LGBTQ-Owned Business Guide
A resource for LGBTQ tourists in New Orleans
– Fall 2019 –
For over 300 years, visitors have traveled to New Orleans from near and far to explore the city's food, music, art, and culture. On any given day, you can hear the melodic sounds of performers in the French Quarter, a trumpet pulsating into the open air or Mardi Gras Indians participating in an authentic New Orleans style second line. You'll replace morning donuts with beignets and indulge in some of the best food that you've ever had.

No matter your plans, you'll be sure to have a fantastic story to tell. New Orleans is ranked regularly as a top global destination, and GayCities listed New Orleans as the second Most Welcoming City for the second straight year. More than 18 million visitors traveled to the city in 2018 alone. Visitors fall in love with the city's unique culture that is steeped in LGBTQ history with events that date back over 70 years.

During your stay, we hope that you'll delve into the rich and diverse culture that has made New Orleans an American treasure and create stories you will tell for generations to come. We believe that if you spend any amount of time in New Orleans, you'll have memories to last a lifetime.

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Mark Romig, President & CEO
New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation
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10 LGBTQ Must-Dos

Named the second "Most Welcoming City" 2 years in a row 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.

10 LGBTQ Must-Dos

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.

Paddleboarding on the Bayou

Explore the wonders of Bayou St. John via paddle board. Rent your board from NOLA Paddleboards and paddle your way up the bayou towards Lake Pontchartrain. You can also get your vinyasa on with yoga by Bayou PaddleSports.

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.

Monkey Board

A trendy rooftop bar with breathtaking views of the city. Monkey Board is the ideal spot for casual cocktails. The bar is located atop The Troubadour Hotel, which is also a great place to stay while here.

Good Friends

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Drifter Hotel

Mid City’s Drifter Hotel has become an unexpected hotspot in recent years. Pool guests have access to the bars, a local food truck or two, and great music.

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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.

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’re looking to learn more about the French Quarter’s deep-rooted LGBTQ history.

The Café Lafitte in Exile

Our final pick for LGBTQ must-dos is America’s oldest gay bar, rich with LGBTQ history. The Café 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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Guide to New Orleans Gay Bars

The Laid-Back Crowd

Phillips Bar
734 Cherokee Street
Not up for the craziness of the Quarter? Phillips is the city’s only gay bar located by Tulane and Loyola. Technically, this bar doesn’t label itself as a gay establishment, but does draw a pretty big gay crowd on Friday nights. Other fun nights to check out are Wednesdays for steak night and Thursdays for taco night. Besides drinks that will loosen you up, they’ve got a great assortment of snacks to munch on if hunger should strike. If you’re thinking of wearing flip-flops and a tank top, think again. This bar is more upscale than the gay bars downtown.

Napoleon’s Itch
801 Bourbon Street
Located on St. Ann and Bourbon, Napoleon’s Itch is a tiny bar that helps make up the eclectic mix of gay bars downtown. Unlike Oz and Pub, they don’t have a cover and aren’t too crowded. If you’re here during December or Pride, this is the perfect spot to pop in, and grab a quick drink.

Cafe Lafitte in Exile
901 Bourbon Street
Cafe Lafitte is the longest continually operating gay bar in the United States. So, raise a glass and grab a drink and toast to the history of the LGBTQ community and your good sense to come here. And because it has a more relaxed atmosphere, you can chill and unwind and carry on a conversation without having to shout. Also, head back here on Sundays for their “Love is in the Air” napkin toss and $12 bottomless mimosas from 1pm – 4pm.

The Dancing Crowd

Oz
800 Bourbon Street
One of the hottest clubs in the city, Oz is New Orleans’ #1 dance club (and this is not just amongst gay bars). Whether a burlesque show, a strip tease, or just a good old fashioned drag show, Oz always has something fun going on, even mid-week. The typical crowd ranges from 18-50 with many Ozgoers dancing the night away or hanging out on the balcony people watching with a cocktail in hand. Best of all, most weeknights, there’s no cover.

Bourbon Pub & Parade
801 Bourbon Street
Simply referred to as Pub, Bourbon Pub & Parade is a cornerstone establishment for the best of LGBTQ nightlife in New Orleans. Located directly across from Oz, the two help form the most happening and gayest intersection in the city. The layout of the bar is similar to Oz, with strippers dancing on tables downstairs, and a more laid back balcony area upstairs. On certain days, you can catch a drag show upstairs and hopefully watch some bargogoers sing karaoke.

