NEW ORLEANS AREA RESTAURANTS & ACTIVITY GUIDE

By Judge Karen Roby

I. DRESSY FINE DINING $$$ TO $$$$$:

Antoine’s (French Quarter)
713-717 Rue Saint Louis, 504-581-4422
www.antoiness.com
Famous for its Pompeno en Papillote (fish baked in a parchment paper bag) and traditional old New Orleans dishes.

Arnaud’s Restaurant (French Quarter)
813 Bienville St., 504-523-5433
http://www.arnaudsrestaurant.com/
The original Shrimp Remoulade!

Brennan’s (French Quarter)
417 Royal Street, 504-525-9711
http://www.brennansneworleans.com/
Famous for its ABreakfast at Brennan’s.

Commander’s Palace (Ella Brennan Family) (Garden District)
1403 Washington Ave., 504-899-8221
http://www.commanderspalace.com
Pinnacle of New Orleans cuisine for generations. Great business lunch menu.

Emeril’s (Chef Emeril Lagasse) (Warehouse District)
800 Tchoupitoulas, 504-528-9393
www.emerils.com
Vegan Friendly

Galatoire’s (French Quarter)
209 Bourbon St., 504-525-2021
www.galatoires.com
An old New Orleans jewel still setting standards.

The Grill Room (at the Windsor Court Chef Drew Dzejak)
300 Gravier Street, 504-522-1994
http://www.grillroomneworleans.com/

GW Fins (French Quarter)
808 Bienville St., 504-581-FINS (3467)
http://gwfins.com/
Lots of broiled fish choices!

K-Paul’s Louisiana Kitchen (Chef Paul Prudhomme) (French Quarter)
416 Chartres Street, 504-524-7394
www.kpauls.com
New Orleans only real cajun chef from New Iberia, Louisiana!

Palace Café (Dickie Brennan) (Canal Street)
605 Canal Street, 504-523-1661
www.palacecafe.com/

The Pelican Club (French Quarter)
312 Exchange Place, 504-523-1504
www.pelicanclub.com/
One of my absolute favorites!

Restaurant August (Chef John Besh) (CBD)
301 Tchoupitoulas Street, 504-299-9777
www.restaurantaugust.com

Upperline (Garden District)
1413 Upperline Street, 504-891-9822
www.upperline.com
Hidden treasure - I really enjoy her creative dishes.

II. CASUAL FINE DINING $$ TO $$$:

Atchafalaya Restaurant
901 Louisiana Ave. 504-891-9626
https://www.atchafalayarestaurant.com/
Sunday Brunch spot, reservations recommended. Delicious and Filling.
Also great dinner dining. Elegant yet folksy in a creole cottage setting in The Irish channel.
Bayona (Chef Susan Spicer) (French Quarter)
430 Dauphine Street, 504-525-4455
http://www.bayona.com
Great lunch value and some patio dining.

Brigsten’s (Uptown/River Bend)
723 Dante Street, 504-861-7610
http://www.brigtsens.com/
A great local favorite (and one of mine) tucked into the
River Bend neighborhood - great for critter, i.e. duck, rabbit, etc.

Clancy’s (Uptown)
6100 Annunciation St., 504-895-1111
http://www.clancysneworleans.com/
A great local favorite.

Court of Two Sisters (French Quarter)
613 Royal Street, 504-412-8813
http://www.courtoftwosisters.com/
Best for a jazz brunch on the weekend.

Dick & Jenny’s (Uptown)
4501 Tchoupitoulas Street, 504-894-9880
http://dickandjennys.com/
From escargot to bread pudding!

Dooky Chase (Mid City)
2301 Orleans Avenue, 504-821-0600
www.dookychaserestaurant.com
What can I say about Leah!

Fausto’s Bistro (Metairie)
530 Veteran=s Blvd., 504-833-7121
www.faustosbistro.com
Italian with old Italy atmosphere

Irene’s Cuisine (French Quarter)
539 St. Phillip Street, 504-529-8811
You may remember an old TV show based on this one.
Mr. B’s Bistro (Ralph & Cindy Brennan) (French Quarter)
201 Royal Street, 504-523-2078
http://www.mrbsbistro.com/
Great lunch specials - fantastic barbequed shrimp complete with bib!

NOLA Restaurant (Chef Emeril Lagasse) (French Quarter)
534 St. Louis Street, 504-524-9752
http://www.emerilsrestaurants.com/nola-restaurant
Bam!

Ralph’s on the Park (Ralph Brennan) (City Park-street car)
900 City Park Avenue, 504-488-1000
www.ralphsonthepark.com
Awesome. They also offer small plates.

Red Fish Grill (Ralph Brennan) (French Quarter)
115 Bourbon Street, 504-598-1200
http://www.redfishgrill.com/
Great lunch spot with a true Brennan flair.

