

New Orleans Walking Tours

BOURBON STREET

On Bourbon Street in the French Quarter, it's Fat Tuesday every day of the week. Don't be shy. Order a hurricane from Pat O'Briens in a go-cup (it's legal to drink on the streets in New Orleans), put on your beads and take a stroll down New Orleans' most famous party street. Here you can groove to the blues with New Orleans legendary Big Al Carson at the Funky Pirate (727 Bourbon), ride the mechanical bull at The Bourbon Cowboy (241 Bourbon) or the whale at The Beach (227 Bourbon). Take center stage at The Cat's Meow karaoke bar (701 Bourbon), or listen the traditional jazz at Fritzie's (723 Bourbon). Bourbon offers something for everyone.

Though only 14 blocks long, it is New Orleans best-known street, and an evening on Bourbon Street is a must.

Named not for liquor but royalty – the Duke of Bourbon, an 18th century Frenchman who invested in the colony – the street's public face is one of bars and sidewalk sipping. Bourbon Street redeems itself through legendary music. Nowhere in the world is there a greater concentration of music clubs, and many keep their doors open until daybreak. You can stand outside and hear old jazz and new jazz, Dixieland, blues, rhythm and blues, brass bands, soul, funk, world music, Cajun and zydeco. There are banjos, thumbtacked pianos, harmonicas, accordions, trumpets, trombones, guitars, flutes, bones, string basses, and saxophones galore.

The Famous Door (339 Bourbon) starts its evening around dinner hour with Dixieland, switching to rhythm and blues about nine. Gut-bucket blues wail and twang in the Old Absinthe House (240 Bourbon). Nightly live jazz is the rule at Maison Bourbon (641 Bourbon) and Fritzel's European Jazz Pub is known for offering tres cool jazz of the Round Midnight variety.

National WWII Museum

Is ranked the #1 attraction in New Orleans by TripAdvisor and the #1 Best Place to learn U.S. Military History by USA Today. The National WWII Museum features a rich collection of artifacts that bring history to life. Here you will find thought-provoking and interactive exhibits that explore the American Experience in the war that changed the world. From the galleries in the main pavilion to the 4-D experience Beyond All Boundaries to the brand new US Freedom Pavilion-The Boeing Center, the Museum strives to create world-class features and exhibits that will inspire visitors of all ages to embrace the lessons of World War II and learn from its stories of heroism, tragedy and liberation. A bombed-out bunker with a digital battle mapping table and animated fighter planes soaring overhead gives an immersive look at strategic air raids over Europe. The Road to Berlin takes visitors through the American struggle to defeat Nazis. (www.nationalww2museum.org. 945 Magazine Street 1.504.528.1944.