Allways Lounge and Cabaret
2240 St. Claude Ave.
If you’re looking for something a little different than your traditional gay bar, there’s no better place to head than Allways Lounge. Some of their non-mainstream events include strip roulette, jockstrap lube wrestling, and local comedy shows. Heading over here is also a great excuse to check out in one of the city’s most hip neighborhoods, the St. Claude Corridor.

The Leather Crowd

RawHide 2010
740 Burgundy Street
One of New Orleans’ raunchier bars, RawHide is quite different from other bars on this list. If you’re looking to find cute boys in their 20s and 30s - this is the perfect spot for you. Whether a burlesque show, a strip tease, or just a good old fashioned drag show, Oz always has something fun going on, even mid-week. The typical crowd ranges from 18-50 with many Ozgoers dancing the night away or hanging out on the balcony people watching with a cocktail in hand. Best of all, most weeknights, there’s no cover.

Phoenix Bar
941 Elysian Fields Ave
The second of the two leather bars in the city, Phoenix is a popular, raunchy bar located in the French Quarter. It’s known for its “Drunk & Drowsy” nights on Friday and Saturday night, where $10 gets you unlimited well drinks and domestic beer.

Looking To Be Entertained?

The Corner Pocket
940 St. Louis Street
This unique dive bar, which is a little off the beaten path, caters to a different aged crowd than do some of the other gay bars – think 35 to 55 – and is a great place to hang if you’re into boys dancing on the bar. The Corner Pocket has cheap drinks every night of the week. And the cover? Just $5. The two hot nights to head to The Corner Pocket would have to be Friday and Saturday nights.

The Country Club
634 Louisa Street
The renovated Country Club is a hip hangout in the Bywater known for two things: an incredible drag brunch and its amazing, salt-water pool. Each Saturday, the brunch features 4 drag queens that dance and perform to fun favorites that will put a smile on your face as much as the food. Be forewarned: If you want to go, make sure to book far enough in advance to get a table. Oh! And bring cash for tips because the show’s so incredible you’ll wanna drop some green, for sure.

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Phoenix Bar
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The second of the two leather bars in the city, this bar has everything. The downstairs bar is a little more conventional, meaning you might see some guys in leather, or even a bear crowd. Overall, it’s a pretty PG experience. What makes this bar extra fun, they boast the most beers on tap of any gay bar in the city, and there’s no cover – ever!

The Local Crowd

The Golden Lantern
1239 Royal Street
The Golden Lantern is a popular dive bar located in the French Quarter, just a stones throw from the Marigny. With affordable drinks, especially during happy hour, (which, by the way, is daily from 8 am – 8 pm including weekends) this small but bustling space has amazing drag shows every Friday and Saturday night at 10 pm and every Sunday night at 5 pm.

Big Daddy’s
2513 Royal Street
Big Daddy’s is one of the city’s few gay bars not located in the French Quarter. Yet, that’s not the only reason it stands out from the others. This Marigny hotspot is a late night, neighborhood hangout that draws a crowd ranging from lesbian and gay to straight and bi-sexual. So, if you’re going to make the most of your Big Daddy’s experience, you have to check out the bar from 2 am – 8 am when it’s really hopping.

700 Club
700 Burgundy Street
This bar is one of the city’s go-tos. Popular not only among locals but also tourists in the know. And on Friday and Saturday night, you’re bound to meet a long lost best friend you haven’t met yet. And if you’re one of those people who likes to be out until the wee hours of the morning – or, just want to hang for a drink or two – this bar is the perfect place to kick off your night. Cheap drinks, quick service, and music videos that will take you on a trip down memory lane. If you’re in town on Sunday, head over here for their “Drink and Drown”, where $10 gets you unlimited well drinks and domestic beer.