Restaurant Cypress (Metairie)
4426 Transcontinental Drive, 504-885-6885
http://www.restaurantcypress.com/
Delicious crab cakes.

Superior Grill (Uptown-street car)
3636 St. Charles Avenue, 504-899-4200
http://www.superiorgrill.com/
Good Tex-Mex with outdoor seating.

Superior Seafood and Oyster Bar (Uptown-street car)
4338 St. Charles Avenue, 504-293-3474
http://www.superiorseafoodnola.com/
Louisiana seafood and creole-inspired dishes

Tony Angelo’s Ristorante (Lakeview)
6262 Fluer De Lis Drive, 504-488-0888
https://www.rizzutosristorante.com/
Classic Italian - ask the chef to AFeed Me!@ Mr. Tony’s in his 80’s and greets everyone!
Vincent’s Italian Cuisine (Uptown/Riverbend-street car or Metairie)
7839 St. Charles Avenue, 504-866-9313
www.vincentsitaliancuisine.com
Corn and crab bisque served in a homemade bread bowl - what else can I say!

III. CASUAL DINING $-$ $$:

Bercat Café
2521 Jena Street
New Orleans, La 70115 504-309-9011
http://www.bearcatcafe.com/home
Favorite Sunday Brunch spot. Patience Required for seating

Byblos Mediterranean Cuisine (Garden District or Old Metairie)
3218 Magazine Street, 504-894-1233
1501 Metairie Road, 504-834-9773
http://www.byblosrestaurants.com/

Carmo (Downtown-two blocks from Circuit Court)
527 Julia Street (Between Camp and Magazine)
http://www.cafecarmo.com/
Fun tropical café’ with a twist of Caribbean

Café Adelaide (Cindy Brennan) (CBD)
300 Poydras Street, 504-595-3305
http://www.cafeadelaide.com/
Fun place - good lunch menu.

Café b (Ralph Brennan) (Metairie)
2700 Metairie Road, 504-934-4700
http://www.cafeb.com/
Good lunch and brunch/early bird dinners.

Crescent City Steak House (Mid City)
1001 N. Broad Street, 504-821-3271
http://www.crescentcitysteaks.com/
Best steaks hands down and one of New Orleans’ oldest!
**The Company Burger** (Uptown)
4600 Freret Street, 504-267-0320  
*If there’s such a thing as a healthy burger . . .*

**The Daily Beet** (CBD)  
1000 Girod Street  
[https://thedailybeetnola.com/](https://thedailybeetnola.com/)
*Favorite healthy lunch eating spot....*

**Dat Dog** (Uptown)  
5030 Freret Street, 504-899-6883  
*Everything you can imagine in a hot dog bun.*

**Frankie and Johnny’s Neighborhood Restaurant** (Uptown)  
321 Arabella Street, 504-899-9146  
*Great poor boys and plate lunches in a hole-in-the-wall!*

**Galley Seafood Restaurant** (Metairie)  
2535 Metairie Road, 504-832-0955  
*Great boiled and fried seafood.*

**The Gumbo Shop** (French Quarter)  
630 St. Peter Street, 504-525-1486  
*A bit pricey for what you get but tasty.*

**High Hat Café** (Uptown)  
4500 Freret Street, 504-754-1336  
*A touch of Memphis in New Orleans*

**Lebanon’s Café** (Uptown)  
1500 S. Carrollton Avenue, 504-862-6200  
*Mediterranean*
Louisiana Pizza Kitchen (French Quarter)
95 French Market Place, 504-522-9500
http://www.louisianapizzakitchen.com/
Creative gourmet pizzas.

Mandina’s Restaurant (Mid City-street car)
3800 Canal Street, 504-482-9179
www.mandinasrestaurant.com/
Old fashioned New Orleans style Italian and seafood

Maspero’s (The Original Pierre Maspero’s Food & Spirits) (French Quarter)
440 Chartres Street, 504-524-8990
www.pierremasperosrestaurant.com/
Great poor-boys and sandwiches (cash only!)

Mena’s Palace (French Quarter)
200 Chartres Street, 504-525-0217
http://menaspalace.com/
Plate lunches and sandwiches.

Mona’s Café (Faubourg Marigny behind the French Quarter)
504 Frenchman Street, 504-949-4115
Mediterranean

Napoleon House (French Quarter)
500 Chartres Street, 504-524-9752
www.napoleonhouse.com
A bit of history with your sandwich.

The Old Coffee Pot Restaurant (French Quarter)
714 St. Peter Street, 504-524-3500
http://www.theoldcoffeepot.com/
Good breakfast.

