



*Where The
Locals Go*

Stone Pigman's Top
New Orleans Picks

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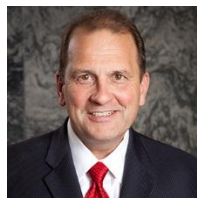
The lawyers of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. welcome you to the great city of New Orleans. Known around the world for its food, nightlife, architecture and history, it can be difficult for visitors to decide where to go and what to do. This guide provides recommendations from seasoned locals who know the ins-and-outs of the finest things the city has to offer.

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS



Carmelite Bertaut

"**Antoine's Restaurant** is the quintessential classic New Orleans restaurant. The oldest continuously operated family owned restaurant in the country. From the potatoes soufflé to the Baked Alaska with café Diablo for dessert, you are assured a memorable meal." (713 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 581-4422)



Scott Whittaker

"My favorite 100+ year old, traditional French Creole New Orleans restaurant is **Arnaud's**. It's a jacket required restaurant, but has a causal room called the Jazz Bistro, which has the same menu, is right on Bourbon Street, and has a jazz trio playing in the corner of the room." (813 Bienville Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 523-5433)



Maurine Wall

"The food at **Atchafalaya** is delicious and the brunch is my favorite in the city. The true standout of the brunch is their build-your-own bloody mary bar. It has everything you could want, but you must try the bacon." (901 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 891-9626)



Kathrine Knight

"Chef John Besh's restaurant **August** never fails to deliver a memorable fine dining experience. The experience often begins with the presentation of a tasty, beautifully-presented amuse-bouche, and the menu always showcases some of the finest examples of locally-available produce, meats and seafood." (301 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 299-9777)



Justin Lemaire

"I don't get to **Bayona** nearly enough. The sweetbreads are possibly my favorite appetizer anywhere – either preparation is great. If you're there for lunch, try the smoked duck PB&J with pepper jelly and cashew butter. The courtyard is an extremely pleasant place to have a meal when the weather is right." (430 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 525-4455)



Hirschel Abbott

"For upscale (but not fancy) dining and delicious and varied menu, one of my favorite restaurants is **Bistro Daisy** in the Uptown area and not far from beautiful Audubon Park and the Audubon Zoo. The restaurant is owned by a couple who named it after their daughter and is in a renovated cottage. Excellent food and service, as well as excellent bar and wine list." (5831 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 899-6987)



Samantha Griffin

"**Balise** is one of the best new restaurants in the city. The scallops are amazing and the lamb was tender and cooked to perfection." (640 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 459-4449)

Boucherie serves contemporary southern cuisine, sandwiches, house-smoked meats and cocktails in a cozy cottage setting. (1506 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 862-5514)

Bourbon House features traditional New Orleans seafood dishes in a lovely dining room overlooking Bourbon Street. (144 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 522-0111)



Wayne Lee

"**Brigtsen's** is located in Uptown New Orleans in a converted house. It has excellent food, hearty portions and a staff that treats every customer at every table as if they were a friend. Every wait person is willing to help at every table." (723 Dante Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 861-7610)

Café Amelie is a romantic spot located in the historic 150-year-old Princess of Monaco Courtyard and Carriage House on Royal Street and serves contemporary Louisiana fare. (912 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 412-8965)



Nicholas Wehlen

"**Clancy's** is well worth the trip to Uptown if you can get a reservation. The wine list is extensive, and the fried oysters with brie appetizer is one of the best in the city." (6100 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 895-1111)



[Edward Bukaty](#)

"**Cochon Butcher** is a must try if you are looking for a break from all the excellent seafood options the city has to offer. Cochon Butcher is a butcher shop, sandwich counter and wine bar. The amount of smokiness that Cochon Butcher packs into its meats is incredible. The restaurant itself is very casual, order at the counter style. The food is served quickly and is very reasonable." (930 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 588-7675)



[Wayne Lee](#)