Good Friends
740 Dauphine Street
Located a block from Bourbon, this two-bars-rolled-into-one draws a lot of tourists while still giving that off-the-beaten-path local vibe we all love. Good Friends, downstairs draws a laidback tourist crowd. Whereas Queens Head Pub, located upstairs, is where all the locals meet to grab a tasty beverage and catch up. Not to mention, if you’re into pool, get your cue ready because downstairs there’s bound to be a game or two waiting to be played. In addition, the balcony upstairs is literally the perfect place for people watching. If you’re looking to find cute boys in their 20s and 30s - this is the place to go.
Upcoming LGBTQ Events

Halloween New Orleans
Oct. 25 - 27, 2019

Mardi Gras
Feb. 19-25, 2020

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April 12, 2020

New Orleans Pride
June 12-14, 2020

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Sept 3 - Sept. 7, 2020

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432 Julia St
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-522-1999
arthurrogergallery.com

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912 N Peters St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-412-9220
dutchalleyartistsco-op.com

**Galerie Vinsantos**
811 Royal St
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-603-6038
galerievinsantos.com

**Preservation Tile Co.**
New Orleans, LA
504-982-2469
preservationtiles.com

**Bars**

**700 Club**
700 Burgundy St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-561-1095
700nola.com

**Bourbon Pub Parade**
801 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-529-2107
bourbonpub.com

**Cafe Lafitte in Exile**
901 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-522-8397
laffites.com

**Crossing**
439 Dauphine St
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-523-4517
goodfriendsbar.com

**Good Friends Bar**
740 Dauphine St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-566-7191

**HH Whitney House**
1923 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-947-3735
kajunpub.com

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2256 St Claude Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-947-3735

**Mag’s 940**
901 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-525-1333
mag940guesthouse.com

**Napoleon’s Itch**
734 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-237-4144

**Phoenix Bar**
941 Elysian Fields Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-945-9264
phoenixbarnola.com

**Preservation Tile Co.**
New Orleans, LA
504-982-2469
preservationtiles.com

**Rainhide**
740 Burgundy St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-525-8106

**The Page Bar**
542 N Rampart St
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-875-4976

**The Benedetti Group**
625 Celeste St
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-281-4802
thebenedettigroup.com

**The Solomon Group**
825 Girod St
New Orleans, LA 70113
504-252-4500
solomongroup.com

**Spa Atlantis Downtown**
740 Gravier St
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-566-8088
spaatlantis.com

**Spa Atlantis French Quarter**
536 Bienville St
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-566-8088
spaatlantis.com

**The Officiant Office of New Orleans**
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-457-8989
officiantoffice.com

**Slotted Spoon Productions**
slottedspoonproductions.com

**HH Whitney House**
1923 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-947-3735
hhwhitneyhouse.com

**The Green House Inn**
1212 Magazine St
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-525-1333
thegreenhouseinn.com

**Southern Flex**
2901 Ridgelake Dr Suite 107
Metairie, LA 70002
504-309-0886
southernflex.com

**Two Guys Cutting Hair**
2372 St Claude Ave #125
New Orleans, LA 70117
215-519-5030

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2247 LA Hwy. 18
Vacherie, LA 70090
225-265-7690
lauraplantation.com

Museums & Tours
Crescent City Tour Booking Agency
638 St Ann St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-568-0717
G L-f de Villiers Historic Tours
1137 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
225-819-7535
glfdevilliers.com

Real Estate
Francher Perrin Group
1820 St Charles Ave
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-251-6400
francherperring.com

Restaurants
Arrow Cafe
628 N Rampart St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-410-5647
clover grill
900 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-598-1010
clovergrill.com

Who Dat Coffee Cafe
2401 Burgundy St
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-872-0360

Pack Rat Shipping
3436 Magazine St
New Orleans, LA 70115
504-899-5415
packratshipping.com

Cru
535 Franklin Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117
504-266-2856
crunola.com

Jean Lafitte Bistro
7537 Maple St
New Orleans, LA 70118
504-267-0244
faubourgbistro.com

Mona Lisa
1212 Royal St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-522-7222
eatnola.com

Louisiana Pizza Kitchen - Uptown
615 S Carrollton Ave
New Orleans, LA 70118
504-866-5900
louisianapizzakitchen-uptown.com

The Davids
1516 Magazine St
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-905-7533
themardigrasmuseum.com

Mister Gregory's Shrimp Boil Experience
810 N Rampart St
New Orleans, LA 70116
707-480-3900
mistergregorys.com

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