Port of Call (Back of French Quarter)
838 Esplanade Avenue, 504-523-0120
www.portofcallneworleans.com
Best burger and steaks in the quarter in a bar!
Praline Connection (Faubourg Marigny behind French Quarter)
542 Frenchman Street, 504-943-3934
www.pralineconnection.com
Good old Creole food from fried chicken to roasted pork and greens.

Remoulade (French Quarter)
309 Bourbon Street, 504-523-0377
www.remoulade.com
Café side of Arnaud’s - try the famous shrimp remoulade without fine dining next door.

Seed (Near Downtown)
1330 Prytania Street
http://www.cafecarmo.com/
Garden Based Restaurant- raw food dishes

Venezia Restaurant (Mid City-street car)
134 N. Carrollton Avenue, 504-488-7991
www.venezianeworleans.com/
My favorite pizza in New Orleans - home of Eggplant Vatican.

Zea’s Rotisserie Grill (Garden District-street car)
1525 St. Charles Avenue, 504-520-8100
www.zearestaurants.com
Locally owned rotisserie grill.

IV. Family-Friendly Activities in April 2020 in NOLA

April 23-May 3, 2020. New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival will display products like music, arts, culture and heritage of communities in Louisiana through festivals, programs and other cultural, educational, civic and economic activities etc.
Katy Perry will be on the Acura Stage.

April 25, 2020 ROOT OUT CHILD ABUSE 5K RUN/WALK
Sat, 9 AM – 12 PM, Crescent Park, Cres Park Trail, New Orleans, LA

April 22, 2020 Ghost Tour, Taking the whole family on vacation to New Orleans? Our charming city isn’t just for adults! We offer a kid-friendly and just-scary-enough Ghost Tour of NOLA that the whole family can enjoy.
All ages of chill-seekers will love this guided tour of the French Quarter, a neighborhood brimming with eerie secrets and supernatural activity. As you walk to some of the most haunted locations in the city, experience spooky stories and unexplained events—all made appropriate for adults and kids alike.


**Louisiana Children’s Museum**- fun day at the new location 15 Henry Thomas.
https://www.lcm.org/tickets/

**Audubon Nature Institute**- Located on the Mississippi River adjacent to the French Quarter Audubon Aquarium of the Americas immerses you in an underwater world. The colors of the Great Maya Reef come alive in our walk-through tunnel, while our penguins and Southern sea otters are visitor favorites. Touch a stingray, feed a parakeet, and marvel at our gigantic sharks and rays in the 400,000-gallon Gulf of Mexico Exhibit. Watch for sea turtles throughout the Aquarium as coordinator of the Louisiana Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Rescue Program, we prepare many of them for release to the wild. https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/aquarium

**Audubon Zoo**- Located in historic Uptown New Orleans Audubon Zoo offers an exotic mix of animals from around the globe, engaging educational programs, hands-on animal encounters and lush gardens. Unique natural habitat exhibits such as the award-winning Louisiana Swamp and Jaguar Jungle showcase the relationship between people and nature. Don't miss the daily animal presentations, chats and feeds; our highly endangered whooping cranes, Amur leopards, and orangutans; our tiger; and our mysterious white alligators. Audubon Zoo is often ranked among the country's best for innovation and entertainment value!  https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/zoo

**Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium**- Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium, located in the U.S. Custom House on Canal Street, encourages you to use all five senses as you explore North America’s largest museum devoted to insects and their relatives. You’ll discover why insects are the building blocks of all life on our planet and along the way, you’ll be shrunk to bug size; wander through a mysterious Louisiana swamp; join the active audience of an awards show for bugs, by bugs; and be captivated by thousands of butterflies in an Asian garden. Voted "A top museum for you and your kids” by CNN.com in 2009.  https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/insectarium

**Whitney Plantation, Museum of Slavery and St. Joseph Plantation Tour** (Aprrox. 6 hours) hotel pickup offered. Delve into the history of slavery and the plantations of Louisiana on this small-group tour from New Orleans. Drive past Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River to the Whitney Plantation’s Louisiana Museum of Slavery. Learn about the lives of the enslaved
people who worked there and on plantations throughout the South during a tour of the museum and restored buildings. Next, head to the Creole-style St Joseph Plantation for a tour of the working sugar plantation where the movie ’12 Years A Slave’ was filmed. 

**Swamp Boat Tours**- Expect to pay at least $20/adult and $13/child (though there are occasional discounts) if you drive up to the swamps on your own. If you add hotel pick-up, then expect to pay at least $42/adult and $21/child for transportation from downtown New Orleans. Tours last approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes, and this is consistent among all companies. Swamp boats offer an easy and relatively affordable way to experience New Orleans’ swamps and bayous. 
https://freetoursbyfoot.com/swamp-tours-new-orleans/#swamp

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