

## Sightseeing

New Orleans is not a big city, but it does have an extensive and dynamic history that can overwhelm the first time tourist, but there are many venues for visitors to successfully experience one of the most captivating places in the world.

**Cabildo** Near Jackson Square Park, you can tour the [Cabildo](#), where the official transfer of the Louisiana Purchase took place, and [St. Louis Cathedral](#), the oldest cathedral in the United States. Dine at [Antoine's](#). To get a feel for 18th Century living, tour the [Old Ursulines Convent](#) and [Madame John's Legacy](#), the city's oldest buildings.

**Musee Conti Wax Museum** Visit the [Musee Conti Wax Museum](#), then the [Historic Voodoo Museum](#), and the [Germaine Wells Mardi Gras Museum](#) above [Arnaud's Restaurant](#) on Bienville. Mardi-Gras paraphernalia and memorabilia are also on display, along with an impressive jazz exhibition, at the [Old U. S. Mint](#).

**Magazine Street** Walk down [Magazine Street](#) and browse the many shops. Then walk over to Julia Street, an area recently dubbed the Arts District in honor of the [Contemporary Art Center](#), which honors local artists with exhibitions and performances. Dine at [Casamento's](#). Two major museums in this area are the [National D-Day Museum](#) and the [Confederate Museum](#). After browsing the eclectic shops and galleries along Magazine Street, walk a few blocks over to St. Charles Avenue and catch a ride on the famous New Orleans [Streetcar](#). Sit back and enjoy the voyage along the most scenic avenue in the city in one of these ancient streetcars which are an integral part of the city's history.

**Garden District** This is a gorgeous area of the city, lush with crepe myrtles, magnolia trees, and jasmine bushes. It is truly a stroller's paradise. There are also many small galleries in this area. Visit the [Davis Gallery](#), the [Cole Pratt Gallery](#) and the [Mario Villa Gallery](#). Dine at the [Upperline Restaurant](#). Also be sure to check out the displays at [The George & Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art](#).

**New Orleans City Park** [Louis Armstrong Park](#) is a nice place to spend a few hours. The [St. Louis Cemetery Number Two](#) is on Esplanade Avenue, just before [New Orleans City Park](#). Grab a bite at [Venezia](#). The Park is home to the [New Orleans Museum of Art](#) and the [Botanical Gardens](#). New Orleans has a long list of commercial tour packages that cover every conceivable angle of the city's historical highlights.

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