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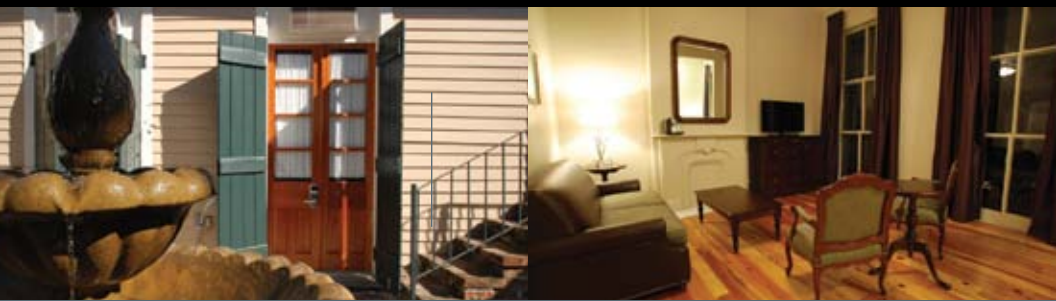


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**“YOU GET THAT GOOD FOOD IN YOUR STOMACH SO YOU CAN GO DRINKING AGAIN.”**

**Ainsley Fein**  
of Court of Two Sisters



## WELCOME *to* NEW ORLEANS



To know New Orleans, one must first understand its language. A starting place for both is the city's vast **French Market**, home to countless food, crafts and clothing vendors. Marketing manager **John Marc Sharpe** is quick to point out that the market is not a “microcosm” of the city, but rather a gumbo. A gumbo is made up from a dash of french heritage, a smidge of Americana, and most importantly, a willingness to let all ingredients, no matter how disparate, shine as part of a greater whole.

The second local expression born from the market is lagniappe, meaning a little something extra. Born from the long-ago days when poor locals could count on keeping the canvas sack that their food came in, it now stands

for New Orleans residents' unflinching ability to go above and beyond their obligations in showing visitors an extra-special time.

The Big Easy is an incredible destination for gay tourists. **Southern Decadence** and **Mardi Gras** are unparalleled national LGBT party destinations and the cluster of gay bars on **Bourbon Street** welcomes visitors with open arms and ice cold beers. But, true to form, New Orleans also offers something more.

The local LGBT population is so integrated into the city that anything can turn into a queer night out. The revelry of the **French Quarter**, the local color of **Magazine Street**, the live music of **Marigny** — all are waiting for visitors new and old, debauched or dignified, foodie or pleasure seeker, to jump in the gumbo and take a bite.

### Gay NOLA... At A Glance

Don't waste your time in New Orleans looking for the gay neighborhood. Most of the city functions as a “gay



neighborhood.” The queer NOLA visitor has a unique opportunity to simply explore the city, in all its gay and gay-friendly glory, without having to relegate themselves to one small area or mindset. Below are some of the best and friendliest attractions that The Big Easy has to offer.

### SHOPPING

Your best bets for shopping in New Orleans are clustered along two streets: **Royal Street** in the French



**GETTING THERE:** **Louis Armstrong Airport** serves frequent flights from major airports. The airport runs an affordable and reliable two-way shuttle to your hotel. Driving visitors can easily motor to New Orleans from many nearby Southern cities.

**GETTING AROUND:** The **St. Charles Street Car line** has been called one of the most beautiful rides in the western world. Catch it on **Canal St.** and ride through the **Garden District** to **Carrollton**. Or for a trip down **Magazine Street** and its shops, take the **11 bus**. Going to **Metairie**? Take the **Jefferson Transit E-4 bus**.

**GETTING A CAB:** The city has many reliable cab companies like **Checker-Yellow (504-943-2411)** or **Coleman Cab Co. (504-586-0222)**. Visit **NewOrleansOnline.com** for an extensive directory.

**TIP:** New Orleans weather is lukewarm at its coldest and sweltering at its hottest. Dress accordingly.



Quarter and Magazine Street, which runs through the **Garden** and the **Uptown Districts**.

Royal Street's best for high budgets and expensive tastes. You can buy Anne Rice-worthy Gothic home decor at **Whisnant Gallery**. **Vintage 329** is an autograph-hound's dream, as you can pick up signed **Hemingway** hardcovers or a copy of **The Rolling Stones'** "Sticky Fingers" with John Hancocks from every band member and **Andy Warhol**. **The Shop** is an art-gallery with cutting edge paintings, including a series by **Cartoon Network** character designer **Mark Bodnar**.

For those with more quotidian tastes and lower budgets, Magazine Street is a shopper's dream. **The Buffalo**

**Exchange** features the city's best collection of vintage and high-design t-shirts, the **Magazine Antique Mall** can provide hours of careful treasure hunting and the **No Fleas Market**, a vintage store benefitting local animal charities, offers the rare chance to spend money on yourself for the sake of NOLA's furry friends.