"**Commander's Palace** is a classic New Orleans restaurant and remains the paragon for weekend brunch. The wide array of drinks and food, combined with music and impeccable attention from the wait staff, set it apart from the competition." (1403 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 899-8221)



[Heather Lonian](#)

"**Coquette** provides unique, imaginative spins on staples of Southern cooking. I've never had a bad meal there." (2800 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 265-0421)

Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse features classic steakhouse fare with a Creole twist in a posh, wood-paneled space with a busy happy hour. (716 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 522-2467)



[Maurine Wall](#)

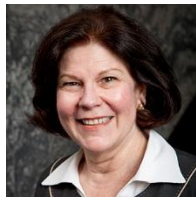
"The food at **Domenica** is delicious, obviously, but what really makes it special is their happy hour. From 2-5 everyday, pizza, glasses of wine, beer and well cocktails are half price. Where else can you get dinner and a drink for under \$15?" (123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 648-6020)



[Doug Cochran](#)

"Stroll down to the **El Gato Negro** French Quarter location and snag one of the few outside tables to watch the activity across the way at the French Market. You not only get to enjoy fresh guacamole made table-side but can partake in some extremely entertaining people watching, all while having one of their unique signature margaritas – don't be scared to try the Carrot and Lime margarita." (81 French Market Place, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 525-9752)

Emeril's is chef/restaurateur Emeril Lagasse's famed flagship restaurant. It has been a definitive force in contemporary New Orleans cuisine and has earned rave reviews and accolades for nearly 25 years. (800 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 528 9393)



Mary Dumestre

"**Galatoire's** is a wonderful place for lunch or dinner. Ask to be seated downstairs with the locals for lunch; dinner may not have as many locals, but downstairs is still preferred for local color. If you don't bring a blazer with you, they have jackets in several sizes at the door. After your meal, order the cafe brulot - a coffee with spices and liquor made at your table with quite a ceremony." (209 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 525-2021)

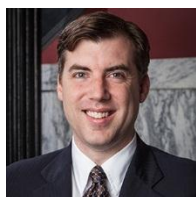


Will Bishop

"**The Galley** on Metairie Road has the best boiled crawfish in town. We once had a large party there and decided we refused to eat anything that required silverware (hand foods only). In order to accommodate our desire to also try the crawfish bisque, they delivered about 20 shot glasses filled to the brim." (2535 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70001 (504) 832-0955)

GW Fins offers a creative, ever-shifting seafood menu featuring fresh catches in a stylish updated warehouse space. (808 Bienville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 581-3467)

Herbsaint Bar and Restaurant features an acclaimed menu with French and Italian-inspired, yet distinctive Southern dishes and a dynamic wine list in a modern bistro setting. (701 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 524-4114)



Dalton Courson

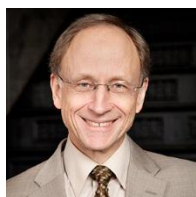
"**Horn's** has delicious food and a fun atmosphere. It's a great place to enjoy a relaxing Sunday brunch with friends." (1940 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 459-4676)



Doug Cochran

"**The Italian Barrel** on the corner of Decatur and Barracks Street is my favorite place to get away from the traditional New Orleans fare and experience Italian food at its best, all while experiencing a truly unique atmosphere. You need to call early for a reservation due to the limited tables. The food is traditional Northern Italian - all in an amazingly small venue. (430 Barracks Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 569-0198)

K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen is Chef Paul Prudhomme's legendary down-home spot with upscale Cajun fare, open kitchens and a courtyard. (416 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 596-2530)



Stephen Bullock

"**La Crepe Nanou** is an off the beaten track Uptown local favorite (Robert Street off Prytania). Classic French Bistro cuisine and atmosphere." (1410 Robert Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 899-2670)



Carmelite Bertaut

"**La Petite Grocery** is a charming Uptown neighborhood restaurant with world class food and service, under the helm of Justin Devillier. Craft cocktails and unique dishes. If you only have time for a drink, have a French 75 at the bar." (4238 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 891-3377)

