo Music + Arts Experience

November

Thanksgiving
Bayou Classic
Faux/Real Fest

December

LUNA Fête
Christmas New Orleans Style
New Year's Eve