### **BARs**

Like having fun at gay bars? Of course you do. New Orleans chief party street, **Bourbon**, offers equal opportunity debauchery. You can start on the west end, where the straight people are, and get your liver working early with a famously (and famously oversized) **Hurricane cocktail** before joining other members of the queer tribe.

Down the street, at **St. Annes**, is the nexus of NOLA's gay universe. The one-two punch of **Bourbon Parade** and **Oz**, located across the street from each other on the same corner, offer a little something for everyone, as the bars are coed, mixed-age, trans-friendly and — most importantly — quite fun. Sunday is sing-along night at **Bourbon Parade**, so brush up on your Dolly before you get there. Nearby **Rawhide** provides one's daily dosage of raunch, so don't bring your parents.

## Where Can I Party?



### **CAFÉ LAFITTE IN EXILE**

901 Bourbon St.  
Try CAFÉ LAFITTE, the oldest continuously operating gay bar in the U.S. or visit Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop. Both are big gay hangouts with lots happening, especially during Decadence.



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**Abigail Gullo**  
Bartender at SoBou at  
W Hotel - French Quarter

# NAVIGAYTOUR READERS’ TOP PICKS

## ARTS + CULTURE

In New Orleans, cultural history runs deeper than a fishbowl full of beer. The city nurtured queer vanguard writers **Tennessee Williams** and **Truman Capote**. It inspired **Anne Rice’s** vampires and gave rise to **Mad Men’s** Bryan “Salvatore” **Batt**. **Ellen Degeneres** even had her awards show debut as emcee of the New Orleans **Mr. and Ms Gay Pride** in 1981.

For arts, visit the **New Orleans Museum of Art** or the **Ogden Museum of Southern Art**. New Orleans has also had a resurgence of performing arts with the reopening of the **Mahalia Jackson Theatre**, now featuring performances of the **New Orleans Opera**, the **Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra**, and a variety of other entertainment. In early September, New Orleans hosts **Culture Collision**, a city-wide arts festival that includes museums, dance, theater, music, and more.

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## SHOPPING

New Orleans was voted #1 for shopping by **Travel and Leisure magazine**. For galleries, gifts, and antiques, take a stroll down Royal Street in the French Quarter. Stop in at **Rodrigue**, painter of the famous **New Orleans Blue Dogs**, or find exotic gifts and collectables at the **Brass Monkey**.

On Magazine Street, a 12 mile stretch of shops, residences and cafes, try **Vom Fass** gourmet shop. For fashion, go to the **Shops at Canal Place** and the **Lakeside Shopping Center**. Or, take a quick trip to **Dunleith Designs** for antique furniture on historic **Old Metairie Road**.



## Where Can I Read?



### FAUBOURG MARIGNY ART AND BOOKS

600 Frenchmen St.

This long-standing bookstore carries a selection of titles specializing in works by celebrated local gay authors. It has been the Big Easy gay hub for decades.



## DINING

You'll see great sights in New Orleans, but never the bottom of your plate. Whether it's your first or fortieth visit, here are a few must-visits for the travelling gourmand.

For upscale, try **Antoine's Oysters Rockefeller** or **Arnaud's Oysters Bienville**. Visit **SoBou**, sister restaurant to **Commander's Palace**. Budget conscious? Pick up a po' boy at **Daisy Dukes** or practically any local eatery or corner bar.

Partying all night in NOLA? Get a late night bite at **La Peniche** in the Marigny or **Clover Grill** in the Quarter. The next day, cure your hangover with a bloody Mary brunch at the **Court of Two Sisters**.

## HISTORY

**John Kennedy O'Toole** could hardly think of an epic yarn that would be more interesting than New Orleans. The city was founded by a Frenchman in 1718 and spent almost forty years in Spanish rule before its acquisition in the

Louisiana Purchase. And that's only the first 65 years. A history buff could easily kill a week in New Orleans trying to hear a fraction of her stories.

Visit the **St. Louis Number One Cemetery** and see the tomb of Voodoo queen **Marie Laveau**. **Mark X** on her grave to provide fresh gris-gris charm. Sprawling **Louis Armstrong Park** is the former site of **Storyville**, a historic, defunct red-light district. Several miles east of the Quarter is the **Chalmette** battlefield where a ragtag militia defeated the British and ended the War of 1812.