Le Foret is a contemporary New Orleans restaurant offering a menu with seasonal ingredients in a chandelier-hung space. (129 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 553-6738)

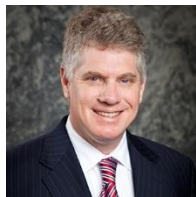
Marigny Brasserie is located on Frenchmen Street and offers tasteful Creole and American fare in a sunny bistro space with creative cocktails and sidewalk dining. (640 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 945-4472)



Matt Almon

"**Mariza** is an amazing coastal Italian restaurant on the National Rice Mill Lofts building at the Marigny/Bywater dividing line. Their fresh oysters are a great starter to the house made pastas, pizzas, or daily whole fish specials. After dinner, if you're lucky, somebody might sneak you up to the roof of the lofts for the best view of the Mississippi River and CBD in town." (2900 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117 (504) 598-5700)

Maurepas features inventive, farm-focused small plates with global flavors and creative drinks in a chic, spare space. (3200 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, LA 70117 (504) 267-0072)



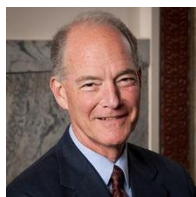
Paul Masinter

"**MeauxBar** is a great restaurant on Rampart Street in the French quarter. A new chef – Kristen Essig – recently took over the kitchen. I have been eating her food for years at other restaurants – she is one of the best chefs in town. They have great craft cocktails also." (942 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 569-9979)



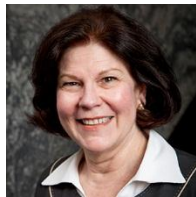
Dalton Courson

"I like to go to **Morning Call** in City Park after visiting the nearby New Orleans Museum of Art. My favorite beignets in the city!" (56 Dreyfous Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124 (504) 300-1157)



John Landis

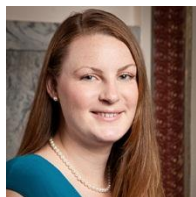
"**Mosca's** is a nondescript roadhouse well outside of the city and has the best New Orleans style Italian food in the area. Everything on the menu is delicious, but don't go if you don't like garlic." (4137 US-90, Avondale, LA 70094 (504) 436-8950)



[Mary Dumestre](#)

"**Mother's** on Poydras is popular spot for good hearty food and delicious poboys. They have good red beans and rice - a Monday staple in New Orleans." (401 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-9656)

The Pelican Club, offering a wide range of fabulous New Orleans dishes, consists of three dining rooms and a large bar fashioned from a handsome, 19th-century French Quarter townhouse. (312 Exchange Place, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-1504)



[Erin Kriksciun](#)

"Though it has become a point of contention for New Orleanians, the best place to enjoy a hamburger is still **Port of Call**, at the corner of Esplanade and Dauphine Streets." (838 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 523-0120)

Ralph's on the Park serves globally inspired local cuisine in a location nestled among the live oaks and colorful clapboard houses of mid-city New Orleans and City Park. (900 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119 (504) 488-1000)

Sylvain is an elegant gastropub with cocktails and American fare in a former carriage house with courtyard seats. (625 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 265-8123)



[Wayne Lee](#)

"**Upperline Restaurant** is another Uptown favorite with quality food and a gracious owner and host. The décor includes a wonderful collection of the most eclectic and interesting artwork found in any restaurant." (1413 Upperline Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 891-9822)

FAVORITE BARS

Barrel Proof is a rustic bar in the Lower Garden District that serves a wide array of quality beer and whiskey, plus craft cocktails. (1201 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 299-1888)

Bar Tonique offers craft cocktails with house-made ingredients in a cozy, brick space with a fireplace. (820 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 324-6045)

Capdeville is an American interpretation of a British social house that offers a gourmet spin on classic bar food and cocktails. (520 Capdeville Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 371-5161)

Cane & Table specializes in rum-based cocktails and serves eclectic small and large plates in environs that evoke Old Havana. (1113 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 581-1112)



