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Hotel in New Orleans

The Renaissance Arts Hotel



The Renaissance Arts Hotel is a New Orleans boutique hotel that features a uniquely artistic atmosphere. Located in a historical warehouse circa 1910, this Riverfront hotel in New Orleans is situated in the heart of the Arts District and in close to the Convention Center, French Quarter and Audubon Aquarium of the Americas.

With 217 stylish hotel rooms and suites, this New Orleans Riverfront hotel features the Arthur Roger Gallery Project on the first floor.

Discover expressive design mixed with original art in a contemporary setting at The Renaissance Arts' New Orleans boutique hotel in the Warehouse District that portrays "body of a full-service hotel with the soul of a boutique hotel."



Day One – Leisure Tour

9:00 am Group departs hotel for daytime activities.

9:30 am ***French Quarter Walking Tour***

New Orleans' French Quarter is so unique that it has been sanctioned and preserved by the National Historic Trust in Washington, D.C. The oldest sector of the city, the "Vieux Carre" is still called by its French name, although its architecture is mostly Spanish.

Today your guests will be guided on a walking tour through our world renown French Quarter. The sights your guests will explore include the oldest Cathedral and apartment buildings in America, stunning courtyards and patios, enchanting alleys, open air markets, the Mississippi River, Jackson Sqaure, the Cabildo and a wide array of emporiums and internationally famous restaurants.

Sample Itinerary: Depart hotel / View Jackson Square/View the historical St. Louis Cathedral/View the Cabildo, the Louisiana State Museum/Take a stroll down the beautiful riverfront/ View the French Market/Lunch at the Crescent City Brewhouse/Return to hotel

The tour will conclude with drinks at "**Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop**", the oldest bar in New Orleans

One of the all-time favorite tourist attractions of the New Orleans French Quarter is Jean Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop, on the corner of Bourbon Street and St. Phillip Street. It was built sometime before 1772, and is one of the few remaining original "French architecture" structures in the French Quarter.



12:15 pm

Lunch at The Cresecent City Brewhouse

The Crescent City Brew house is located in a legendary French Quarter building on historical property at 527 Decatur Street. The property was included in the earliest known city plan signed in 1722 -- records indicate a two-story, 14 room house was built on this site in the mid 1700's. The great fire of 1794 devastated much of the French Quarter and burned this house to the ground. After being rebuilt, it was the home of many New Orleans families of distinction until 1916, when it was used for fur processing.



Live Jazz • Real Food • Serious Beer

In 1991, the Crescent City Brew house opened on the site, bringing New Orleans and Louisiana its first brewpub. This represented a revival of the brewing industry that once flourished in the immediate area, and the first brewery to open in more than 72 years. The design of the Crescent City Brew house has been recognized and awarded with the Vieux Carre City Council Award for maintaining the integrity of the historic property and an outstanding renovation.

2:00 pm

Second Line Parade in the French Quarter



Visitors experience a city's culture on the walls of museums and galleries, on the stages of theaters and musical halls and even on the plates of local restaurants. But in New Orleans, culture also comes bubbling up from the streets and one of the most unique local expressions of this sort of culture is the second line parade.

Second line parades are the descendants of the cities famous jazz funerals and, apart from a casket, mourners and a cemetery visit, they carry many of the same traditions with them as they march down the streets. There are dozens of different second line parades put on throughout the year, usually on Sunday afternoons, and held in neighborhoods all across the city. They range in size, level of organization and traditions, but in all cases they will include a brass band, jubilant dancing in the street and members decked out in a wardrobe of brightly colored suits, sashes, hats and bonnets, parasols and banners, melding the pomp of a courtly function and the spontaneous energy of a block party, albeit one that moves a block at a time. The parades are not tied to any particular event, holiday or commemoration; rather, they are generally held for their own sake and to let the good times roll.

4:30 pm

Group arrives back at the hotel for free time until evening activities.

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6:30 pm Group departs from the hotel for transport to dinner.

6:45 pm ***Dinner Aboard the Creole Queen***



Constructed in Moss Point, Mississippi, the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen took her maiden voyage on October 1, 1983. She is an authentic paddlewheeler powered by a 24 foot diameter paddlewheel and the most modern, fuel efficient GE diesel-electric system ever installed in a boat of her class. Ninety tons of air conditioning and heating keep the interior spaces pleasant all year round. Luxurious private rooms, stereo music and sound systems, modern restrooms and handicapped accessible facilities all combine to make the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen a true "floating palace." The Creole Queen features outer decks with authentically patterned wrought iron trims inviting guests to stroll back in time as they settle into the mood of a bygone era. The interior is richly adorned with plush Victorian style draperies, soft period lighting, wooden parquet dance floors, and Louisiana Cypress bars accented with brass railing for a warm and welcoming setting. Hop on board with us and enjoy a New Orleans buffet lunch while cruising down the Mississippi River. The Paddlewheel will make a stop along the way at the site of the Battle of New Orleans, so history buffs get ready!