## TOURS

You can see the city with a culinary, heritage, plantation, French Quarter, or even horse and buggy tour. Couples looking for some hand-holding time can check out the numerous local companies who offer romance tours of New Orleans. For a comprehensive list, visit **NewOrleansOnline.com**

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## WHAT THE LOCALS SAY:

*As the saying goes, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." The same applies to New Orleans. Here are some recommendations from those who have lived it.*

**"THE MUSIC IS LOUD, THE FOOD IS GOOD, IT'S A PLACE TO BE SEEN."**

**Michael Benedetti**  
The Saint Hotel

**"DON'T JUST GO TO PLACES THAT HAVE THE RAINBOW FLAG OUT. EVERYWHERE HERE IS AN OPEN, WELCOMING CITY."**

**John Marc Sharpe**  
Marketing Associate at French Market

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## GIRL TO GIRL *The lesbian side of the city*

### WORK IT

**Rubyfruit Jungle** is the premiere lesbian club in the Big Easy. Nestled on **Decatur Street**, the three-story club gets busy on late nights and weekends with burlesque shows, dancing, live music, and plenty of Sapphic action. There's even a balcony overlooking the Quarter.

### PARK IT

Get back to nature with a walk among centuries-old oaks in **City Park** or picnic in **Woldenberg Park** with stunning views of the **Mighty Mississippi**. You can even stroll through **Audubon Park** or take a bike ride along the levee. Just 30 minutes outside of the city is **Jean Lafitte National Park**, a treasure trove of ecological wonders amid Louisiana's swamps, forests, and marshlands with no shortage of ways to get your hands dirty.

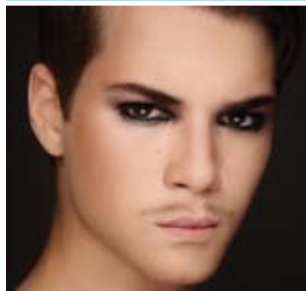
### CHEER IT

Show the Saints some love during a tailgate party outside the **Superdome** where meeting friends is a breeze. Even if you can't get your hands on a prized black-and-golden ticket, just don the team colors and you'll enjoy lots of libations and celebrations that continue well after kickoff.

### FIX IT

While the city has certainly bounced back after Katrina, there's still plenty of good work to do. Lend a hand with **Emergency Communities, Common Ground Relief, Relief Spark, Habitat for Humanity** and **Katrina Krewe**. Who knows? You may even catch a glimpse of Brad and Angelina at one of the housing projects they've designed in the **Ninth Ward**.

## Where Can I be Decadent?



### GOLDEN LANTERN

1239 Royal St.

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## EATING OUT *Taking a bite out of NOLA cuisine*

New Orleans is a gay foodie's dream. Just don't expect to count calories while you're here. Below is a breakdown of local dining for a variety of tastes and budgets.

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**PHO NO VIET**  
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### ARNAUD'S

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504-523-5433  
Arnauds.com  
Neighborhood: French Quarter  
Cuisine: Creole

### BAYONA

430 Dauphine St.  
504-525-4455  
Bayona.com  
Neighborhood: French Quarter  
Cuisine: Contemporary American

### BORGNE

601 Loyola Ave.  
504-613-3860  
Borgnerestaurant.com  
Neighborhood:  
Central Business District  
Cuisine: Southern

### COCHON

930 Tchoupitoulas St.  
504-588-2123  
Cochonrestaurant.com  
Neighborhood: Warehouse District  
Cuisine: Cajun

### DICK & JENNY'S

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Dickandjennys.com  
Neighborhood: Uptown  
Cuisine: Creole / Cajun / Southern

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123 Baronne St.  
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Domenicarestaurant.com  
Neighborhood:  
Central Business District  
Cuisine: Italian

### EMERIL'S RESTAURANT

800 Tchoupitoulas St.  
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Emerils.com  
Neighborhood: Warehouse District  
Cuisine: Creole

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Neighborhood: French Quarter  
Cuisine: Seafood

### LÜKE

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Lukeneworleans.com  
Neighborhood:  
Central Business District  
Cuisine: French

### NOLA RESTAURANT

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Neighborhood: French Quarter  
Cuisine: Creole

### RESTAURANT AUGUST

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Cuisine: Contemporary French





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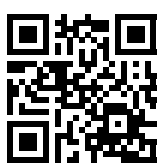


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**Café du Monde**, famous for its powdery beignets and chickory-brewed coffee, makes its home here on a pedestrian plaza, called **Dutch Alley**, where fair-weather flea markets make it a major shopping attraction. You never know what you may find from a diverse collection of vendors. And after a late night hitting the bars, nothing beats a fresh-from-the-oven donut (the café's open 24 hours a day).

Also be on the lookout for special events at the **French Market**, including live music, races, and festivals. This quintessentially New Orleans hot spot is also the perfect place to pick up locally made clothing, jewelry, and art. You'll even find take-home-worthy **Mardi Gras** masks and beads for some authentic Louisiana revelry just in time for **Southern Decadence**.