Matt Almon

"**Carousel Bar** in Monteleone Hotel has a great atmosphere in the heart of the Quarter with classic New Orleans cocktails and a beautiful rotating carousel serving as the actual bar. Grab one of the seats belled up to the bar and you'll be spinning no matter what you drink." (214 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-3341)



Heather Lonian

"**Cure** is a great spot for inventive craft cocktails for those interested in venturing to Freret Street." (4905 Freret Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 302-2357)



Paul Masinter

"If you want to get a drink and listen to some great jazz, you cannot do much better than going to the **Davenport Lounge** in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Jeremy Davenport plays on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays & Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m." (921 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 524-1331)



Matt Almon

"If you've been lured to Bourbon Street but still want a little true local flavor, the **Erin Rose** is a great Irish dive on Conti Street just a block off of Bourbon. They've even got a pop-up restaurant in the back offering unique and delicious poboy's." (811 Conti Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 522-3573)

French 75 at Arnaud's is an iconic New Orleans cocktail and cigar bar that serves old-fashioned libations in an intimate, polished interior. (813 Bienville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 523-5433)

LOA in the International House Hotel is known for creative cocktails. It has an extensive selection of bourbon and the bartenders use homemade bitters and syrups. (221 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 553-9550)



"The **Hermes Bar** at Antoine's Restaurant is great for cocktails and the best 'bar' food in the city. Many of Antoine's favorites are available during happy hour. The Oyster Foch poboy, soufflé potatoes, and Oysters Rockefeller are three favorites to sample." (713 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 581-4422)

Dorothy Wimberly



"The balcony at **Muriel's** restaurant has the best vantage point of Jackson Square. You can survey the Square and River, while sipping a cocktail. You are literally in the heart of the Quarter but above the crowds." (801 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 568-1885)

Carmelite Bertaut



"I love the location, architecture, the European relaxed atmosphere and the history behind the name of the **Napoleon House**. My wife fondly speaks of the cheeseboard and wine we shared there on our first visit to New Orleans." (500 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 524-9752)

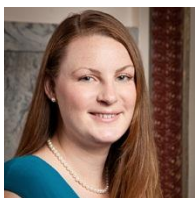
Brett Mason

Old Absinthe House, located on Bourbon Street, is a landmark saloon that serves unique absinthe cocktails in historic building with a quirky atmosphere. (240 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 523-3181)



"My favorite bar is the **Sazerac Bar** in the Roosevelt Hotel. The bar has a swanky, old-world vibe, and its famous drink, the Sazerac, is a must." (130 Roosevelt Way, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 648-1200)

Tina Campbell Hebert



"Whenever I'm in the French Quarter with out-of-town friends, I like to take them to **Tropical Isle** at 721 Bourbon (corner of Bourbon and Orleans). The large balcony on the second floor is usually not too crowded, and it's a great place to people-watch in the French Quarter... and you can always try out one of New Orleans' famous hand grenades while you're there." (721 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-1927)

Erin Kriksciun

Tujague's is New Orleans' second oldest restaurant and its original stand-up bar (with its ornately-framed French mirror shipped from Paris in 1856). It is one of the city's great drinking establishments. (823 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 525-8676).

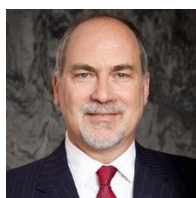
Victory features creative and classic cocktails and small plates in a stylish, red-walled lounge with a nightclub ambiance. (339 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 522-8664)

FAVORITE LIVE MUSIC VENUES



[Maurine Wall](#)

"**Blue Nile** always has great shows by great brass bands. Different acts play upstairs and downstairs, so it's like two nights out in one." (532 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 948-2583)



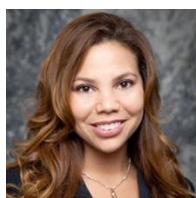
[Larry Orlansky](#)

"**Chickie Wah Wah** is one of the best live music venues in the City, featuring a consistently strong lineup of (mostly) local talent. Small, comfortable and accessible. Not as well-known to visitors as the legendary Tipitina's or the excellent venues on Frenchman Street, but a great find for catching quality shows. Blue Oak BBQ, located in the club, is a nice additional feature." (2828 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 (504) 304-4714)



[Dan Walters](#)

"**d.b.a.** is a great place to see local and regional musicians. It's a small venue with a great beer selection, and it's in the middle of all the action on Frenchman Street." (618 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 942-3731)



[Lesli Harris](#)

"The **Maple Leaf Bar** is located on Oak Street and has live music every night of the week. The Rebirth Brass Band plays every Tuesday and puts on an unbelievable show and never disappoints. Get there early and bring your dancing shoes." (8316 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 866-9359)

Maison is an upbeat music club that hosts diverse, jazz-oriented lineups on three stages and offers eats, drinks and dancing. (508 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 371-5543)



[Rachel Wendt Wisdom](#)

"**Preservation Hall** is a classic music venue in the heart of the French Quarter. Every night, there is a great line-up of local musicians that play traditional New Orleans jazz. It's a small place, so you really feel the energy of the performers." (726 St. Peter Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 522-2841)

Snug Harbor Jazz Bistro is a well-known contemporary jazz club and restaurant with live music seven nights a week. (626 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 949-0696)

Tipitina's stands as one of the best-known clubs in New Orleans and features local and national artists. (501 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 895-8477)

FAVORITE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Stephen Bullock

"On a nice day or evening, ride the **Algiers Ferry** from the foot of Canal Street to the Algiers landing for a terrific view of the City and the River. Poke around on the other side of the West Bank for a while or just hop on the next return ferry for a reprise of the view." (1 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 309-9789)



Justin Van Alstyne

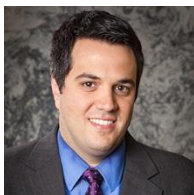
"While not commonly known as a tourist attraction, **Bayou St. John** is one of the most peaceful and relaxing spots in the city. It is the perfect place to unwind and watch the sun go down with a beer (or three) after a day around town."



Maurine Wall

"**Cajun Pride Swamp Tours** is out of the way, but totally worth the trip! I was born and raised in New Orleans, but didn't do a swamp tour until age 28. When I finally went, I had an absolute blast. The swamp is gorgeous, and there are tons of alligators who like to eat marshmallows. Who knew?" (110 Frenier Road, Laplace, LA 70068 (985) 651-4477)

Friends of the Cabildo Walking Tours offer two-hour walking tour in one of the oldest communities in the United States: the historic Vieux Carré in New Orleans. Tours are conducted by city licensed guides and emphasize the history, architecture, and folklore of this fascinating city. (701 Place John Paul Deaux, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 523-3939)



Justin Lemaire

"If you want to play a round of golf during a trip to New Orleans, the **Golf Course at Audubon Park** is a good place to do it. The course is short, too (par 62), so it's possible to play a relatively quick round even at peak times. The back part of the course, in particular, offers great views. The club house veranda is a relaxing place to have a meal or a drink after a round or any other time." (6500 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 212-5290)



"**Gray Line's New Orleans' Original Cocktail Walking Tour** explains the history of several signature cocktails of New Orleans, exploring famous restaurants and bars. And you will learn some history of the city as well." (Toulouse Street at the Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 569-1401)

Carmelite Bertaut

Hop-On Hop-Off New Orleans Sightseeing Tour feature double-decker buses that run every 30 minutes that stop at numerous attractions around the city. (700 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 207-6200)



"From early in the morning to late at night, there are **Mule-drawn carriages** waiting on Decatur Street at Jackson Square that give tours of the French Quarter. The guides provide an informal history lesson as they maneuver from one landmark to the next. No reservations needed." (700 Block of Decatur Street at Jackson Square, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 943-8820)