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February 7 – 12, 2013

**Gaymardigras.net**

This annual event is known for music, parades, picnics, floats – and excitement! Make sure you wear your dancing shoes since this celebration features many of the nation's best DJ talents!

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## AUGUST



### SOUTHERN DECADENCE

August 29 thru September 3, 2012

[Southerndecadence.net](http://Southerndecadence.net)

One of New Orleans' premier annual events that attracts visitors from around the world, featuring elaborate costumes, dance parties, and various other events and activities. One of the highlights of this event is the parade through the French Quarter on the Sunday before Labor Day.

## OCTOBER



### GAY HALLOWEEN

October 25 – 28, 2012

[Gayhalloween.com](http://Gayhalloween.com)

This event has evolved into one of the most celebrated gay circuit party weekends of the year. Events at gay bars and clubs may change year to year, but there are always plenty of revues, DJs, and special parties. The partying lasts from midday on Thursday until the wee hours of Monday morning.

## DECEMBER



### CHRISTMAS IN NEW ORLEANS

December 1 – 31, 2012

[Neworleansonline.com/holiday](http://Neworleansonline.com/holiday)

This month-long celebration features an array of festive sights, food, shopping, music, tours, Creole traditions, and so much more!

## MAY 2013



### SAINTS & SINNERS LITERARY FESTIVAL

May 2013

[Sasfest.org](http://Sasfest.org)

Writers from around the world come to share their work at this festival, which presents panel discussions, master classes, workshops, readings and performances that center around LGBT literary topics. It provides a forum for authors and editors to talk about their work for the benefit of emerging writers and the enjoyment of fans of LGBT literature.

## JUNE 2013



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### FEBRUARY 2013

**SUPER BOWL XLVII**

February 3



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**77TH ANNUAL SPRING FIESTA**

March 2 – 10  
[Springfiesta.com](http://Springfiesta.com)

**CONGO SQUARE  
RHYTHMS FESTIVAL**

March 23 – 24  
[Jazzandheritage.org/congo-square](http://Jazzandheritage.org/congo-square)

### APRIL 2013

**FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL**

April 11 – 14  
[Fqfi.org/frenchquarterfest](http://Fqfi.org/frenchquarterfest)

**JAZZ FEST**

April 26 thru May 5  
[Nojazzfest.com](http://Nojazzfest.com)

### MAY 2013

**MID-CITY BAYOU BOOGALOO**

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**FESTIGALS:  
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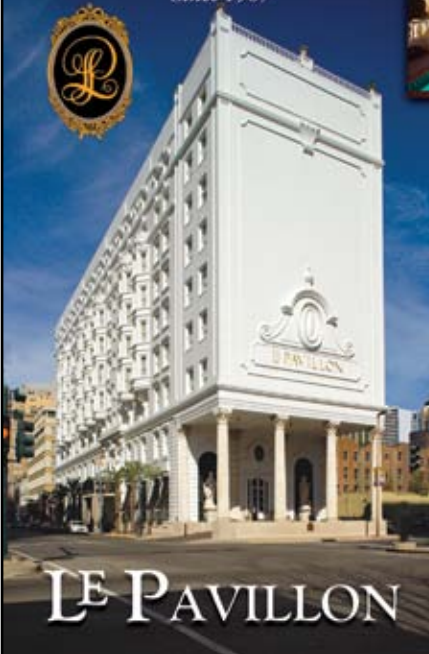


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# AFTERHOURS

## NOLA AFTER DARK

“Nighttime” is an abstract concept in New Orleans, as most bars stay open 24 hours and any brunch worth its margarita salt has a cocktail menu. However, there is one area of the city worth paying a post-sunset visit. **Frenchmen Street**, in the hip **Marigny** district, has live music venues as far as the eye can see and a predominantly-local clientele.

The best way to reach Frenchman’s Street is to start at **Canal Street** and walk east down **Bourbon Street** so you can enjoy the neon signs in all their glory, then shift over to **Royal Street** and fortify yourself with a drink at mainstay gay bar **The Golden Lantern** before leaving the **French Quarter**.

After you cross **Esplanade** into Marigny you should start with **Igor’s Checkpoint Charlie**, a bar/grill/laundromat/game room with edgy clientele and the most addictive pinball machine in the western hemisphere. From there head north to **Vaso** and relax with a beer in front of the bar’s giant, mesmerizing wall-mounted fish tank. Once you’re fully rested you can finish up down the block at **Maison**. Sunday nights feature no cover and a searing brass band whose cover of “American Boy” would make Estelle retire in defeat.

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