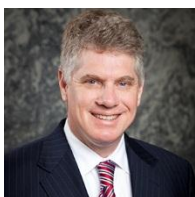
Maggie Broussard

Historic **Jackson Square** is a timeless attraction in the heart of the French Quarter of New Orleans. Local artists paint, draw, create portraits and caricatures, and display their work on the square's iron fence. (700 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 658-3200)

The **New Orleans Garden District Walking Tour** explores the elegant, lavish and historic Garden District. (Departs at 1400 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 861-2727)

Mardi Gras World gives out of town visitors the opportunity to see Carnival parade floats from recent parades as well as new floats being made for the upcoming parade season. (1380 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 361-7821)

Save our Cemeteries offers tours seven days a week at three of New Orleans' most historic cemeteries. (501 Basin Street, #3C, New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 525-3377)



"There is not a better way to see New Orleans than to ride the **St. Charles Avenue Streetcar**. It passes through the New Orleans Downtown, Garden District and Uptown (it goes by Tulane University and Audubon Park). If you have time, get off at Washington Avenue and walk into the Garden District to visit Lafayette Cemetery to see the above ground tombs. Then go to Commander's Palace for a drink or lunch." (Numerous stops (504) 248-3900)

Paul Masinter

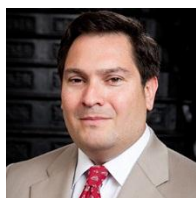
Steamboat Natchez has daily, year round daytime and dinner jazz cruises on the last authentic steamboat on the Mississippi River. (Toulouse Street at Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 569-1401)



Barry Ashe

"Rooted in New Orleans' own connection to D-Day (home of the Higgins boats used in the invasion), the **WWII Museum** has grown into a world-class museum. It offers a variety of experiences from a 4-D movie, to amazing exhibits of aircraft, vehicles, uniforms, personal effects and other memorabilia, to terrific dining, while telling the captivating stories of the war and the people it involved." (945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 528-1944)

FAVORITE PLACES TO SHOP



Andy Mendez

"**Aidan Gill for Men** on Magazine Street is a great place to get a haircut, shave or manly gift." (2026 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA (504) 587-9090)

Fleurty Girl is a popular clothing store with many locations in New Orleans. Their main specialty is screen printed tees that feature New Orleans witticisms, clichés and pop culture references. (Multiple locations (504) 304-5529)



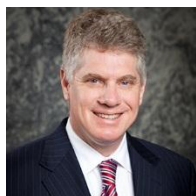
Angela Crowder

"The **Frenchmen Art Market** is open from 6 p.m. to midnight and has numerous vendors selling original art, jewelry and other crafts. It's a great place to visit before or after you go to one or more of the great restaurants and bars on Frenchmen Street." (619 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 941-1149)



Maurine Wall

"**Hattie Sparks** is an uptown boutique that has tons of adorable clothes and home goods at very reasonable prices. It's the perfect place to pick up a new outfit for a night on the town." (714 Adams Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 304-5975)



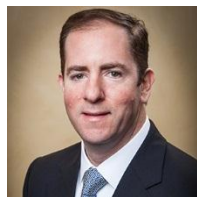
Paul Masinter

"If you need to pick up a quality suit, sport coat or shirt while you are in town, go to **Jos. A. Bank** in the Central Business District. It has a large selection and the staff is very helpful." (230 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA (504) 528-9491)

Kitchen Witch is an independent book store specializing in rare, hard to find, out of print and pre-owned books on food and cooking. (631 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 528-8382)

Lucullus is the first store to specialize exclusively in “culinary antiques” and specializes in antiques from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. (610 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 528-9620)

The Outlet Collection at Riverwalk is the nation’s first upscale outlet center in a downtown setting and features over 75 retailers and restaurants on the bank of the Mississippi River. (500 Port of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 522-1555)



James Dunne

"Most people know **Perlis Clothing** because of its crawfish logo clothing and accessories, but it has so much more. If you need a good suit or sport coat with a New Orleans look and feel, go to the location on Magazine Street." (6070 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA (504) 895-8661)

Royal Street is one of the oldest streets in New Orleans and is home to numerous antique shops and art galleries, plus street performers entertain passing pedestrians.



Brooke Tigchelaar

"If you want to get something nice for yourself or someone else, go to **The Shops at Canal Place**. It has a Saks Fifth Avenue and dozens of other high-end retailers, including Anthropologie, Michael Kors and Tiffany & Co. Plus, there is a movie theatre that serves a delicious cheese plate and wine." (333 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA (504) 522-9200)

Southern Candymakers is a family-owned candy store in the French Quarter that sells handcrafted confections, including Southern pralines. (334 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-5544)

FAVORITE KID-FRIENDLY PLACES



Barry Ashe

"Take the family on a streetcar ride to Canal and Carrollton for an easy walk to **Angelo Brocato** on Carrollton Avenue, an old-line Italian bakery, for your choice of a wide selection of tasty Italian baked treats, ices and gelatos. This is a great place for coffee and dessert." (214 N. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119 (504) 486-0078)



Hirschel Abbott

"A wonderful entertainment (and educational) destination for adults and children is the **Audubon Aquarium and IMAX Theater**. Owned by the Audubon Institute (a local non-profit organization, which also operates the Audubon Zoo and Audubon Park), it is an outstanding facility and convenient if you are staying in the Central Business District or French Quarter. It is a world class Aquarium!" (1 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 565-3033)



Will Bishop

"My son loves to eat bugs at the **Audubon Insectarium**. The staff also assured me that they do not cook palmetto bugs, otherwise known as the giant, flying cockroaches that live amongst us in New Orleans." (423 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 524-2847)



Barry Ashe

"Enjoy one of the most relaxing and beautiful settings in the City, while viewing the world's most fascinating creatures in natural environs. The **Audubon Zoo** is a treasure, offering glimpses of animals from this region and around the world." (6500 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 861-2537)



Justin Lemaire

"**The Blue Crab** is easily my kids' favorite restaurant. When the weather is nice, we take advantage of the lakefront location and sit outside on the deck. The kids love to watch the boats moving in and out of the lake while my wife and I enjoy a cold beer or glass of wine." (7900 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124 (504) 284-2898)

Café du Monde is world famous for its beignets and café au lait. Located on Decatur Street across from Jackson Square, it is an ideal place to people watch. (800 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 525-4544)



Justin Lemaire

"**City Park** is a great place to bring the kids because it offers such a wide array of activities. My kids enjoy playing on the traditional playgrounds, running on the Great Lawn and feeding ducks at ponds and lagoons. There's also a 36-hole miniature golf course, a themed playground called Storyland and a small amusement park. The Big Lake features a running path, as well as boat and bike rentals." (1 Palm Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124 (504) 482-4888)

French Quarter Kids offers education and entertaining tours of the French Quarter for kids aged six to 13 years old. Various maps, props and timelines are utilized to elevate the tour experience. (450 St. Peter Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 975-5355)

The **Louisiana Children's Museum** has 30,000 square feet of exhibit space and programs that offer children a diverse set of activities that promote learning across many disciplines through interactive play. (420 Julia Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 523-1357)



"The indoor play areas at the **Monkey Room** are a great place to spend an hour or two with children under 10. My granddaughter has been going there since she was 18 months and still loves it five years later." (1501 Religious Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 301-2695)

Samantha Griffin



"**The Rum House** is a wonderful kid-friendly restaurant. It is loud, brightly-colored and has a large a la carte menu which allows you to order your child a single shrimp taco (and yummy plantains) instead of being stuck choosing between an adult-sized entrée or the inevitable grilled cheese sandwich found on most children's menus." (3128 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 941-7560)

Laura Walker Plunkett



"Burn off some extra energy at **Sector 6 Extreme Air Sports**, the world's largest trampoline park. If you have young children, buy a ticket for the 9:00 a.m. session, which is limited to children under 6." (612 Distributors Row, New Orleans, LA 70123 (504) 539-4224)

Samantha Griffin